

# **Sullivan County**

## Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee

## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

Chairman Ira Steingart Vice Chairman Michael Brooks Committee Member George Conklin Committee Member Nadia Rajsz Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.

Thursday, June 1, 2023		, June 1, 2023	10:00 AM	<b>Government Center</b>
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		Attachments: May 23 April 2	3 AG report	
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	3.	Real Property Tax Serv	vices	<u>ID-5562</u>
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7.	Ch	amber of Commerce		
8.	Pai	rtnership for Economic	Development	

**Discussion:** 

## **Public Comment**

## **Resolutions:**

1.	Set three (3) Public Hearings for a proposed local law to Authorize a new Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel	<u>ID-5367</u>
2.	Resolution Introduced by the Economic Development Committee to authorize an Agreement between the Center for Workforce Development and the Sullivan County Land Bank for the use of the Land Banks Mobile Tool Trailer for the Summer Youth Employment Program	<u>ID-5539</u>
3.	Resolution introduced by the Economic Development Committee to authorize a Contract agreement with Bold Gold Media Group to provide services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act	<u>ID-5553</u>
4.	To authorize a Contract Agreement with Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress to provide A Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.	<u>ID-5554</u>
	<b>Sponsors:</b> Office for the Aging and Deoul	
5.	To accept funding from Friends of the Upper Delaware to support improvements made at the Highland River Access project site.	<u>ID-5559</u>
6.	To authorize funding for professional services with Fisher Associates.	<u>ID-5560</u>
7.	TO CORRECT THE 2021 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #1221-1.2	<u>ID-5563</u>
8.	TO CORRECT THE 2022 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #1221-1.2	<u>ID-5564</u>
9.	TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #1221-1.2	<u>ID-5565</u>

Adjourn



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# DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT

May 2023

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## Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

GML-239 Referrals

GML-239 Referrals, May 2023						
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator	
4/24/2023	5/10/202	604 Shandelee Subdivision	Site Plan Review	CAL23-02	Conklin	
4/25/2023	5/10/2023	Randazzo 3 Lot Subdivision	Site Plan Review	CAL23-03	Conklin	
04/25/2023	05/10/2023	Bogursky / Ruff Subdivison	Subdivision Review	THO23-08	Sorensen	
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05/02/2023	05/24/2023	Reber Minor Subdivision	Subdivision Review	HIG23-01	Rajsz	
05/02/2023	05/05/2023	Yoelys Enterprise, Inc.	Site Plan Review	LIV23-07	Alvarez	
05/04/2023	05/16/2023	MJR Network, LLC Subdivision	Subdivision Review	DEL23-03	Conklin	
05/08/2023	05/24/2023	Morelli Area Variance	Area Variance	MAM23-01	Salomone Rajsz	
05/08/2023	05/24/2023	Woods Area Variance	Area Variance	MAM23-02	Salomone Rajsz	
05/19/2023	06/05/2023	Camp Pupa	Special Use Permit	LIB23-11	Alvarez	

## Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning

#### Neversink Watershed Management Plan:

- Two informational sessions were held on Wednesday May 3 at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library, discussing how properties have been impacted by changes to the watershed and collecting input on lands that should be targeted for preservation.
- Meetings are being scheduled with municipal and County officials to review the culvert assessments completed last summer
- A public visioning meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the SUNY Sullivan Paul Grossinger Dining Room.
- Public input is being sought to help identify issues of concern and opportunities now and in the future in the local sub-watershed and throughout the basin. Comments can be provided at this link: <u>https://padlet.com/none4this/146j4qejbh41x32f</u>

#### Countywide Resiliency Plan:

- Members of the Advisory Committee met on May 17, 2023 to receive updates on the plan and to provide input on areas of focus and to initiate development of goals. The next meeting will be held in early September.
- The website for the plan is can be viewed at <u>www.resilientsullivan.com</u>. The website provides an overview of resiliency issues and a set of town and village fact sheets (on the "Engage" tab) that provide baseline information about our communities.
- We encourage community members to provide feedback via the following web-based tools;
  - Resilient Sullivan Visioning Board: <u>https://mudworkshop.mysocialpinpoint.com/resilientsullivanplan/ideas#/</u>
  - Resilient Sullivan Mapping Tool: <u>https://mudworkshop.mysocialpinpoint.com/sullivanresiliency#/</u>

## **Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development**

- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail
  - Progress continues on the Neversink Crossing project continues. The NYSDOT has indicated that a hydraulic study of the project area will be required. The estimated cost of this study is estimated at \$24,000.
  - The National Trails Day litter pluck event will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 am (location is 269 River Road, Woodridge, NY). Sullivan County Parks has been helpful in providing litter pluck tickets and the Town of Fallsburg will transport the trash. Gloves and bags will be available for participants.
- Highland Access Improvements
  - The County has completed its portion of the work for the project and the NYSDOT has completed work on guiderails. The contractor to complete paving of the parking area for the NYSDEC conducted a site visit and work is anticipated to begin shortly.

- The site remains closed to the public until the DEC has completed their project component (parking lot paving).
- We are hopeful that the site will open for public use this summer.

