

Planning Committee Meeting June 8, 2023 at 1pm at the Del. Co. Hwy. Bldg.

Present: Jeff Taggart	Shelly Johnson-Bennett
Bill Layton	Nick Carbone
Jim Ellis	Jerry Vernold
Jessica Ulmer	Elisabeth DeFalco (the Reporter)

Motion by Jeff Taggart to approve the minutes, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Ellis to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Layton to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelly requested privilege of the floor for a future BOS meeting to present the IRT. The Committee approved the request.

Interns: Shelly would like to add a fourth intern to increase the progress of the Highway Management Plans Updates and to assist in the preparation of the IRT. Motion by Jim Ellis to approve hiring a fourth intern, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Env. Tech.: Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the to fill vacancy for Environmental Technician, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mowing: Jess will check the contract to see when they will be mowing twice a week instead of every week. There was a complaint regarding the mowing in Fleischmanns. Authorization was never received from the County Attorney to use the flood buyout parcel for the Goti White event.

Audrey is looking into the CFA round for Early Warning Systems. Shelly will be reviewing the HRP for the Housing Grant. Shelly will be meeting with Amy from the O'Connor Grant to go over the criteria. The ARC \$10,000 was awarded for the IRT. The O'Connor money for the IRT has not been awarded yet. The towns have asked the Planning Department to assist with the CFA grants.

WSA: Nick updated the Committee on WAC. There are two new applications for Ag Conservation Easements. They go into executive session every meeting. The two houses in Hamden are scheduled to be demolished. WAC has released money to start construction. Josh will fly the drone over the sight. The City will only fund a portion of the construction. We will look for grants.

CWT: There are issues; and they are not on the same page regarding land acquisition. They will have to replace Winefred when it is time for elections.

CWC: The scope was discussed with two professors from SUNY Buffalo when they met with all of the agencies regarding Sustainable Community and the impact of the Watershed.

Stakeholders: We made our proposals regarding the FAD. We have received no acknowledgment from the City whether they agree or disagree. The May 17th meeting was well attended. The other counties are on the same page with Delaware County on LAP And SAP.

Climate Chage Initiative: Spencer is working on the maps. We are reviewing the new legislation and the 360 for Solid Waste that was released. Delaware County is no longer in the "out of NYC impact area".

ST8: CLCPA; part of the 360 and building code.

CCE: nothing new. Marlene and Shelly are working on the IRT.

S&W: Shelly and Graydon are working on the SAP alternative.

CORE: Fred Huneke and Barb Hanselman will be meeting to talk about their discussion with DEP regarding renting ag land. The meeting is next Thursday at 1pm.

IT: Josh is working on the moving plan. We are worried about moving the plotter. Josh is getting a quote for a new plotter; it will be around \$48,000; maybe we can get a grant or a cheaper plotter. Josh is getting a Smart Board quote as well. We are having an issue with the Adobe licenses. The IRT page is up. We will be eliminating WSA domain vanity page. Shelly's laptop is outdated and may go switch to a surface pro. We never received the graphic cards we ordered from IT.

HMP: We have hired four interns. They will be working on Franklin and Meredith this summer.

Drone: We received the new drone. We are waiting for the cameras. We received the battery packs yesterday. Josh had to update the software. Steve scheduled a training during the IRT. Planning drone is registered with FFA, not sure about Steve's. We will be doing flights of DPW projects, Sheffield Estates and in Lordville.

DO: Delaware Opp is working on getting volunteers for the IRT. We will be renting a tent for \$1,700.

CPB: We are working on sending out 3 RFPs.

ST8: 14 applications were submitted for ARC grants. Del Co Chamber has one in to work with BOCES.

FEMA/CDBG: We have submitted and received reimbursements. There will be more to submit. The demos have started. Shelly has 5 historic reports left to complete.

Transportation Study: The Plan has been out for review. It is difficult in a rural community to do public transportation. There is a map with ride shares.

ED/IDA: Sean is working on Sheffield Estates, the Sidney Industrial Park and on the COMIT site with Sean from ED. They are supplying the swag bags for the IRT.

DPW: Buyout demos; new building. Making signs for the IRT.

LA: Sean is working on CFAs for the walking trails for UHS and the Village. Match is needed for the grant. Audrey is assisting. Junction Pool Boat Launch did get funding to be completed. The drone will be flying to place the markers at the Poor House cemetery.

Parks: Sean is looking into.

Delhi Pool/Beautification request for Sean to enter into contract with.

ED/IDA Committee: Firetower project research and discussions to be done.

New Building: Sean and Jim are looking at landscaping.

Soc Service Bldgs: Two buildings are proposed on Main Street. One is for a visitor center and the other is for a homeless shelter.

SUNY Delhi Leadership Team: Wants Shelly to sit on the Team. Shelly will send the info to Jim to incorporate the work on the cemetery.

TPAS project updates:

- Spencer and Josh are working on water maps in Hancock.
- Deposit Comp Plan Site Plan Review will be incorporating solar. The Town proposed a moratorium.
- Kent is working with Andes on their Comp Plan.
- Audrey is looking for funding for the Town of Hancock East Branch Levy.
- Sean is working with Hamden on their Comp Plan update and will include a Main Street Design.
- No update on Hancock Partners.
- The Town of Sidney is working on their zoning revisions to include an overlay zone. There will be a public hearing.
- The Village of Delhi is working on their Zoning Map Revisions to address the DSS buildings.
- Young and Sommer will be assisting in the language for the Town of Bovina Farly Major Subdivision.
- Meredith submitted solar info to NYSERDA. Bond and maintenance plan to paid for by the applicant not the Town.

Harpersfield is reviewing a Solar proposal; neighbors are worried about flooding. No controversy on the Eklund side.

Climate Smart: Kent is participating in the meetings. It really does not fit for Delaware County.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm.