

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

DATE: MARCH 2, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CLAUDIA BRAYMER CO-CHAIR
DENNIS DICKINSON CO-CHAIR
RACHEL SEEBER
DOUGLAS BEATY
FRANK THOMAS
RAY AGNEW
ETHAN GADDY
WAYNE LAMOTHE
JOHN TAFLAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR BRUNO
MAGOWAN
MERLINO
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:
CHRISTIAN HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER
CHRISTINA MASTRIANNI, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
REPRESENTING NORTH QUEENSBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
HAROLD HALLIDAY, CAPTAIN
PETER CARR
MAJOR LEO LLOYD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SALVATION ARMY
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS MICHAEL WILD
BETH GILLES

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 2, 2023 meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

Ms. Braymer requested a roll call for attendance; the following members were present:

Ms. Braymer, Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Seeber, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Agnew, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. LaMothe, and Mr. Taflan (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*).

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Agnew and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous ARPA Advisory Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the agenda with Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment, the following spoke:

Harold Halliday, *Captain, North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department*, apprised he was in attendance to request \$150,000 in ARPA funding for North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department to replace their twenty plus year old hovercraft that recently had broken down.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Ms. Seeber to appropriate \$150,000 in ARPA funding to North Queensbury Fire Department. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Beaty and Ms. Seeber agreed to delay action on the request until later in the meeting.

Major Leo Lloyd, *Executive Director, Salvation Army*, indicated he had submitted two applications, but the application for \$250,000 for a code blue shelter was rescinded due to the Open Door Mission operating a code blue shelter. After a brief discussion regarding the rise of homelessness, a motion was made by Ms. Seeber and

seconded by Mr. Thomas to refer the matter to the Human Service Committee.

Following, Major Lloyd addressed his second application which was for \$100,000 for food refrigeration, adding they had help housing food from Six Flags Great Escape and the Cool Insuring Arena, noting he had many collaborations with multiple business in other counties and they were still delivering food. He advised they were looking for quality food to meet the need and they had a central location for refrigeration at the Cedars Senior Living Community meal site to provide fresh food, informing they had a plan to open two new meal site locations for seniors and with new refrigeration it would increase their capacity to 300%.

The meeting commenced with review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items; the following motions were made:

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$100,000 in ARPA funding to the Salvation Army to cover the cost of purchasing equipment to administer the Meals on Wheels Program and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Agnew and failed due to the lack of a majority vote, with Ms. Seeber, Messrs. Beaty, Thomas, LaMothe and Taflan voting in opposition (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$235,000 in ARPA funding for the Warren County DPW-Recycling Facility.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$28,358 in ARPA funding to the Bay Ridge Fire Department to cover the cost of purchasing a hydriodic spreader and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$80,000 in ARPA funding to the Warren County Historical Society to cover the cost of Phase 1 design of the Joseph Warren Center and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$97,515 in ARPA funding to the Warrensburg EMS to cover the cost of purchasing equipment and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting.

Ms. Braymer made a motion to appropriate \$9,000 to Jessica Taylor for septic replacement, but withdrew the motion following discussion.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Taflan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$150,000 in ARPA funding to the North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department to cover the cost of purchasing a new hovercraft with trailer and equipment and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting.

Mr. LaMothe made a motion to appropriate \$250,000 in ARPA funding for an emergency shelter; following a brief discussion Mr. LaMothe withdrew his motion.

Committee was advised discussion regarding Resolution 324 of 2022 pertaining to the Bikeway Connection Project and reallocation of funds, would be held at the next meeting.

Ms. Braymer requested an executive session; Larry Elmen *County Attorney*, clarified the purpose of the executive session was to discuss 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, pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Taflan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to enter into executive session.

Executive session was held from 3:33 p.m. until 3:46 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Ms. Braymer noted that no action had been taken during the executive session.

The Committee discussed a date and time for the next meeting, which they determined would be held on March 14th at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, legislative Office Specialist