

Eighth Special Meeting
September 22, 2022

The Eighth Special Meeting of 2022 was held on September 22, 2022 and was called to order by the Chair at 10:15 a.m. Legislators Brown, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislators Hollenbeck, Mullen, and Weston being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Standinger to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, we ask for guidance for conducting the business of the Tioga County residents and we are grateful that we are in a free country with a Constitution that dictates how its run. We ask that you also give guidance to those in the State and Washington, DC."

Legislator Standinger led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 11 people in attendance.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 291-22 *AUTHORIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO RESTORE NEW YORK COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE ROUND 6 ("RESTORE NY") GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR REHABILITATION OF BUILDING AT 178-180 FRONT STREET, VILLAGE OF OWEGO*

WHEREAS: Forest Hill Merchant Properties, LLC intends to rehabilitate a blighted, vacant mixed-use building for their River House Confectionery and Mercantile rehabilitation project located at 178-180 Front Street, Owego, NY 13827; and

WHEREAS: The rehabilitated mixed-use building will be used to house River House Confectionery and Mercantile, including storage space in the basement, retail space on the first floor, working space on the second floor, and an apartment and office space on the third floor; and

WHEREAS: The Restore NY program is administered by NYS Empire State Development (ESD) and provides municipalities with financial assistance for the

revitalization of commercial and residential properties and encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures; and

WHEREAS: This project is consistent with Tioga County's effort to revitalize commercial and residential properties that make up the downtown or "Main Street" areas of the County per Resolution 159-03; and

WHEREAS: The proposed financing is appropriate for this project; and

WHEREAS: This proposed project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

WHEREAS: This project will develop and enhance infrastructure in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is proposing the submittal of an application under the Restore NY program of up to \$2 million to assist Forest Hill Merchant Properties, LLC with the aforementioned project, with a match to be provided by the property owner; and

WHEREAS: The proposed project is an eligible activity under the Restore NY program and Tioga County, NY, is an eligible entity to apply for and receive Restore NY funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes said grant application of up to \$2 million and upon award, authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contract and other paperwork, contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Hollenbeck, Mullen, and Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 292-22 *AUTHORIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO RESTORE NEW YORK COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE ROUND 6 ("RESTORE NY") GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR REHABILITATION OF BUILDING AT 48-50 LAKE STREET, VILLAGE OF OWEGO*

WHEREAS: Nelson Development Group, LLC intends to rehabilitate a blighted, vacant mixed-use building for their Tioga Trails rehabilitation project located at 48-50 Lake Street, Owego, NY 13827; and

WHEREAS: The mixed-use building will be rehabilitated to include commercial spaces on the first floor and residential apartments on the second and third floors; and

WHEREAS: The Restore NY program is administered by NYS Empire State Development (ESD) and provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties and encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is proposing the submittal of an application under the Restore NY program of up to \$4 million to assist Nelson Development Group, LLC with the aforementioned project, with a match to be provided by the property owner; and

WHEREAS: This project is consistent with Tioga County's effort to revitalize commercial and residential properties that make up the downtown or "Main Street" areas of the County per Resolution 159-03; and

WHEREAS: The proposed financing is appropriate for this project; and

WHEREAS: This proposed project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

WHEREAS: This project will develop and enhance infrastructure in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment; and

WHEREAS: The proposed project is an eligible activity under the Restore NY program as stated above and Tioga County, NY, is an eligible entity to apply for and receive Restore NY funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes said grant application of up to \$4 million and upon award, authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contract and other paperwork, contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Hollenbeck, Mullen, and Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.