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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 3, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Dale Weston, Ed Hollenbeck, Mike Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Legislator Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from October 6, 2020 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the October 6, 2020 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the October 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Legislator Roberts. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM: Becca Maffei – Ms. Maffei previously emailed her monthly report, however, a more detailed report specifically for her presentation at this meeting was distributed and reviewed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings Attended – Ms. Tinney reported attending the following meetings:

- Southern Tier Network- Broadband study, final stages
- Economic Development Organizations (Southern Tier)
- Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council
- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Binghamton Chamber/ The Agency
- Broome/Tioga Talent Task Force
- Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association
- CCE- Food Systems Tour – Met and walked around with representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension; looking for ideas and possibilities for food systems related to a study we are doing. A good meeting, very helpful.

- Tioga County Local Development Corporation
- Valley Economic Development Association (VEDA)
- Leaders meeting
- Southern Tier 8- CEDS meeting
- Candor- new business
- Municipal Visits
 - Town of Owego- To discuss the CNYOG PILOT. Ms. Tinney will be sending out a memo outlining the history and possible solution to this PILOT. In review, last year the Owego Apalachin Central School District (OACSD) requested to extend the PILOT because the 97M that would go back on the tax roll was going to have a negative impact to the schools State Aid calculations. The IDA did extend the PILOT for one year. However, the situation is still not resolved. It has been determined it will also have a negative impact to the Town and County. Due to the size of the 97M assessment, it would impact efforts to stay under the tax cap. While one possible solution is to ask the IDA to extend the PILOT, Legal Council has recommended a new PILOT which would take out seven of the nine properties that are in the PILOT now. The seven properties removed can be put back on the tax roll. The new PILOT would be for the remaining two properties for possibly 5 years. Ms. Tinney will work with the IDA on this, but explained further they have been paying 100% of taxes for the past 11 years. It's not a matter of a tax break. Ms. Tinney will keep the committee informed as this process moves forward.
- Business Visits
 - B&E Disposal – Working through what needs to be done to begin recycling on January 1st.
 - Best Buy – Phone check in; doing great.
 - Crown Cork & Seal – Phone check in; workforce was cut in half for a while, however everyone will be back to work at 100% by the end of the week. Will continue to help them through challenges.

Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- COVID-19
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council (TCERAC)
 - Economic Recovery Strategy Plan – Copies distributed.
 - ❖ Press Releases – Morning Times & Pennysaver; copies distributed.
 - Ms. Tinney reported the ED&P TEAM will be taking the actions identified in the plan and making sure they move forward.
 - Child Care – Continues to be an issue; possibilities:
 - Broome County Catholic Schools - Discussions of putting a facility in Tioga County.
 - Broome County Child Care Think Tank – ED&P TEAM has been invited to be a part of this group.
 - Home Based Business Survey - Working with Tioga Opportunities creating a survey; finding ways to encourage the effort allowing people to work from home.

- Hotel/Motel Tax Local Law
 - Public Hearing was held 10/22.
 - Resolution to Adopt Local Law – Listed below.
- 2020 Census
 - Information gathering timeframe has expired.
 - Tioga County self-response rate 70.4%
- Village of Owego
 - DRI - 18 projects pending; this project continues.
 - Multi-Site Projects (13)
 - Ti Ahwaga PAC
 - Coburn Free Library
 - The Public Well
 - Non-Profit Hub
 - Applied Technology Manufacturing
 - NY Main Street - 6 projects; continue to assist on these projects.
 - Owego Gardens 2
 - Village of Owego - Building Permit has been issued.
 - Anticipated Site Work Timeframe – Very close to getting a shovel in the ground. November - begin site clearing; December - grading and utilities in; January/February 2021 - stream work; March - water tank work (IDA); April – Home Leasing to begin foundation work; December - water tank work complete; September 2022 – Anticipated construction complete on the 93 unit; 62 apartment and 31 town house complex.
 - Suez – Had to get PSC involved to help get Suez to move forward in getting the Health Department approval on the new water system.
- Land Bank
 - Property sales- All but 1 property has closed.
 - Property acquisitions- Negotiations ongoing
- RESTORE NY
 - Owego and Waverly projects progressing – Ms. Tinney noted the Briggs properties at end of Court Street, 3 buildings, have been painted and new windows installed.
- Housing
 - Home Leasing
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services
 - SEPP – Potential projects in Owego and Waverly.
- State Leads- Site submitted in response to one lead; 750 jobs.
- Community Development
 - Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation/Lourdes
 - In home health care providers training – Assisting with resources.
 - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
 - Waverly Glen Park- technical assistance
 - Child Care Task Force

