

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2017

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Sopchak (Chair), C. O'Brien, J. Shaw, M. Kaminsky, M. Whalen (Voting Representative for B. Weslar)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Gawors, Parks, Recreation & Youth Services; L. Boulton, DPW; S. Kane, J. Knebel, OMB; C. Marion, Arena; F. Evangelisti, Planning; K. McManus, B. Lainhart, J. Garnar, County Exec's Office; D. Passagno, Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally; A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, R. O'Donnell, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:26 p.m. Mrs. O'Brien moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Shaw. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#2 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As requested by Mr. Whalen, a copy of Erin Heard's resume will be provided to him.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION (BCLBC) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2015-2017

Responding to questions from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Martin stated that the Land Bank currently administers the grant for housing rehabilitation and blight removal and the amendment would authorize and provide funding for the Land Bank to subcontract with agencies to complete the approved rehab projects, in accordance with the Land Banks procurement policy. As requested by Mr. Whalen, Mr. Martin will check what the rules are for the disposition of the rehabilitated properties as well as provide a copy of the Land Bank's procurement policy.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S APPROVAL OF TERMS AND JOINING AS A SIGNATORY ON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPSTATE THEATER COALITION FOR A FAIRGAME, INC. AND TIOGA DOWNS RACETRACK, LLC.

Mr. Sopchak questioned the by-laws for the Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame, Inc. Mr. Marion explained that this allows the Forum Theater to be part of the coalition which under separate agreement will receive revenues from Tioga Downs Racetrack, LLC which are estimated to be around \$35,000 for Broome County and will begin in 2017.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ARENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE 2017 SPIEDIE FEST & BALLOON RALLY

Responding to a question from Mr. Sopchak, Mr. Passago stated that he's never been informed that the County's value of services have exceeded the approved amount. He further stated that the 2016 Spiedie Fest netted about \$25,000 which was used to pay past debt.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SPIEDIE FEST & BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY CHARITIES FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

It was the consensus of the committee to approve the request by the Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally, Expo, Inc., to serve alcoholic beverages at the 2017 Spiedie Fest, as required by Chapter 281-3(l)(3) of the Broome County Charter and Code.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Shaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.