## **Community Development & Revitalization**

- Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)
  - Planning staff are working toward a transition of the duties previously handled by the Executive Director, which will now be performed via contract between SCLBC and RUPCO.
  - A series of outdoor educational events, "Forest Exploratorium," will be held weekly at the Bailey Commons property for six weeks, from the week of May 16th to the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The SCLBC has received notice of an award via the Land Bank Initiative Phase II (State funding) in an amount of \$1.8 million. More information about the eligible uses of this funding will be forthcoming once a grant award agreement is received.
- CDBG Housing
  - Manufactured Home Replacement
    - Fully subscribed, waiting for contractor selection.
    - 4 applications with signed formal funding awards
      - \$625,000 total committed funding
  - Home Repair
    - The projects are moving forward and have full subscription.
    - 3 applications with signed formal funding awards
      - 2 projects in progress
      - \$25,000 committed for each project with funding awards,
         \$75,000 total
    - 3 applications under review
    - Homebuyer Assistance
      - A budget amendment has been submitted to OHCR requesting the funds for the homebuyer assistance program be redirected to the home repair program (\$500,000). RUPCO is assisting applicants with the application process now in anticipation of the availability of funding.
- Plans & Progress
  - Progress continues as we closing out the open projects that were awarded funding for the entirety of the program. To date there are 17 remaining open projects.

#### **Economic Development**

- CDGB grants
  - Funding has been received for OHCR and remitted to the Center for Discovery. The project will be closed out by the July 2023 deadline.
- Revolving Loan Fund
  - Payments on all loans are current
  - Working with County staff and contractor to review the program.

#### **Administration**

- Minor renovations have been completed in the Division office area in order to accommodate all four departments (Planning, Grants, Parks/Recreation, and Sustainable Energy). Many thanks to Ed McAndrew and the staff of DPW!
- Weekly discussions with the County Manager have been ongoing to ensure activities of the Division remain in line with County priorities
- Working with Human Resources to identify opportunities for in-service training for staff.

## II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- OSE is developing accurate calculations of GHG emissions for current County MSW/C&D transportation to Seneca Meadows to be used in analysis of potential solid waste solutions and comparison to existing conditions.
- OSE has reached out to the Clean Path team to get clarification on the process to propose projects for the "Host Community Benefit Fund." OSE continues to review documents associated with the application filed with the NYS Public Service Commission. Clean Path is a (primarily) underground high voltage transmission line proposed to be co-located along the Marcy South transmission line/right-of-way. There is an opportunity to participate in the development of projects eligible for host community benefit funds.
- Staff support for the Sullivan County Resiliency Plan continues, with bi-weekly meetings with the NYSDOS (funding agency) and the consultant held regularly. An update of related activities can be located under the Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning section of this report.
- Staff continue to provide information to members of the public with inquiries pertaining to available incentives for energy efficiency and on-site renewable energy projects.

#### **III.** PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- Worked with the County GIS Department on an "Explore Our County Parks" application. The GIS staff did an amazing job with the application making it user friendly and informative. The application can be found on the County Parks webpage or the GIS webpage Explore our County Parks (sullivanny.us).
- The Countywide Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck Event is currently ongoing through October 31st. The County Parks and Recreation Department teamed up with the County Wellness Committee to host a staff litter pluck of the grounds and surrounding roadways at the Liberty and Monticello campuses. Would like to thank everyone who was involved and participated.
- Park maintenance staff have been getting the park grounds and facilities ready for the upcoming season.
- Lake Superior and the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will be opening on Memorial Day Weekend. The Lake will have boat rentals and picnicking available. Swimming at the beach will begin Father's Day weekend in June. Season passes are currently on sale.
- Seasonal staff have been hired for the upcoming season. The Lake Superior Park Manager will certify our lifeguards at the Fallsburg School in the beginning of June.
- Working with Grants Administration department, County GIS department and the Sullivan County Trail Association on the final documents of the Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid grant for the 2022-2023 season and the submittal of the 2023-2024 grant.
- Attended the New York State Recreation and Park Society Convention held at the Kartrite Conference Center.
- The website for the Callicoon Park has been drafted and will soon be going live.

#### IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- Amplifund
  - Information required to build out the County's solution continues and is nearing completion (currently finalizing outstanding items for the vendor's Master Data request). Weekly implementation meetings continue with the full implementation team.
  - DGA prepared a list of items on behalf of the implementation team to address concerns related to the software's ability to manage workflow processes adequately.
- Activity/Technical Assistance
  - Assistance has been provided to departments requiring support with the grant process, including DPW, Planning, and Public Health.
  - Since April 19, DGA has received and responded to six requests for funding resources, related to affordable housing, business startups, craft beverages, greenhouses, and water infrastructure.
  - In the interest of improving community accessibility to grant readiness and funding agency resources, enhancements were made to the DGA website. Downloadable resources, "Grant Readiness Checklist" and "Questions to Ask Yourself before Applying for a Grant" were added, as well as a webpage containing numerous funding resource links based on categories of interest.
- In-County Grant Readiness
  - The Amplifund team has been meeting to ensure the grant management software will be adequate to the task of meeting the County's needs
  - A "fail safe" was built into the resolution process to improve GCAF submission compliance.
  - Redeveloping the Grant Concept Approval Form, so that it may more effectively measure a department's preparedness for grant work.
  - DGA is developing a Grant Readiness Questionnaire and Grant Process Workflow Infographic for divisions/department/project managers.
  - DGA is developing an informational CFA supplement, which could serve as a resource for municipalities, small businesses, not-for-profits, as well as county departments and divisions.
  - Participated in the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council Public meeting virtually to learn more about forthcoming CFA funding opportunities.

