

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: OCCUPANCY TAX COORDINATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
MERLINO
WILD
GERACI
STROUGH
RUNYON
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT:
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
PAUL TACKETT, ASSISTANT TOURISM COORDINATOR
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR DRISCOLL
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ED LARKIN, SR. VICE PRESIDENT, HOOD COMMUNICATIONS
GINA MINTZER, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CVB,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 9, 2023 meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee to order 10:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, 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.

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

The meeting commenced with the Discussion Items portion of the agenda, reviewing the following item;

- a. Adirondack Cycling Advocates, Inc.: Approve continuation of planning and design work the Rabbit Pond Trail at Ski Bowl Park in North Creek as an eligible expense.

Committee was advised that work on the Trail had started in 2021 and was not included in the 2022 application or contract as a requested expense; action was requested to allow for work on the Trail to be considered an eligible expense.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to amend the contract with Adirondack Cycling Advocates, Inc. To include the continuation of the planning and design work on the Rabbit Pong Trail in Ski Bowl Park as ane eligible expense and to award a disbursement of \$1,500 in 2023; the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Copies of a chart reflecting 2023 funding requests were distributed to the Committee members; a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes. Committee proceeded with a review of the chart and the following motions were made:

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried unanimously to award the Hyde Collection a disbursement of \$25,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried unanimously to award Prime Time Lacrosse a disbursement of \$40,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to award Special Olympics a disbursement of \$50,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to award Warrensburg Garage Sale a disbursement of \$35,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to award Town of Horicon Food Truck Fridays on the Pond a disbursement of \$25,065 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Ms. Runyon to withdraw the funding authorized at a prior meeting for Silver Bay YMCA in light of questions surround their lack of occupancy tax collections. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Dickinson and the County Administrator to have a meeting with Silver Bay YMCA regarding their occupancy tax collection status to answer these questions; Mr. Wild and Ms. Runyon subsequently withdrew their motion and second.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to award Tri-Lakes Community Alliance a disbursement of \$6,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to award Warrensburg Bike Rally LLC a disbursement of \$10,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to award Adirondack Folk School a disbursement of \$15,000 for 2023, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist