

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, SHANNON
March 12, 2019

Absent: Representative Oberacker
Also Present: Representative McCarty

COOPERSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- MATT HAZZARD

Matt Hazzard discussed coming today to get approval for the release of \$4000 to the Kiosk as budgeted for 2019. Matt Hazzard stated they are looking to staff the Kiosk over the fall and one of their goals is to increase staffing time to about 25 hours per week, the Kiosk will also be moved closer to the sidewalk in May, staffing begins Memorial Day and runs through Columbus Day with some hours in November and December.

Matt Hazzard stated that in regards to the Community Events Grant, the Committee should consider multiple applications from agencies like the Chambers and Destination Oneonta.

PLANNING - KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS

Karen Sullivan requested approval to declare the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Representative Shannon moved for approval. Seconded, Marietta. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,356; Absent: 1,037- Oberacker and Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative Farwell entered the meeting.

Karen Sullivan and Tamie Harris requested approval for a cost share contract with the Village of Cooperstown for the Cooperstown Trolley. Representative Shannon moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for Jody Taylor, Director of Weights and Measures to attend the non-mandated NYS Association of Weights and Measures Training School on June 10, 2019 at a cost of \$479.50 and budgeted at line 6610.4050. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan stated that 2 bids were received to provide construction of the Community Center Building for the Tiny Homes Project. Karen Sullivan requested approval to accept the lowest bid from Wilcox Construction for the Community Center Building. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan distributed the 2018 Planning Department's Annual Report.

Karen Sullivan stated that there will be Southern Tier 8 Regional Board Workshop Sessions for ARC Funding on March 25, 2019 at the Meadows Building Training Room at 1:00 p.m. noting that this information can also be found on the Planning website and Facebook page.

COOPERSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (cont'd)

Representative Farwell moved for approval to release the funds in the amount of \$4,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for the kiosk as budgeted for 2019. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 534-Oberacker; Abstained: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

VETERANS- PENNEY GENTILE

Penney Gentile requested approval for Sidney Loeffler, Veteran Services Counselor to be appointed to act in the capacity of Director of Veterans Services Agency at a weekly stipend of \$238/week excluding vacations and holidays, effective April 13, 2019, 30 days after Dennis Clark, Director of Veterans Services Agency mobilization orders begin, and until he returns from active military duty, noting that the funding for the stipend is included in the 2019 Veterans Service Agency budget line 6510.1000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.

Penney Gentile and the Committee discussed the possibility of bringing back a past Director to help with training.

VETERANS-SID LOEFFLER/EVE BOUBOULIS

Eve Bouboulis and Sid Loeffler discussed the intradepartmental contract between Veterans and DSS including but not limited to:

- information, advocacy, referrals -DSS to Veterans and Veterans to DSS
- States approves this contract yearly, last year it was rejected
- Veterans Agency recently created a referral/release of info form to use for referrals to DSS
- Need to look at 2018 statistics (audit)
- Better communication

Sid Loeffler requested approval to fill a vacant funded Part-time Driver position due to a vacancy. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Representative McCarty asked if the Veteran's Van had a specific route that it takes. Sid Loeffler stated that there is a brochure with a map of the route but there is no specific route that the driver has to take.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS- LORI LEHENBAUER, CHRISTINA MORRISON, MACGUIRE BENTON

Lori Lehenbauer gave an update on Early Voting including but not limited to:

- early voting will be held in EMS Classroom A at the Meadows on October 26-November 3
- will need to add an ADA compliant curb cut at the access to the ADA parking section of the sidewalk to the EMS Classrooms and some handicapped accessible dedicated parking spaces
- reviewing the entrance to classroom A to ensure it is ADA compliant
- early voting will require 8 inspectors per day and mileage will need to be paid

Lori Lehenbauer discussed Electronic Pollbooks including but not limited to:

- meeting with other Board of Election offices in Onondaga County to attend demonstrations of voting equipment such as machines, electronic pollbooks, and on demand printers (March 20 and March 27th are the meeting dates)
- this County will need 55 electronic pollbooks at \$2500 each
- looking at the cost of replacing current voting machines-getting quotes, currently have \$241,750 in the budget for replacement of those

Lori Lehenbauer stated they have received their new van, it is very up to date, there is a concern with the lift gate being very fast so they will not be loaning the van out as it could be a liability.

COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT

Representative McCarty discussed the Springfield 4th of July Parade including but not limited to:

- brings in 4,000-5,000 people
- full day event
- has been going on for 100 years
- 1 hour long parade, Utica Zoo mobile, Cooperstown Community Band, Brooks BBQ, local groups and Churches, music until 4 p.m.
- a band will play at Glimmerglass State Park until 9 p.m. followed by a large fireworks display
- last year there were 3500 cars at the park, 200 boats in the lake, and 150-200 cars parked on the Town road

Representative McCarty stated he appreciates whatever the committee can do and asked also for support of the Cherry Valley Outdoor Games.

Representative Marietta prepared and emailed to the committee a spreadsheet to help organize and analyze the grant requests. The committee discussed the following including but not limited to:

- increase the budget for events in 2020 as bed tax is growing
- Tourism vs. arts and culture
- Need to support the culture of the communities
- Where to draw the line with events
- Create categories- overnight stays vs. no overnight stays
- Look at the process before the end of the year
- Add Arts and Culture under Tourism in IGA work plan

Representative Farwell summarized what the committee would like regarding Community Events Grant:

- 1) Split the events into 2 types: Community and Tourism
- 2) Increase the budget for events
- 3) Develop a scoring rubric that can help the committee

Representative Kennedy left the meeting.

The committee decided to continue the review process of the applications at the next IGA meeting.

Representative Farwell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,232; Absent: 1,161-Kennedy and Oberacker. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Friday March 22nd, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the County Office Building.