

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

August 21, 2019, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Chagnon, O'Connell, Starks, Proctor

Others: Tampio, Ames, McCoy, Dennison, Aldrich, Kurtz

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (7/17/19)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2019 Budget for Additional Capital Project – Regional
Broadband Internet Infrastructure Expansion Project

Mr. Aldrich: George and Mark are still down the hall so I can answer any questions that you might have. I think I know most of you but I'm Nate Aldrich, Special Projects Coordinator with the Division of Economic Development. This project is a collaborative regional project through Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board. They teamed up with Chautauqua, Allegheny, and Cattaraugus counties to apply for a broadband project. Specifically DFT communications in Chautauqua County. We'll be expanding broadband service to the Towns of Hanover, Villenova, Cherry Creek, and south of Jamestown. So the grant, as you can see, the total project cost is \$784,000 with the local match of 50% pitched in by DFT, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County and then two (*inaudible*) internet service providers in Allegheny County.

Chairman Odell: Anything to add to that?

Legislator Chagnon: Nate, could you confirm that this was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board?

Mr. Aldrich: I cannot confirm that, no.

Chairman Odell: I see one typo, unless it's not in yours Olivia, the third WHEREAS, on his one. Right after power, initiative grant from the Application Regional Commission. We can treat that as a typo but it should be Appalachian Regional Commission. I don't know if Mr. Geise has anything to add but do you know (*inaudible*) percentage, how the percentage determination was broken down?

Mr. Aldrich: As it states, it's based on the number of customers served but it wasn't an equal cost share per customer, if that makes sense. So, if you look at Chautauqua County's total, if you look at the number of total customers served in the three counties, the cost for Chautauqua County is higher as a ratio as compared to the other two. But that is just because it's a different cost by DFT for that specific service area in those townships.

Legislator Chagnon: Do we know how many customers will be served?

Mr. Aldrich: In Chautauqua County, the resolution states, three county region, but the DFT plans on serving 1,157 total addresses and there are 50 business addresses in that calculation.

Legislator Chagnon: That's included in the 1,150?

Mr. Aldrich: Yes.

Legislator Chagnon: So that's 1,157 addresses in Chautauqua County?

Mr. Aldrich: Correct.

Legislator O'Connell: You mentioned in one of the WHEREAS where there may be additional towers of some kind being erected. Is there a (*cross talk*) where those towers may be, towers of any kind are very controversial.

Mr. Aldrich: I would assume that DFT would have to go through local approval processes. Again, it's the Town of Hanover, Villenova, Cherry Creek, and south of Jamestown. Those communities would have to vet any infrastructure installations.

Legislator O'Connell: They have to go through local zoning?

Mr. Aldrich: Yes.

Legislator Starks: Just to tag on his question, if it failed local zoning, what would happen? Like if they weren't able to build the towers they need or whatever, based on the local municipalities.

Mr. Aldrich: That is a technical question that I would have to defer to DFT on, quite frankly. It is a utility but I would imagine that they'd have to still gain local approvals.

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, sorry for coming in late but I heard Mr. Chagnon's question and yes, this project was discussed at the August 16th of the Planning Board and it was endorsed.

Chairman Odell: O.k., so it had been vetted by the Planning Board, o.k.. Thank you for confirming. It gives me a more comfort level there even though the numbers seem a bit skewed to my liking. Any other questions from the Committee? All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion - Tabled Resolution 189-19 – Environmental Assessment of Projects for 2020
2% Occupancy Tax Projects

Discussion - Tabled Resolution 192-19 – Authorize Use of 3% Occupancy Tax Undesignated Off-Cycle Project Funding to Construct Educational Kiosks at the Chautauqua Hometown Heroes Veterans Memorial

Other

Clerk Tampio: I just want to let you know that we have the tentative schedule for the budget review sessions for the Legislature and Planning & Economic Development Committee is set for Monday, September 30th in the afternoon starting at 2:30.

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (7:25 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed;
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