

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: APRIL 24, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT
MACDONALD
BEATY
SOKOL
MONTESI
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
FRASIER
MERLINO
SEEBER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SIMPSON

MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JENNIFER SWITZER, CFO, WARREN COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
KRISTEN HANIFAN, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CVB SPECIAL EVENTS & CONVENTION SALES DIRECTOR
RICH CIRINO, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 24, 2017 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Strough 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 Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who distributed copies of the EDC Activities Report to the Committee members; *a copy of the report is on file with the minutes.*

Discussing the summary of activities, Mr. Bartholomew indicated they were looking to re-develop the Ciba-Geigy site and the EDC supported the City of Glens Falls efforts in expanding Warren Street.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Mr. Bartholomew indicated the First Time Homebuyers Program was still accepting applicants and he explained there would be fifteen home closings before June 2017 and there were currently thirty five applicants. He stated applicants approved were eligible to receive up to \$20,000 in grant funds and if the applicant was to leave the residence prior to five years they would be responsible for paying back the grant.

He mentioned two US Senators recently visited the City of Glens Falls; Senator Kirsten Gillibrand visited the World Awareness Children's Museum on April 21st and Senator Chuck Schumer visited Glens Falls Hospital on April 14th.

Mr. Sokol entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Regarding the New York State unemployment rate, Mr. Bartholomew expressed the rate had decreased and jobs had been gained in the health care and government fields. He mentioned there was a loss of 13,500 manufacturing positions and they were looking to aid in the increase of those positions.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew spoke regarding the EDC action plan to spur growth and development along I-87 Northway exits 18-26 within Warren County.

Concluding, Mr. Bartholomew informed the job training programs would commence in the fall.

A discussion ensued related to statistics reflecting a decreasing market for manufacturing jobs in New York State and ways in which to bring these types of jobs back to New York State, as led by an inquiry from Mr. Beaty.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist