

**COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OTSEGO COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION**

**PROJECTS COMMITTEE
April 11th, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The COIDA and OCCRC's joint Projects Committee meeting was called to order at 8:21am at the Otsego Now offices at 189 Main Street in Oneonta, NY. Members present included:

James Seward
David Rowley
Cheryl Robinson
Tom Armao

Jeffrey Lord
Andrew Marietta
Patricia Kennedy

Absent members: Craig Gelbsman

Also, in attendance:

STAFF

Jody Zakrevsky, **CEO**
Meaghan Remillard, **Director of Finance and Administration**
Nasim Vargha, **Administrative Assistant**

GUESTS:

Larry Frigault, **Town of Richfield (v)**

(v) – virtual

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Projects Chair, T. Armao, moved immediately into the agenda.

CEO REPORT OF PROJECTS

Richfield Springs: J. Zakrevsky reported that he is still waiting to hear about the date of the Public Service Commission public hearing. He also spoke to Angelika Stewart at DEC who explained that there have been delays in permit approvals due to a new system that they are using. J. Zakrevsky explained that he will be meeting with Anjo Construction and HUNT Engineering to discuss the construction start date.

Anjo Construction requires a start date before July 1st because after that date their vendor contracts will change. L. Frigault reported that the town attorney is working on the water and sewer law.

Oneonta Rail Yards: J. Zakrevsky explained that he spoke with the Otsego County Highway Superintendent, and he reported that his oversight committee could help prepare Roundhouse Road for paving. They will be laying down a base layer of ground asphalt.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cooperstown Housing Proposal: J. Zakrevsky reported that there is a proposal to build a 50-unit affordable housing development in Cooperstown. He noted that there seemed to be a positive and supportive response from the mayor and the village board in Cooperstown. J. Zakrevsky explained that they may be interested in a 30-year PILOT.

Microenterprise Grant: M. Remillard reported that all the microenterprise businesses have been approved by the County Board. She added that she and N. Vargha are working on the first draw.

Solar Requests: J. Zakrevsky explained that there has been an increase in the number of solar projects that have approached the IDA. T. Armao suggested that the agency reach out to Hodgson Russ and get the contact information of an attorney that specializes in solar projects. C. Robinson emphasized that there should be a consistent process for handling incoming solar projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, P. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the Projects Committee meeting at 8:55am. The motion was approved by the remaining members present.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Projects Committee meeting will be held on May 9th, 2024 at 8:00am.