

Planning Committee Meeting May 21, 2024 at 1pm at the Delaware County Dept. of Planning and WSA, 2 Bridge Street, Delhi

Present: Shelly Johnson-Bennett  
Bill Layton  
Allen Hinkley  
Jessica Ulmer

Rebecca Walley  
Jerry Vernold  
Jim Ellis  
Elizabeth DeFalco, The Reporter

Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the April minutes, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Ellis to enter into Executive Session at 1:04pm, seconded by Rebecca Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Layton to exit Executive Session at 1:25pm, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to restructure job titles, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolutions: Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the resolution to set the public hearing for the ag district in June, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the resolution for the inclusion of agriculturally viable land, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

P.O.F.: We are waiting on VIA to schedule a presentation for the Transportation Plan for its adoption. Verizon will go to the Committee first and then to the BOS.

Personnel: We have two potential applicants for the summer intern positions.

Conference Requests: Sean and Theresa are attending a conference in Binghamton today regarding Green Infrastructure. There is no cost to the conference. The Committee approved the request and signed the form. On June 7<sup>th</sup> there is a conference that Sophia, Nick and Theresa plan to attend regarding groundwater in Arkville. The cost is ten dollars per person. The Committee approved the request and signed the form.

P.I.O.: Shelly is working on a press release regarding Scott Glueckert's recent state appointment to represent DWI programs statewide. Shelly continues to monitor social media and respond as needed.

Project Updates:

Clean Path: The money is going to disadvantaged communities and we are not one of them. An additional \$32,000.00 has been requested from DPS to pay legal expenses. Some of the allocated funds for other expenses have not been used so they may be able to be used for legal expenses. Kevin is working on a common law for road use.

CDBG/FEMA Buyout: We are still receiving complaints about parked cars on properties. GOSR is working on the revised P.A. to include the Historic Feature. Shelly is working on Elation. They are requesting more information from us. Amy and Dale's payments will not be reimbursed because they did not bill us hourly even though it was approved by GOSR in the application that the billing would not be hourly. GOSR has said that the administration money that will be available for us may cover those costs. The reimbursement requests for the properties have been submitted. We are expecting over \$400,000.00 for the Unified Relocation expense.

There is a violation at 791 Cadosia Road in Hancock. There are structures and fences on the property and now a garage is being built. The person who purchased the adjoining property thinks they own the buyout parcel as well. No building permit has been issued. Code enforcement officers are going to work with Amy to have everything removed.

Grants: Shelly went through the status of each grant the Department is working on.

WSA: Nick and Sean continue to attend the WAC meetings.

CWT: Participating in negotiations working towards the FAD.

The City wants us to change our Subdivision Regulation language so that property owners can enter into contract with them before the property is subdivided. The County plans to keep the regulations the way they are. We are working with Kevin and Allison on the easement language.

CWT: Nick continues to attend meetings.

CWC: The RFP has been sent out for the Community Sustainability Study. No responses were received.

Stakeholders: Shelly and Nick will be attending the meeting in Kingston tomorrow. The County continues to push for the reduction of core land acquisition. All technical expertise will go to Soil and Water, not the Catskill Center.

Ag. Stakeholders met to discuss issues with buffers and pesticides.

Climate Change Initiative: Spencer is working on mapping lands suitable for solar and trails. Shelly is working on a letter for Tina to the Commissioner to do solar on NYC Lands. Wetland regulations cannot be evaluated until maps are released in October. Theresa is working on the review of CLCPA programs and implementation of the programs. We are working with Kevin on battery storage laws.

Sidney Culver Project: The Village will be drafting a contract to turn over the Project to the County. The Village was awarded grant money to do a soccer field project and the Town may take that over to assist with the Project.

UDRTC/FUDR: They continue to seek matching funds for their grants. They continue to monitor the reservoir shut down. They are working on a new SCMP. Graydon has been appointed as representative for Walton.

CCE: They have hired a new educator and appointed an interim director as well as a 4-H director, and have hired counselors. They have received an unprecedented amount of applications for campers this year.

S&W: We will be working with a property owner in the Village of Stamford to start a buyout for a property needed to do a culvert replacement project. We will be investigating the possible need for a buyout for a project in the Hamlet of Roxbury. We will begin the process of updating the SCMPs for both East and West branches with SWCD.

AFPB: The Board met last week and recommended adoption of ag parcels. They would like a list of soils of county-wide importance to protect them from renewable energy projects.

IT: Shelly would like to have a copy of the Hardware Policy. It is unclear as to what qualifies as hardware. IT has been ordering items before we are given a quote and before we have submitted a purchase order. We will

be needing monitors and we don't know what IT has done with the monitors that they took from our department. We are still have issue with the Adobe Pro licenses. We have put a work order in to have the conference room phones ring and they have not yet worked on that. We are still wating for quotes for the LYDAR and DJI TERRA.

HMP: Spencer is working on the mapping. Camberly will be going out with the interns and they will be working in Stamford.

Drone: We are still working on the procedures and waiting for Shelly to meet with Carra to discuss the job descriptions and duties. The insurance has been updated for 2024 and the licenses have been updated as well. Sophia is being trained to be a pilot. Scott is working with Joe to get small drones; however they must be flown with the same policy as the big ones. Insurance is needed on the small ones as well. Jim Ellis needs the information as well.

CPB: The consultant for the Comp Plan presented the branding and symbol at their last meeting. They will be working on the public outreach and participation next. The consultant for the Housing Study has been doing data collection and windshield surveys. We have allocated money for Jess Veccione to do the social media outreach for \$8,500.00. Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the contract with Jess Veccione, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

ST8: Theresa is working on Broadband. Tech Hub doesn't have much to offer us because we do not have the gaps. The ARC funds will be going to Tech Hub this year. Shelly will be attending a lunch meeting to review the projects.

Ec. Dev.: Sean has been going to the meetings. Spencer is working on the mapping for tourism and data. We will be maintaining the information on the site. Ec. Dev. Will be paying \$10,000 to Planning to cover Spencer's work.

EMS: GIS will be continuing data management for the new 911 development.

DPW: Demos are complete. We will be working on the invoicing for reimbursement. We are helping DPW develop a plan to complete a BLA for this property to make the old building viable for resale and preserve the lay down yard and parking. They do not have the staff to service our vehicles so we will be taking them to a local shop for service.

LA Projects: Shelly updated the Committee on the L.A. projects Sean is working on. Sean has completed his training and has renewed his license. Sean will be working with DPW to design signage for the building.

SUNY Delhi: The meeting will be rescheduled.

TPAS Projects: Shelly went through all of the TPAS projects the Department is working on.

State Climate Change Communities: Kent and Sophia are working on.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.