

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: GASLIGHT VILLAGE Ad Hoc

DATE: MARCH 10, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MONROE
MERLINO
DICKINSON
FRASIER

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR BROCK

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR KENNY

WILLIAM LAMY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL MEETING ATTENDEES

Mr. Monroe called the meeting of the Gaslight Village Ad Hoc Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Monroe advised the first item on the Agenda concerned the Park Construction Schedule. Mr. Tennyson, advised that VMJR Companies LLC had shut down construction for the winter and would be returning in early April. He noted completion of the Festival Space construction was anticipated for June 30, 2014, and he apprised that the majority of the underground utility work had been completed and the remaining work included establishing the turf, and installation of the sprinklers and lighting. Mr. Monroe questioned whether the turf would be ready to mow by July and Mr. Tennyson responded that he expected it would be ready for mowing towards the end of July.

Continuing Mr. Tennyson stated that responses to the construction contract bids released by the Village of Lake George were due on March 31, 2014. He added that the County Department of Public Works Engineers would be working in conjunction with the Village of Lake George Officials and would also be assisting in the review, as well as sending recommendations to the New York State Agencies to have the bids approved.

Mr. Dickinson asked William Lamy, Project Management Executive Committee Member (PMEC), whether he had heard any news regarding the skate park. Mr. Lamy answered that after Contract No. 3, which applied to the park surrounding the Festival Space, was completed, they would be going out to bid, following which the playground, skate park and other site amenities would be addressed. Mr. Dickinson asked if this would be completed in 2014 and Mr. Lamy replied in the negative, noting that the contract deadline for construction anticipated completion by July of 2015.

With respect to Contract No. 3, Mr. Tennyson informed the Committee that he would be requesting to enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement that would allow New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) grant funds not being used for Warren County contracts to be transferred to support Village of Lake George contracts. He added that the County's sponsorship of the Village, along with their having 62% ownership of the project allowed a funding mechanism to shift monies from the

County Projects to the Village Projects. Mr. Tennyson advised that the final details regarding language for the resolution had not yet been received from the NYSDOS.

Mr. Monroe asked Mr. Tennyson if he could provide an update on the Budget status of the work being completed on the Festival Space and Mr. Tennyson replied that so far they were under budget and they were not anticipating any significant changes.

Agenda Item 2, Mr. Tennyson apprised, referred to a request to designate appropriations of the Charles R. Wood Foundation grant funds to various Park construction contracts as referenced by a table included on the resolution request form provided in the agenda packet; *a copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.* Mr. Tennyson stated that the request was a recommendation from the (PMEC) and that the Village would be adopting a similar resolution. He added that the figures provided were estimates made by the DPW Engineers which might need to be amended once the construction bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 21st Board meeting; a copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Agenda Item 3, Mr. Monroe apprised was a request to amend Resolution No. 401 of 2012, which pertained to Land Swap Funding. Paul Dusek, County Administrator, stated that after the Land Swap was completed in 2013, a review by a member of his staff had determined that there were expenses in connection with the Land Swap totaling \$963.86, all of which were authorized by the Resolution. He added that these were legitimate expenses pertaining to closing costs; however, an amendment was needed to reflect the costs and the source of funding as Budget code A.1625 439, Gaslight Village Project, Misc. Fees & Expenses.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the resolution, as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 21st Board meeting; *a copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Dusek announced that Item 4 pertained to interest paid by the County on the Village Bond; he explained that as per an agreement made with the Village of Lake George to buy out the Town of Lake George share of the Gaslight Village Property, Warren County had agreed to pay 50% of the interest charged to the Village for their portion of the purchase. He clarified the issue was that in 2013 the County had paid interest on the total purchase price of \$210,000.00, instead of 50% of the Villages \$105,000.00 purchase. He continued that after a number of communications with the Village they determined that for 2011 - 2013 the total interest paid should be \$12,367.00, of which Warren County was responsible for \$6,183.00 . He summarized that due to the overpayment made in the first year, Warren County owed the Village of Lake George a total of \$5.74. Mr. Dusek stated that a resolution would be needed to authorize the payment of \$5.74 to the Village.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the resolution was approved for the March 21st Board meeting; *a copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Monroe explained that Item 5, pertained to the Village of Lake George's Audit Report Fees for 2011 - 2012. Dave Harrington, Superintendent of Public Works for the Village of Lake George, advised that a total of \$12,000 had been charged for the audit which was a requirement for municipalities receiving federal grant funding. Mr. Harrington explained that Warren County was responsible for 62% of the cost. Mr. Monroe stated that he felt that this would be considered a capital expense because it had to do with the financing of a Capital Project. Mr. Dusek stated that

the audit was for the entire Village operation and that the Village was not normally required to have this type of audit, but due to the federal grant funds, it was required. Mr. Monroe reiterated that grant funding was part of the Capital Project and therefore, the expense should be paid from the Capital Project for the Gaslight Village Property. Mr. Dusek suggested that this issue be referred to the County Treasurer's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request to pay a total amount of \$7440.00 for the Village of Lake George Audit Report Fees from the Capital Project for the Gaslight Village Property or from Parking revenues.

Continuing with the Agenda review with old business, Mr. Monroe asked about the contamination that was found and whether the Charles R. Wood Foundation had been notified. Mr. Tennyson stated that they were still waiting for concurrence from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and a letter advising of no further action, but advised the site would have to be monitored continually. He said that Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, had prepared a letter to be sent to the Wood Foundation once the final cost of remediation were determined.

Mr. Monroe asked if the \$1 million that the Village of Lake George had borrowed from Warren County to cover the cash flow had been distributed. Mr. Harrington stated that he was unsure. Mr. Tennyson said that he believed the funds had been distributed as Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, had indicated that at the last P MEC meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Gaslight Village Ad Hoc Committee, on motion made by Mr. Merlino and seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Monroe adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Legislative Office Specialist