

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: WILD
MCDEVITT
STROUGH
LEGETT
MAGOWAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LEXI DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LYNN SICKLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK CHILD CARE NETWORK
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: HOGAN
FRASIER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 25, 2022 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 11:53 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Frasier absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The Planning and Community Development agenda review commenced with the following requests:

1. To update the County Fair Housing Policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Ms. Frasier absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,000 from Budget Code A.8021 130, *Planning (and Comm. Dev.), Part Time Salaries*, to Budget Code A.8021 120, *Planning (and Comm. Dev.), Overtime*, to cover the cost of overtime for the Office Specialist position.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Ms. Frasier absent*) to approve the request as presented and forward the same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize a new contract with LaBella Associates, DPC in the amount of \$199,964 to create a Warren County Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (*WC 37-22*) and proposal for a term commencing November 2022 and terminating November 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Frasier absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Jumping ahead, Committee reviewed the Discussion Items portion of the agenda, as follows:

1. New funding opportunity - RESTORE grant. Committee was advised this grant would allow municipalities to receive funding up to 90% funding to restore vacant or underused properties, provided such properties were controlled by a municipality, or in situations where a municipality was willing to work with the property owner to submit a letter to the State to develop ideas for it. Committee was apprised that Empire State Funding grant funds would be released in the near future.
2. Update on current projects. Update provided by Ethan Gaddy, *Assistant County Planner*.

Returning to the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, Committee considered a request to introduce Local Law No. 5 of 2022 entitled “*A Local Law Providing That No Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 be Applicable Within The Jurisdiction of the County of Warren With Respect to Any Solar or Wind Energy System or Farm Waste Energy System*”. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to continue discussion on this matter at the next meeting.

Moving to the Referrals/Pending Items section of the agenda, it was noted the Committee had already addressed the referral from the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee to explore the economic impact it would have on the County if a Local Law was adopted opting out of section 487(9) of the Real Property Tax Law under Action Agenda/New Business Item 4.

There being no further Planning & Community Development business to discuss, it was announced that Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Department of Workforce Development*, was in attendance with Lynn Sickles, *Executive Director, Southern Adirondack Child Care Network* to speak regarding child care. Privilege of the floor was extended to Ms. Sickles who indicated there was a market rate increase for child care providers. She explained they had the resources and training programs available to aid those interested in becoming a child care provider, adding they also had a referral service that aided parents in finding a child car provider. It was noted the Department of Workforce Development was awarded a \$100,000 grant that would help home based child care providers to remain open and successful.

Mr. Leggett exited the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Ms. Ochsendorf provided general updates.

As there was no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous of those present (*Ms. Hogan, Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Leggett absent*), Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist