

Planning Committee Meeting November 9, 2023 at 1pm at the Del. Co. Office. Bldg.

Present: Jeff Taggart	Bill Layton
Allen Hinkley	Tina Mole'
Shelly Johnson-Bennett	Jessica Ulmer

The meeting was opened at 1:00 pm by Chair Jeff Taggart.

Motion by Bill Layton to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing negotiations with NYC at 1:01 pm, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelly talked with the Committee about the on-going negotiations with NYC and SAP. The Committee as well as Delaware County is in full support of Shelly's direction as well as the Del Co Soil & Water Cons. District's in the negotiations. Kevin and Shelly will keep moving forward. The next meeting is in December.

Motion by Allen Hinkley to come out of Executive Session at 1:50 pm, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:51pm.

Budget: Nothing new.

Resolutions: One to accept ARC money for the IRT, and one to transfer the ARC money into the contingency. Motion by Allen Hinkley to approve, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Purchase Requests: We have received our new furniture for the new building and Maintenance is working on putting it together. The new vehicle has been ordered.

No travel requests or POF.

Personnel: Theresa, Planner Trainee, started on October 2nd. Camberly starts on Monday. We have an interview today for the vacant Planner Trainee position.

No conference requests.

Public Info Officer: Press release regarding security issues.

Project Updates: We submitted comments on the scope for the Intervener Status. There are 9 parcels the stream crosses that are owned by NYC. We are looking into easements. Young and Sommer are working on this. Soil and Water are reviewing the wetlands. Sue is working with the town highway supers. Kristin is working on local compliance and regulations. Hiller and Associates are working on the fire and terrorism assessment.

FEMA/CDBG Buyout: We received a Thank You letter for the use of the Sidney Center lot. The 2024 contract has been executed for the 2024 mowing season. The Village asked if we are going to be shoveling the sidewalks; we will not be doing that. Jamie will be going to the Village Board to discuss. SHPO approved us not doing the historic salvaging but would like us to do a display to memorialize the homes and would like it on the property. The historical signs still need to be casted. There are issues with Elations. GOSR is looking into paying a contingency for the six properties they are claiming are ineligible for reimbursement even though GOSR approved every purchase before Delaware County purchased the properties.

Grants: The Snowmobile Grant was submitted in September. Nothing new to report on the Early Warning Systems. The Housing Study RFP received three responses. The O'Connor Railroad Project for the structural assessment has been extended. We received \$30,000 from ARC and \$20,000 from O'Connor for the IRT. We received one response to the County Comp Plan RFP. We are waiting for the invoice from Del Opp to invoice Southern Tier Community Foundation for \$10,000 for the IRT. The CFA grant awards will be announced in December. An application was submitted for Smart Growth in Catskill Park and Tyson is working with Audrey on a grant to replace the reactor at the Solid Waste Facility.

WSA/WAC: Nick and Sean have been attending WAC meetings; however, WAC goes into executive session at all of them so they cannot participate.

CWT: Participating in negotiations. They need to do elections. There are two vacancies on the Board that represent Delaware County.

CWC: Shelly sent in comments on the Community Sustainability Study Scope. The RFP will go out after the first of the year.

Climate Change Initiative: Spencer is looking at parcels to use for renewable energy. The new legislation from NYS is being reviewed.

UDRTC/FUDR: They had their meeting and will be applying for this year's funding. They are pushing culvert projects that have not been approved by DPW. We did not attend Water Water Everywhere this year.

CCE: Tina and Shelly met with Mandeep and invited her to attend the Committee meetings.

S&W: Shelly and Graydon are working on negotiations and SMPs. Negotiations on their contract have started.

AFPB: A meeting is planned for November 16th. They are working on the CADE application. They plan to do a presentation and a resolution for the Board.

IT: Josh is working on the plan to move to the new building. He has completed a full inventory. He is working on old invoices with IT. Laptops are no longer being used by the County Departments. Shelly is looking for a grant to purchase a smart board and a new plotter.

HMP: Meredith is done. Some of Franklin is done.

Drone: Shelly will meet with Carra at Personnel to go over the procedures. The Committee tabled the bill from EMS for the training.

Del Opp: Nothing new.

CPB: RFPs and responses.

ST8: Broadband Study; Eco Dev has not been participating in the meetings. Participation at the meetings are necessary for Delaware County to be eligible for funding. Shelly has assigned Theresa to participate in the meetings. Tina will talk to Glenn about having someone from their office attend the meetings.

Transportation Study: Shelly handed out copies of the Transportation Study that was done. The Board will have the option to adopt the Plan.

The Committee discussed the Solar project in Meredith. The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.