Monroe County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held April 9, 2020 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Santos, Jennifer Cesario, Amy Grower, George Hefert, Andrew Hollister, Bill Daly (for Mike Garland), Jeffrey McCann, Joe Morelle Jr., Orlando Rivera, Richard Tantalo, Mike Wiedemer

STAFF PRESENT: Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Smith, Don Crumb, Virginia Verhagen, Diana Christodaro, Tim Frelier, Michelle Virts, Scott Leathersich, Renee Casler, Blaine Grindell

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm at which time roll was taken.

George Hebert made a motion to approve the March 12, 2020 meeting minutes; Andrew Hollister seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Rochelle reported that a Public Notice was received from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application for 485 Hague Street. Comments must be submitted by April 17, 2020.

Also, a newsletter from County DOT, which provides information and updates, was received regarding the Rehabilitation of the Ayrault Road Culvert over Irondequoit Creek Tributary.

Ms. Bell let the Planning Board know that there is a Planning Board web page on the County website.

ACTION ITEMS:
The following projects were submitted for consideration by the Board:

1) Amend the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sutter’s Marina Project.”
Michelle Virts, from Environmental Services (DES), spoke to the Board about this project and stated that DES will be working with the Parks Department (presentation attached). The existing building will be demolished and a new building constructed with green space and shoreline stabilization to prevent flooding of the building structure. The grant from the Dormitory Authority of the state of New York will cover 95% of the total project cost with the County covering the remaining 5% which will be approximately $11,000.

A board member asked about revenue generated from the marina. Renee Casler, MC Parks Dept., stated that there is a lease with Sutter’s Marina and the County does receive a portion of what the marina receives throughout the year. Renee and Rochelle will follow up with more detailed information.

It was noted that West Bay Front Road that floods regularly; Michelle Virts explained that work is underway to raise the road and stabilize the shoreline.

Joe Morelle made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sutter’s Marina Project” in the amount of $233,000. Mike Wiedemer seconded the motion which passed with one (1) abstention.

2) Amend the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI).”

Tim Frelier, Director of the Transportation Department, gave some background information regarding the REDI money stating that back in July of 2019, before there were formal applications to complete, DOT prepared documentation for eight (8) projects of which seven (7) were awarded grants. The Towns of Irondequoit, Greece, and the City of Rochester also made submissions and were awarded some of the grant money. See two maps and summary, attached.

Mr. Frelier provided two maps showing where the work would be done. The first map illustrated the Irondequoit Bay Outlet Bridge and Culver Road project. Mr. Frelier stated that County DOT would be working with Irondequoit on this project.

The second map illustrates projects in the Town of Greece, whereby the grant was awarded to the Town and therefore, the County will pay the Town of Greece the 5% local share.
A board member asked “What if funding runs out?” Mr. Frelier stated that another way to pay would have to be found or not do the project.

George Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI)” in the amount of $850,000. Orlando Rivera seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3) Amend the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sandbar WWPS Project.”

Michelle Virts presented the project (see attached). The Town of Webster has REDI money for masonry flood protection wall to protect both the electrical substation and pump station covering from the eastside of Bay to VanLare. The County will do cost share with Webster.

George Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program and the 2020 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sandbar WWPS Project” in the amount of $250,000. Mike Wiedemer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: April 16, 2020 to be held via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT: George Hebert made a motion to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

RB/kmh