

OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center
26 East First Street, Oswego, New York
September 12, 2016

PRESENT:

ANDERSON
BATEMAN
BEHLING
EGAN
GRECO

GRIMSHAW
HOLST
JOYCE
KING
MERVINE
PHELPS

QUENVILLE
SOLAZZO
TOTH
TURNER
WEBER

Ex-Officio: Reehil

Staff: Treadwell, Dano, Wheelock, Woolson, Perwitz

Guests: None

President Bateman called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. at 26 East First Street in Oswego. President Bateman welcomed Roy Reehil, Ex-Officio Board Member and new Directors, Michael Egan and M.C. King. President Bateman asked if there were any reports in the Consent Agenda that anyone would like pulled out for further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mervine, the Consent Agenda Items were approved, as follows: March 7 and June 2, 2016, Minutes of Board of Directors; April 12 and August 2, 2016, Minutes of Executive Committee; April 5, 2016, Minutes of Business Outreach Committee; April 17, 2016, Minutes of Real Estate Development Committee; Operation Oswego County Foundation Financial Reports for January through June 2016; and Operation Oswego County Financial Reports for January through June 2016.

SBA 504 Loans

Mr. Dano gave an overview of the Off Broadway Dance Center Project and the Finger Lakes Stairs and Cabinets Project. **On a motion by Mr. Grimshaw, seconded by Mr. Turner, ratification of the Executive Committee action was approved for both projects, Mr. Greco and Mr. Phelps abstained.**

By-Law Amendments

Mr. Treadwell reported on the required amendments to the By-Laws for the US SBA. **On a motion by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Anderson, it was approved to amend the By-Laws as presented.**

SBA Annual Certification for 120.830

Mr. Treadwell distributed certification forms, required by the US Small Business Administration, for each board member to sign on an annual basis.

ABO Requirements

Mr. Treadwell distributed forms for Board Members to individually sign, to acknowledge their Fiduciary Duties and Responsibilities. Mr. Turner suggested writing a statement such as “to the best of my knowledge” after signature.

Mr. Treadwell provided survey forms for board members to fill out and return with their confidential evaluation of board performance. A summary of the confidential evaluation must be provided to the State.

Code of Ethics

On a motion by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Behling, a resolution was approved to adopt the Code of Ethics Policy as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Treadwell noted that Ms. LiVoti was attending the NEDA Conference in Connecticut. Ms. LiVoti will be accepting two marketing awards, Outstanding Branding of an Economic Development Organization – for OOC’s new website and Outstanding Content for Economic Development Topics for the UEJ Video. In addition, the NYSEDC awarded OOC two Best of Class awards for UEJ Website and the UEJ video. OOC E-News received Honorable Mention. Business Facilities identified Oswego County in the Top 10 in the Country for Logistic Leaders.

Consolidated Funding Applications Round 6

Mr. Treadwell reviewed a general summary of applications from Oswego County, no specific project names were identified. He noted that the State ruled our largest project ineligible. Assisted Living projects are being defined by the state as housing. This is being challenged with written communications. Oswego County has 7 projects applying for ESD funding and CFA projects will be considered for inclusion on the CNY REDC priority list for ESD projects. There were 21 non-ESD applications from Oswego County.

Spec Building Expansion Project

Mr. Wheelock reported that CNY TDO provided a study for Northland Filter to expand and reconfigure. The company has purchased equipment that can’t yet be used. Total project cost is \$600,000. OOC has a CFA Application for \$125,000. **On a motion by Mr. Behling, seconded by Mr. Mervine, ratification of the CFA Application was approved.**

Economic Development Projects

Mr. Treadwell reported on the following projects: Oswego Lodging, LLC, Serenity on the Salmon Assistive Living; FitzPatrick, Miller WWTP Initiative, Project Forge, OCIP Water Tower Project, Oswego Speedway – Super Dirt Week, and Incubator/Price Chopper.

Other Business

Mr. Toth reported on the PSC goal, including nuclear, moving forward. He noted a UEJ meeting was held about the outdated transmission. Mr. King noted the bottleneck from Scriba to Volney. Mr. Toth discussed expanding along the thruway and Erie Canal as possibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Grimshaw, seconded by Mr. Quenville, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Behling
Secretary