

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2022

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: M. Pasquale (Chair for K. Wildoner), M. Hilderbrant (Voting Representative for K. Wildoner), J. Shaw, K. Myers, S. Ryan.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: G. Baldwin, M. Kaminsky, B. Weslar, K. Beebe, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, R. O'Donnell, C. Hall, A. Martin, Legislature; J. Garner, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, C. Whalen, County Executive; J. Knebel, OMB; A. Aranov, WPRNC; E. Woidt, Parks; R. Murphy, JP Tschang, OET; B. Lucas, S. Brewer, Planning; J. Hess, Visit Binghamton; L. Bolton, DPW; M. Heefner, Aviation; M. McFadden, Health; M. Whitcombe, OFA; N. Barno-Reynolds, Arts Council; J. Davis, AboveGrid; V. Gialanella, J. Tassone, J. Spinella, K. Fretto, C. Kupiec, Resident.

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:17 PM. Mr. Hilderbrant made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Shaw.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#16 [RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ABOVEGRID BINGHAMTON SOLAR PROJECT AT THE GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT](#)

Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Ms. Lucas stated that Abovegrid will stay out of the area of the wetland. If they feel they will encroach on the wetland, Abovegrid will consult with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Davis of Abovegrid also stated that the Army Corps of Engineers does not consider solar farms a disturbance to wetlands. Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Mr. Heefner stated that the trees in the area are about 30-40 years old and will have some value. Responding to another question from Ms. Ryan, Mr. Heefner stated that a solar farm is equivalent to a body of water to a pilot and a glare from the solar panels would not affect the pilots. There was concern for air traffic control, but after a glare study was conducted, it was found that this would not affect air traffic control either.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2024](#)

Responding to a question from Ms. Myers, Mr. Murphy stated that they serviced 15,000 people per year prior to the pandemic. Mr. Murphy stated that they have a 90% turnover rate and that he will get a report to the committee.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADULT PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT SHARED COST POOL PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF TIOGA COUNTY FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING'S WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING'S WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH DATROSE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS EMPLOYERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS FOR TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADULT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE LIBRARY AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF UNION LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WINDSOR FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#48 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#49 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND AGENCIES FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2022

Mr. Shaw made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers to amend Exhibit B to include the Johnson City Senior Center at a cost of \$20,000.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Ms. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.