



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., Committee Room

March 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Phillips, and Wickham.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Guard, Lightfoote, and Venuti.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Treasurer Gary Baxter, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre, Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisor Ingalsbe, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Marcus Scrimgeour and Ryan Duckett from SCS Engineers, Jim Fletcher and Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Jacob Fox, John Hicks, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Wickham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on March 1, 2021. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Director, Mary Beer, gave an update of the COVID-19 Pandemic, noting the following:

- 6147 Positive total tests
- 8 New cases
- 10 Currently hospitalized
- 104 Total deaths

- Today the Governor announced everyone age 50 and over can get the vaccine
- Another successful clinic was held at Mt. Olive

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are working on cover and gas related issue
- They have been making good process on the east side
- The cell construction contract has been award
- They should start next month on that process
- They completed an entire gas system evaluation
- The gas well drilling project has been moved up to April
- They did receive an inspection violation, but it wasn't a formal NOV. They discovered a gasket in a flange pipe was leaking and the repair was fixed that day

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that the site will have a lot of work happening there in the next few months. She will be walking the committee through all the planned activity at the next PEQ meeting. She also wants to do some community outreach to let the residents know of all the work that is going to be happening during this upcoming construction season.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Request for State Legislation to Amend New York Tax Law §1202-t – Hotel or Motel Taxes in Ontario County*

Ms. Nacca presented a resolution to amend the Ontario County occupancy tax. These are the same changes that were proposed in 2020.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve amendment to the occupancy tax for Ontario County Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:47 PM, Supervisor Phillips made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Bateman, to go into executive session regarding discussion on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and to confer with counsel; motion carried.

At 2:14 PM, Supervisor Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Wickham, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Ontario*

Mr. Manikowski presented two resolutions for revenue contracts for the Ontario County with the Industrial Development Agency and the Economic Development Corporation.

*County Industrial
Development Agency for
Public Benefit Economic
Development Services –
2021*

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the two revenue resolutions as a block. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Economic Development Corporation for Public Benefit Economic Development Services - 2021*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Proclamation – Designating April as Fair Housing Month*

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to proclaim April as fair housing month and four appointments to the Ontario County Planning Board.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Re-Appointment of Martin Avila to the Ontario County Planning Board*

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the resolution proclaiming April as fair housing month and the four Planning Board appointments, as a block. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment of Christen Smith to the Ontario County Planning Board*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment of Gregory Farkas to the Ontario County Planning Board*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment of Sue Kell to the Ontario County Planning Board*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Hobart and William Smith Colleges for Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization – 2021 Partnership Support Project*

Ms. Landre presented a resolution for an intermunicipal agreement with Hobart and William Smith Colleges for 2021 partnership support.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the agreement with Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried

Supervisor Guard abstained due to being a board member for Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Sign Amended Memorandum*

Ms. Landre presented a resolution for a memorandum of understanding with SWIO and appointment of Supervisor Guard to SWIO.

*of Understanding Regarding
the Seneca Watershed
Intermunicipal organization -
2021*

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding and appointment of Supervisor Guard. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ◆ *Presentation: Consolidation Study Presentation – SCS Engineers*

Ms. Jordan introduced Marcus Scrimgeour and Ryan Duckett from SCS Engineers. They presented an overview of the consolidation study that they have prepared. After the presentation then answered questions from committee. Ms. Jordan also noted that they will be having follow up meeting with Supervisors and Towns.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- More departments are bringing employees back into the office
- About 2-3 Vaccine PODS are running each week
- He is working with the Schools to be prepared with any new State guidance that may come out
- The federal stimulus money break down will be sent out to the Supervisors today

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board