

OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center
26 East First Street, Oswego, New York
March 7, 2016

PRESENT:

ANDERSON
BATEMAN
BEHLING
CULLINAN
GALLOWAY
GILSON

GRIMSHAW
HIMES
HOLST
JOYCE
LOBDELL
MERVINE
MURPHY

PHELPS
QUENVILLE
SHARKEY IV
TOTH
TURNER
WEBER

Ex-Officio: Gardner and Reehil

Staff: Treadwell, Dano, Wheelock, LiVoti, Woolson, Perwitz

Guests: Morris Sorbello, Christina Ondrako and Kevin C. Caraccioli.

Vice President Bateman called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. at 26 East First Street in Oswego. Vice President Bateman asked if there were any reports in the Consent Agenda that anyone would like pulled out for further discussion. There being none, Ms. Bateman noted that if Treasurer Greco were in attendance, financial reports would be pulled out for his overview to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Gilson, the Consent Agenda Items were approved, as follows: December 2, 2015, Minutes of Board of Directors; February 2, 2016, Minutes of Executive Committee; February 18, 2016 Minutes of Marketing and Development Committee; Operation Oswego County Foundation Financial Reports for October through December 2015; and Operation Oswego County Financial Reports for October through December 2015.

OOC Audit 2016

Christina Ondrako with Grossman St. Amour CPAs gave a presentation of the 2015 Audit of Operation Oswego County. **On a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Galloway the Audit for FY Ending 2015 was approved. Vice President Bateman thanked Ms. Ondrako, along with the staff and Teresa Woolson for the ‘clean’ audit.**

Mr. Treadwell announced the winners of three of the awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting in June.

Nominating Committee 2016

Vice President Bateman appointed the following to the Nominating Committee: Gary Toth (Chair), Theresa Himes and Bruce Phelps. All three accepted the appointment.

Letters of Resignation

Vice President Bateman read a letter to the Board from Thomas Meucci. **On a motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. Toth, Thomas Meucci's resignation was unanimously approved.**

Vice President Bateman read a letter to the Board from President Kevin LaMontagne. **On a motion by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Ms. Weber, Kevin LaMontagne's resignation was unanimously approved.**

Upstate Energy Jobs Coalition

Kevin Caraccioli gave an overview of the Coalition and the two issues, (1) to save Fitzpatrick and (2) ensure we don't lose another nuclear power plant. The goals include raising awareness and attention around the issues, which has been effective. Mr. Caraccioli noted that a rally around support for the Public Service Commission is scheduled for April. Sample support letters can be found on the UEJ website. Mr. Caraccioli noted that this issue is of critical importance to New York State.

Oswego County Economic Development Strategic Plan

Roy Reehil gave an overview of the Economic Development & Poverty Task Force and the OC2030.org website which includes team missions and meeting dates. The Economic Development Team is developing an RFP for a county-wide economic development plan. Partners such as the Workforce Development Board, Cayuga Community College, CiTi, and the SUNY School of Business are working towards creating Certificate Programs designed around the needs of businesses in the County. Input from the Board would be encouraged; there is a development survey available on the website.

Economic Development Projects

Mr. Wheelock gave an overview update on the Incubator Project for the City of Oswego. Mr. Treadwell briefly updated the following projects: R&D Design & Associates, Allen Chase Enterprises, Inc.; Novelis Project Hawk, Eco-Foam Insulators, Sunoco Expansion, The Gardens by Morningstar, COIDA USDA IRP Expansion and the RPB WWTP Project.

SUNY Phoenix Lease

Mr. Treadwell discussed the fact that SUNY Phoenix Education Center's demand for use of the Phoenix facility has declined. CiTi is interested in taking over the lease for use with adult training programs and administration offices. CiTi is also requesting an additional 6 months added to the lease, extending it to June of 2019. Mr. Treadwell noted that this would be a good fit for the building. **On a motion by Mr. Mervine, seconded by Mr. Joyce, the assignment of the same terms and conditions of the SUNY Phoenix Lease to a new lease with CiTi was approved with the extension to June of 2019. Mr. Behling and Mr. Grimshaw abstained.**

Town of Schroepel's Water Tank at the OCIP

Mr. Treadwell reported that the Health Department noted problems with the inside of the Water Tank and it needs recoating, retooling and painting. The Town of Schroepel recently finished painting the outside of the Water Tank. The Town is asking OOC for help as their funds are depleted. The COIDA is considering assisting with this project. The Water Tank being repaired before any bad publicity is crucial to attracting companies to the Oswego County Industrial Park. Mr. Treadwell noted that COIDA is considering granting funds to OOC and negotiating with the Town for timely repairs, proposing a partial grant with a loan deferment to recoup some of these funds. **On a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Behling, it was authorized to negotiate with the COIDA and the Town of Schroepel on repairs for the Water Tank at the OCIP and enter into an agreement for assistance up to \$300,000 in the form of a combination of grant/loan to be determined.**

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Holst, seconded by Ms. Himes, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Quenville
Secretary