A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on May 27, 2021, at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Joe Morelle, Jr., County Legislator; Robert Franklin, Director, Finance; Mike Garland, Director, Environmental Services; Andrew Hollister, Citizen Member; Orlando Rivera, Citizen Member; Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.

Alternates Present: Laura Smith (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff) Virginia Verhagen (for Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety)

Planning Staff Present: Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson

Others Present: Bill Daly (DES), Sean Murphy (DES), Blaine Grindle (MCC)

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm. Bob Franklin made a motion to approve the April 29, 2021 meeting minutes. Joe Morelle, Jr. seconded the motion. After Virginia Verhagen brought to the Board’s attention an erroneous letter “T” at the end of the sentence under the “Announcements & Communications,” the minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a) The County Legislature approved County Planning to enter into a contract with Environmental Design and Research (EDR) to develop a county-wide comprehensive Plan.

b) A referral has been introduced to the legislature to accept services from the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) to develop a county-wide Active Transportation Plan.
ACTION ITEMS
The following project was submitted for consideration by the Board:

Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled “Iola Combined Heat and Power Plant Improvements”

Bill Daley, from the Department of Environmental Services, gave a brief slide presentation to the Planning Board on the action item before them.

In 2015, a global assessment and comparative analysis was completed with eight (8) possible options to select from. The chosen option involved putting a 5,000 sf building on the Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) campus and relocating the steam boiler from Iola to MCH. A capital fund (1926) was created to pay for the project.

DES did further assessments, and based on additional technical and functional considerations, two options were identified; however, both of these exceeded the capital fund and the fund could not be increased for the proposed projects due to the language of the bond resolution for the new capital fund, 1926.

After conducting further engineering and operational assessments on the existing Iola plant, DES has come up with the current project plan of keeping the Iola plant but doing rehabilitation work to the utility tunnel under East Henrietta Road, hardening of electrical switchgear room, along with other electrical and mechanical improvements.

Chairman Santos confirmed costs on the layout sheet and inquired about specific previous maintenance of gear, boiler work, and tunnel work. Bill Daly described the work and recommendations of inspection contractors.

Bob Franklin made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Iola Combined Heat and Power Plant Improvements”, in the amount of $5,500,000. Joe Morelle, Jr. seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 24, 2021 at 3:30 pm via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Franklin made a motion to adjourn, Joe Morelle, Jr. seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.