

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, SHANNON
May 7, 2019

Absent: Representative Oberacker

VETERANS- SID LOEFFLER

Sid Loeffler discussed the Veterans transportation services and the van policy including but not limited to the following:

- 158 riders over a total of 58 days for January-April 2019, averages to about 2.72 riders per day
- Trying to recruit another van driver
- options to provide van driver coverage: 2 part time drivers? driver from Birnie Bus?
- pick up times are flexible and the times indicated on the brochure are only tentative
- van is not wheelchair accessible but it has not been an issue; family members are also allowed to travel with the Veteran to assist them
- possibility of an MOU/MOA with Delaware County for transport of their Veterans

Sid Loeffler discussed having out of County Veterans ride in the van noting that he believes it should be done on a case by case basis and the Veteran would need to be picked up at one of the Otsego County pick up locations. Sid Loeffler distributed a request for a policy on out of County Veterans including the following: Due to the age and physical limitations of the Veterans that are transported, they are unable to accommodate 11 van riders plus the driver on a trip to Albany, but 2-3 more riders per day could be accommodated without creating a physically uncomfortable ride. While the van's designated routes have worked well over the past 10 years, a few riders who may live outside the boundaries of Otsego County could be accommodated by securing a ride to and from one of our pickup locations within Otsego County. Sid Loeffler stated that this policy change should also include that anytime the van reached the capacity for those Veterans living in Otsego County, then riders from outside of the County would have to forfeit their seats on those days.

Representative Kennedy moved for approval of the above van policy. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

PLANNING/TRANSPORTATION - KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS

Karen Sullivan requested approval to amend Resolution No. 115-20190403 to correct the amount of the contract from \$84,250 to \$84,520 for Wilcox Construction for the Tiny Homes noting this was an error with purchasing.

Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to authorize the Chair to sign a 119R Agreement with Birnie Transit in order to receive STOA funds for the Otsego Express. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to sign a 119R Agreement with ARC Otsego in order to receive STOA funds for the ARC routes. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to notify the Public of their rights under Title VI- Nondiscrimination in the delivery of Public Transportation Service. Representative Shannon moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan discussed Windy Hill Goat Dairy requesting a non-monetary amendment to their Micro-enterprise grant agreement due to reconsideration of equipment purchases and opportunities to purchase reconditioned equipment at a lower price. Representative Farwell moved for approval to amend the original agreement between Windy Hill Goat and Otsego County due to the change in equipment purchases. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 924- Oberacker and Marietta. Motion carried.

The committee and Karen Sullivan discussed the Veteran's van and that Sid Loeffler has recommended a policy that states as long as there is space available out of County residents may ride as long as they are picked up at one of Otsego County's locations. Karen Sullivan stated that at one time, she had suggested that it become a public route so that they could get STOA funding and money for buses but there was no support of the idea.

Representative Marietta entered the meeting.

Karen Sullivan stated that there will be a kick -off meeting for the I-88 Corridor Study today at 2:00 p.m. at the County Office Building with McFarland and Johnson.

COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS

Representative Farwell stated that the Majors Inn will not be accepting their community events grant funding in the amount of \$300 as they event has been cancelled.

Representative Marietta asked if it is an issue when an agency alters or changes their event. Representative Kennedy asked that the agency come talk to the committee if they will be changing their event.

OTSEGO NOW- JODY ZAKREVSKY

Jody Zakrevsky and the Committee discussed the following including but not limited to:

- 3 priority projects this year: Railyards, Custom Electronics, and Andela Products- Industrial Park
- Railyards: requesting bids to resurface Roundhouse Road, meeting with the Coalition of College Professors to discuss an eco-park, the #1 priority is to clean it up, 89 acres with 50 acres that could be developed
- Custom Electronics: 12 people have been hired, 5-6 more vacancies, renovations are moving ahead, purchasing new equipment
- Andela Products: next phase is a feasibility study and approvals, create water/sewer districts
- Cooperstown Distillery: expanding facility, recipient of \$85,000 ESD grant
- Town hall meetings are going well, just had one in Richfield and Maryland/Schenevus
- Downtown Revitalization- looking at focusing on the Town of Edmeston's downtown, NYCM and Pathfinder Village both large employers there
- Downtown buildings are vacant in a lot of small towns due to the increase in online sales
- Broadband: looking at doing a non-disclosure agreement to get the map to see what areas will be covered and what ones will not be, Jody Zakrevsky is looking into a company out of Florida that is providing coverage in Chenango County
- Ag Economic Development: Farming is a huge investment for a small return, number of farms are declining, people are consuming less milk, agencies working with the Ag community include: CADE, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ag Specialist, Soil and Water, OCCA, Otsego 2000- lots of crossover/duplicate efforts, potential to do better and be more efficient
- Discussion on doing another round of Ag MicroEnterprise funding

Representative Shannon asked what the City of Oneonta's role is in the DGEIS (Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement) for the Railyards and who is responsible for finding a developer. Jody Zakrevsky stated that the City was lead agency but the IDA owns the property and will be deciding what to do, whether sell it or have some commercial development (no heavy industry) noting that the main goal is to get the site looking presentable for businesses.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the County Office Building.