- REAP
- Tioga County Foundations Coalition
 - Emergency Funding Reporting
- Workforce
 - Implementation Phase - All school district interviews completed. Summary coming soon.
 - Broome Tioga Talent Task Force- Strengthening our relationship.
 - ST8- Regional Board Meeting
- Ag
 - 8 Year District Review (2 districts)
 - Owego/Nichols District- Complete and submitted to Ag & Markets
 - Spencer District- Complete and submitted to Ag & Markets
 - Agricultural Resource Group
 - Veterans' Services- CCE
 - Solar mapping; Impact to Farmland – Ms. Griffiths working with Ms. Jardine on this project.
 - Ag Value Chain Study- Project is moving forward.
 - Steering Committee
 - Stakeholder Interviews commencing
- Planning
 - 239 Reviews (1)
 - County Case 2020-014- Village of Waverly, Comprehensive Plan update- recommendation to approve. Ms. Jardine assisted on this plan update.
 - Assisting with Solar Mapping; Impact to Environment/Land Use
 - State Mandated County Pandemic Operations Plan
 - Active Plans
 - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline- Implementation
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Strategic Plan (COVID)
 - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan
- Grants
 - Potential (14)
 - USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
 - USDA RDBG- Technical Assistance to Business
 - Town of Richford- USDA Community Facilities, (equipment)
 - Town of Berkshire (TBD)- rec trail
 - Village of Newark Valley- USDA Community Facilities (equipment)
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
 - Northern Tioga Chamber- Community Foundation (facilities improvements)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods- NYS HCR CDBG
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services
 - Early Owego Antique Center- NYSCA Mural Restoration
 - Shared Services- USDA Community Facilities (equipment)

- Shared Services- local foundations (equipment)
- REAP- Mildred Faulkner Truman (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
- REAP- Community Foundation (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
- Pending (2)
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (historic register nomination)
- Active (18)
 - Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Award
 - Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (grandstand restoration)
 - Village of Waverly- NYS Parks, Waverly Glen Park
 - Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile Trails
 - REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning (extended 1 year)
 - ❖ Cottage Industry Study (TOI/REAP/TEAM Tioga)
 - REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
 - REAP- Tioga Downs, Workforce Pipeline Implementation
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)- X2
 - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
 - Racker (CFA)
 - IDA- USDA RBDG, Multi-county Broadband Study
 - IDA- USDA RBDG, Ag Value Chain Study
 - Waverly Glen Park- Mildred Faulkner Truman
 - Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
- Completed (2)
 - NYS 2020 Census Count Outreach
 - Community Foundation- PlayYard Concepts

2020 Budget

- Economic Development- Tracking
- Planning- Tracking

Other

- Racker Award- Abbey Hendrickson recognized for her community work on a virtual celebration.
- Institute for Advancement Training- Graduation on December 10th at the Legislative Worksession.
 - Abbey Hendrickson
 - Megan Griffiths

Ms. Tinney was asked to provide a breakdown of the Land Bank financial activities for next month's committee meeting.

Resolutions The following resolution was presented and agreement was made to move it forward:

K14-Adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2020 Hotel and Motel Tax Tioga County

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
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