

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on April 21, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr., Presiding
Councilman Richard Sush
Councilman Peter T. Briggs

Absent: Councilman Scott S. Mace
Councilman John A. Pavese

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town

APPROVED

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Rieber called the Special Town Board meeting to order at 3:32 AM for the purpose of approving a Resolution in favor of Sullivan County's application for a Rural Business Development Grant to apply for funds to conduct a corridor study for the gateway in and out of Monticello/Thompson for Sullivan County and to approve payment of the Town's bills. Town Clerk Marilee J. Calhoun said that the news media and public have been notified of the meeting. Notice of said meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and on the Town's official website.

AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION – GATEWAY STUDY FOR ROUTE 17 CORRIDORS IN/OUT OF MONTICELLO/THOMPSON

Supervisor Rieber explained the Resolution being presented, which was discussed at last Tuesday's Town Board Meeting on April 19th, 2016. Action on the proposed Resolution was taken as follows:

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 173 of the Year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) APPLICATION TO FUND A GATEWAY STUDY FOR THE ROUTE 17 CORRIDORS IN MONTICELLO/THOMPSON FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA) and Rural Development of New York administer the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs by making grants to organizations for economic development planning, technical assistance, or training; and

WHEREAS, the planned Montreign Casino/Adelaar resort project and nearby hotel development anticipated in the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson will significantly increase the demand for improved land use planning and sustainable growth, especially in the gateway corridors; and

WHEREAS, planning workshops conducted with municipal board, planning board, zoning board and other local officials of the Village of Monticello, Town of Thompson and Sullivan County identified gateway corridors as priority areas requiring study and potential zoning amendments; and

WHEREAS, USDA/Rural Development is seeking funding proposals for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning, along with the Town of Thompson and Village of Monticello, seeks to engage a consultant to assist in the preparation of a study for the Monticello area gateways identifying land use techniques, zoning recommendations and design guidelines for planned development, as well as assess infrastructure capacity and priority growth areas for focused development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study would include preparation of a corridor-wide GEIS to streamline the development process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and / or the Chairman of the County Legislature (as required by the funding source award agreement) to execute any and all necessary documents to prepare and submit an application under the USDA/Rural Development RBDG Program for funding, to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, all such documents to be in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funding is made available, the Division of Planning shall administer the funds and the grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken or contemplated to be undertaken for the use of this funding.

Moved by: Councilman Richard Sush

Seconded by: Councilman Peter T. Briggs

Adopted on Motion April 21, 2016

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.	Aye
Councilman Peter T. Briggs	Aye
Councilman Richard Sush	Aye
Councilman Scott S. Mace	Absent
Councilman John A. Pavese	Absent

