

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on October 10, 2016 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Kier Dirlam, Vice Chairman
Debra Root
Jerry Scott
Charles Jessup
Robert Keis, Chairman
Chuck Couture
Norm Marsh
Donna Vickman
Jay Gould, Secretary
Joe Galati

Representing

Allegany County
Allegany County
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Allegany County
Cattaraugus County
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Cattaraugus County
Chautauqua County
Chautauqua County

Others Attending

John Thomas
Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Kimberly LaMendola
Susan Avery
Jonathan Mayr
Halley Kottwitz
Tom Barnes

Representing

The Villager
Staff
Staff
Staff
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Staff

Chairman Keis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

With three corrections: 1) delete Jon Mayr from the attendance list; 2) under election of officers, Chuck Couture was Chairman of the nominating committee and 3) Kier Dirlam's first name is misspelled under election of officers; Jerry Scott made a motion to accept the September 15, 2016 minutes, Chuck Couture seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

There were no project review reports.

Executive Director's Report

1. Federal Update

Congress approved a 10-week Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government through December 9 and avert a partial government shutdown. The Senate voted 72 to 26 in favor of final passage of the measure. An affirmative House vote of 342 to 85 followed. The President signed the CR into law on September 29. The bill also includes \$1.1 billion to combat the Zika virus and \$500 million in flood relief for Louisiana and other states. A disagreement over the CR as a vehicle for federal assistance for residents of Flint, MI whose water supply was contaminated by lead earlier this year was settled through a deal to address the issue in the final version of water resources authorization legislation. Congress is not expected to reconvene until after the election.

2. ARC Power Application

Staff reached out to the City of Dunkirk and Allegany County to start discussion on an application. Dunkirk was asked to reach out to JCC, which they have done. STW anticipates setting a meeting for early November to discuss components of an application to be submitted to ARC.

3. ARC Area Development Projects for FY2017

See attachment.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following STW programs: Local Government, Broadband, NYSERDA – Clean Energy Communities, STEDO, Business Development, and STERA.

Committee Reports

Southern Tier Extension Rail Authority Committee

Richard Zink reported that the Rail Committee will meet on October 5, 2016. These meetings are open to the public.

Public Comment

Kier Dirlam reported that Allegany County is updating its Comprehensive Plan; they are receiving comments.

For rail folks - the Hazard Mitigation Plan is also being updated.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Chuck Couture made a motion to approve the September/October 2016 Audit Abstract, Jay Gould seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be held on December 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the STW Offices in Salamanca, NY.

Adjournment

Jerry Scott made a motion to adjourn at 1:55 p.m., Joe Galati seconded the motion and it carried.

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