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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 20, 2022 **TIM BURTIS, CHAIRMAN**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Kuhn, Mr. Knapp, *Mr. Garland

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Mr. Ryan, also see attached

Chair Burtis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. *The minutes of the previous meeting have been distributed. There are no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes are approved.*

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Robert Petrovich, Director **a. INFORMATIONAL: Current Projects & Budget Update**

Cryomech

- Cryomech is a new build growing on existing facility in 2019; completed 2021
- Starting another expansion before the end of 2022
- Quantum technology and quantum cooling used by NASA, and also supercomputing and semiconductor industry
- Capital Expense: \$17M
- 141 projected jobs; 148 current jobs

Empire Polymer

- Recently completed and about to expand again; formerly Syroco
- Pelletize plastic into new material for manufacturing
- 1st phase recently completed; will be starting 2nd phase
- Capital Expense: \$7.1M
- Projecting 70 jobs over 5 years; currently 13 jobs

Byrne Dairy

- Completed wastewater treatment on their site
- Capital Expense: \$6.4M
- Projected jobs: 218; actual jobs 248 jobs as of end of 2021

Amazon

- Amazon IDA fees generated \$2.5M - \$3M and cash grant of \$1.75M to the STEAM school
- Additional sites in Minoa and Kirkville Rd.
- Received inquiries up and down Morgan Rd corridor for interest in project development but nothing concrete
- Capital Expense: \$350M
- Projected jobs 1,000; currently 1,500; looking to add another 1,500 permanent full-time jobs in Clay

“*Mr. Garland arrived at the meeting.”

White Pine

- Moving under the leadership of the Executive
- Actively pursuing a semi-conductor project; under NDA cannot get into details

- Senate passed Chips act on 7/19/22 - Chips act critical to manufacturers to onshore projects in the US
- Offshore approx. 35% less expensive than US
- Working with State partners on both projects
- Eminent domain of White Pine has not been commenced; secured land necessary for support for either project
- Have not come to agreement with 2 landowners; however do not need these properties to move forward with project
- \$20M loan approved.
 - Funds are being expended as properties are closed on; still under that cap
 - Will provide accounting information to Chairman because it is considered a loan
 - Loan will be repaid through future IDA fees; in the meantime, make interest payments on amount borrowed
- Senate voted for Cloture 7/19/22; will be another vote to advance it; house looking to pass Bill before recess on 7/27/22
- Projects are 20 year time horizons for building; retool, retro-fit after 24-36 months due to new technology
- Community Concern:
 - Sharing information to the extent possible to some of the localities
 - Will be some issues to be dealt with for overall success
 - Transportation to White Pine from City of Syracuse
 - CSX runs through twice per day carrying freight
 - Unsure of passenger service off rail line
 - Public transportation to the site can be addressed under SEQRA.
 - Centro – can have similar conversation as Amazon with anyone located on White Pine to coordinate transportation
 - SOCPA for transportation? Centro worked directly with Amazon and Town of Clay about how to get people out to the bus through their site plan review process.
- Projects are sensitive to EMI (electromagnetic interference) and vibration
- Need to have a setback for sensitive manufacturing away from the rail line
- Cannot do semi-conductor chip manufacturing there due to vibration
- Companies will be a catalyst for change and work to have positive impact on communities
- Capital Expense: \$billions
- Employment: projecting several thousand new jobs

Budget update

- At or a little below budget for 2022; on track as of 6/30/22
- 2023 budget includes modest increases for additional incidental costs due to moving into the Carnegie building: office equipment, salary increases
- Requested to increase from \$2.5k or \$5k to \$10k
- Office funded through fees from IDA projects not through local tax dollars
- Complete approximately 20 projects per year

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Barber

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DATE: **JULY 20, 2022**

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