

Present: Legislators Bausch, Cianfrini, Stein, Torrey. Also Present: Legislator Young, Deleo, Davis, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, GCEDC Mark Masse, Bergen Mayor Anna Marie Barclay, Pembroke Town Supervisor John Worth, Daily News reporter Mallory Diefenbach, The Batavian reporter Howard Owens.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. After temporarily appointing Legislator Gregg Torrey to the Ways & Means Committee, the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

GCEDC Senior VP of Operations Mark Masse described a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that Resurgence Brewing Project, an anchor commercial tenant at the Ellicott Station in Batavia would benefit from. This grant program requires a municipality apply on behalf of the business. Past County applications include Yancy's Fancy, OATKA and PW Minor. Municipal responsibilities include holding two public hearings, assigning an environmental officer to certify the project, entering into a formal agreement and reporting. He further explained that the Resurgence Brewing Project includes a brewery, tap room, beer garden and food service. 15 new FTE's will result and 73% of the new jobs are available to low and moderate income individuals. Mr. Masse stated he was seeking verbal support from the committee. Members stated they were interested in moving ahead.

Next, Mr. Masse presented a PILOT Increment Financing (PIF) project that would help with financing an expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Pembroke and assist Yancy's Fancy by allowing them to expand their operations. The PIF, if approved, will be for \$272,506. Other proposed funding sources include \$100,000 GCLDC that is approved, \$100,000 from the Town of Pembroke which is pending, \$440,000 GGLDC toward construction costs which is also pending and \$511,081 pending from Pembroke Central School. Of the balance of \$1,490,000, \$500,000 may be covered by grants and \$990,000 would potentially come from out-of-district user connection fees. Legislator Stein questioned if this grant allows the applicant to include administrative costs to which Mr. Masse explained that is possible up to \$16,000 for a grant this size. Legislator Davis commented that as the legislator that represents Pembroke, he has become familiar with the project and also as the liaison to the GCEDC Board. He also stated his understanding of the need for milk processing plants from his experience with his full-time job. He further explained that this is an important project for the area. Mr. Masse again stated he was coming to the committee meeting to present information and if the members were supportive of the PIF, he will continue to take necessary steps and return with a resolution.

Real Property Director Kevin Andrews presented a request to set a public hearing for a local law that would amend the tax laws of Genesee County pursuant to section 421-f of the NYS Real Property Tax Law. The Village of Bergen adopted a local law and asked the County to also offer the exemption. This was approved for placement on the next

Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Andrews described the local law and requested amendments which include exemptions for capital improvements to residential buildings in the Village of Bergen. Legislator Cianfrini questioned some of the language citing how it could be open to interpretation. County Attorney Kevin Earl stated that it follows NYS law and includes the same language as previous local laws passed for the City of Batavia and Village of LeRoy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon Motion of Gregg Torrey, temporary Public Service Chair:

Reappointment & Appointments / Traffic Safety Board – Sheriff seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Capital Project Amendment And Approval Of Supplemental Agreements To Federal Aid Master Agreement – River Street Bridge – Bin 2210810 seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Appointment –Parks, Recreation And Forestry Advisory Committee seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Appointment –Fish & Wildlife Management Act Board seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland reviewed highlights of her department review. In 2016 there were 38 retirements, 26 promotions and 99 orientations. A lot of staff time is spent on keeping current with the Affordable health Care Act requirements. There are approximately 530 County employees now that the Nursing home has been sold. Prior to the sale there was much turnover with staff leaving and retiring. In 2017, pharmacy and medical will go out to bid. Legislator Young commended Ms. Cleveland for her comprehensive and organized report as well as noting the volume of work completed in 2016. Chair Bausch noted there are more unemployment hearings this year. He also questioned the amount of time staff spends on town work which is a hidden county cost. Ms. Cleveland identified approximately 40% of one FTE is dedicated to answering town questions on civil service, providing job descriptions and processing applications.

County Manager Jay Gsell shared an update on Accounts Receivable from the Nursing Home. Thus far, \$1.7 million has been brought in. He reported that he will be attending the GAM meeting to ask municipalities to partner with the County to identify true unserved area throughout the county. He explained that this information is needed to apply for grant funding. He will also discuss the new required Shared Services program included in the State budget. The County must take the lead and start the process of identifying where and how share services will result in cost savings to taxpayers. Public hearings must be held in addition to other required steps. Previous action taken in terms of shared services will not count.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is May 3, 2017 at GCC followed by a reception and dinner with GCC Board and administration.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Bausch", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
Submitted 4-24-17 phl