

COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SEPTEMBER 26th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair D. Rowley called to order the meeting of COIDA at 8:00am. Voting members present included:

Andrew Marietta	David Rowley
Jeffrey Lord	Craig Gelbsman
Patricia Kennedy	Tom Armao
Cheryl Robinson	

Also, in attendance:

STAFF

Jody Zakrevsky, **CEO**
Jordan Allen, **Administrative Assistant**
Kurt Schulte, **Agency Counsel (v)**

GUESTS

Joe Scott, **Bond Counsel (v)**
Chris Canada, **Bond Counsel (v)**
Rick Mazardo, **Vecino Group (v)**
Hank Lobb, **Springbrook**
Tammie Harris, **County of Otsego Planning Director**
Trevor Fuller, **County of Otsego Assistant Planning Director**
Bridget Stith, **Otsego Rural Housing Assistant Executive Director**
Jeffrey Lewis, **Ferrara Fiorenza PC**

(v) – virtual

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair, C. Robinson, welcomed fellow board members, staff, and guests to the September board meeting and moved immediately onto the agenda.

PRESENTATION ON OTSEGO COUNTY HOUSING NEEDS 2024 FROM OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING & ORHA

During the presentation Tammie Harris, Trevor Fuller, and Bridget Stith quickly reviewed the statistics and demographic information on housing for 2024 in Otsego County.

Below is the link to access the Assessment:

<https://cms2.revize.com/revize/otsegocountyny/FINAL%20Housing%20Needs%20Assessment%20Update%202024.pdf>

MEETING MINUTES

C. Robinson presented the meeting minutes from the August 22nd, 2024 COIDA board meeting. Board members were given a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. C. Robinson also presented the September 12th Audit & Finance Committee minutes and Projects Committee minutes.

D, Rowley made a motion to approve the August 22, 2024 Board Meeting minutes and the September 12th, 2024 Audit & Finance Committee and Projects Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by T. Armao and was approved by the remaining members present.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

M. Remillard reviewed all the bills that have been paid since the last board meeting. She noted that Cobleskill Stone has an invoice of \$34,000 they sent back because it was included in the \$112,000 that the IDA sent them. Next, most of the admin pilot fees for 2024 were received, only waiting for one. Lastly, a final bill for \$3,100 was received for the clean-up of garbage and debris on Roundhouse Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Audit & Finance – The Audit & Finance Committee meeting was held on September 12, 2024.
- Governance Committee – The Governance Committee meeting was held on August 8, 2024. The Governance Committee meets quarterly, and the next meeting will take place on December 12th, 2024.
- Projects Committee – The Projects Committee meeting was held on September 12, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vecino Group Cooperstown Housing Projects

- **Scoring Matrix for Deviation from Normal Pilot Under Uniform Policy:** J. Zakrevsky received a spreadsheet from the Vecino Group with a request of a pilot payment of \$46,500 for the first year, with a 2% increase for the next 30 years.
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Using MRV group population spreadsheets, J. Zakrevsky stated that it showed local cost ratio 12:1, resulting in a benefit higher than the cost.
- **Letter from Cooperstown Central School & Testimony:** At the public hearing on September 23, 2024 a letter was received opposing the housing project along with a testimony from the Mayor, Ellen Tillapaugh supporting the project.

Richfield Springs: J. Zakrevsky stated that the town attorney approved the water and sewer agreement.

The board then moved to vote on the following resolutions: SEQR, Deviation Approval, Approving, and Commercial Finding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. Robinson made a motion to enter executive session with board members, staff, and counsel, under the Public Officers Law, Article 7, Open Meetings Law Section 105, at 9:13 am for the following reasons: To discuss proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of property. D. Rowley seconded the motion, and it was approved by all board members present. The board entered executive session at 9:13 am.

C. Robinson made a motion to enter back into public session; D. Rowley seconded, and all members approved. The board exited executive session at 9:21 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Rowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the IDA board at 9:23 am.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- COIDA/OCCRC Audit & Finance Committee Meeting / Projects Committee Meeting/– October 10th, 2024
- COIDA/OCCRC Board Meeting – October 24th, 2024

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