## V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- Ag District Review update from Cornell Cooperative Extension
- CCE April Ag and Food systems report below

## **APRIL 2023 AG REPORT**

## **Cornell Cooperative Extension** Sullivan County

#### **PAST WORKSHOPS**

**Ag Zoning for Municipal Officials, April 25th:** 25 municipal officials consisting of town board, zoning board and planning board members, plus community members attended this workshop, the second part of a 3 part training series for municipal officials. Attendees learned about zoning techniques to protect and manage farmland.

Bringing the Farm to School - Producer Training - March 28th Ashley Tully presented on growing/scaling production for the

School Market. The training prepared NY farmers and producers to understand the state's unique school markets, how to develop and market products for institutional sales, and increase



opportunities for New York farmers to bridge connections with local schools. The workshop was cohosted by Harvest NY, American Farmland Trust and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

#### NYS Agritourism Training Series – Customer Service - April 17th at 12 – 1 p.m.

Part of a year-long, monthly training series for topics concerning agricultural producers in the agrotourism space. Ashley Tully presented on Customer Service on Farms workshops and at CCE events like Mobile Farmers Markets. Other presenters including Marie Ulrich CCEOC/ENYCHP and Mellissa Monty-Provost from County Dreams Farm.

#### **CURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Farm & Food Business Planning Series:** Launched in March and continued through April, with 35 participants between both training cohorts. Participants reviewed topics ranging from zoning, licensing, operations, staffing, marketing and how to develop their financial workbook. Participants heard from Cornell University experts, National Resources Conservation Service staff, local funders, business and marketing professionals, farmers and food business entrepreneurs. All cohort members receive the opportunity for one-on-one consulting support to complete their business plans for access to funding, specifically the County loan program.

#### **Social Media Marketing Series:**

- April 27th: Branding Basics + 23 Social Media Strategies for 2023.
- May 4th: Get Reel: Today's Best Photography & Video Tips
- May 11th: How to Create Pics and Videos with Canva.com

**FSMA Health and Hygiene Farm Worker Training: May 24th, 12-1pm:** Fruit and Vegetable Producers will be able to complete their yearly FSMA/GAPs training requirement for Farm Worker Health and Hygiene by attending this webinar

## Intro to Poultry Production- May 8th 6-8pm.

Participants will learn how to raise poultry for meat and egg laying. Topics include: breed selection, nutrition, housing, processing, and health.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

## Farm Visits: 7 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 231 Soil Tests: 17 Hay Tests: 3

Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, Ag Districts, beginning farmer, soil tests, field crops, poultry production, Ag Assessments, plant pests, disease, and ID, vegetable production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, Dry and Cold Storage, Grant and Funding sources, agricultural jobs, manure management. Staff are curerrbtly working with 3 farms on Business Plans.

## **APRIL 2023 AG REPORT**

**Horticulture Program:** Technical Assistance was provided to 43 contacts. Topics consisted of tree care, soil amendments, tree disease, native plantings, pest management. Staff attended the Earth Day event at the Evergreen Community Garden and taught participants about growing herbs.

#### **STAFF TRAININGS:**

• Staff attended trainings on Beef Quality Assurance (train the trainer), Spotted lanternfly, Good Agricultural Practices and livestock production.

## **PROJECTS/UPDATES**

Beginner Farmer Program: The Beginner Farmer Program Manager, Taylor Adam, is
organizing the Advisory Committee and planning to have their first meeting in May, at the
meeting we will be discussing the summer workshop plan and the mentorship program. We
are currently in the process of preparing outreach materials for the program and continuing
to update the Staff Ag Resources and the CCE Agricultural Jobs page.

## **Agricultural District Program:**

Staff are in the process of conducing the Eight Year Review for Agricultural District #4 and the 30 Day Open Window for Agricultural District #1. Over 3,000 notifications were mailed to landowners in the Agricultural District. Staff fielded over 60 inquiries regarding agricultural districts. We received requests to remove parcels from landowners and are in the process of developing the mapping, which also includes recommendations for removal from the County Ag Board.

We also received 6 requests for inclusion into Agricultural Districts #4. Staff have been busy conducting site visits and working with the County Real Property office to develop maps and information about the parcels. The County Ag Board is meeting May 10th to review the applications and the districts, are requesting a public hearing on June 1st and will make recommendations and prepare a report for the County legislature in May.





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## **Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for April 2023**

## **Real Property:**

We continue to provide services internally, to the assessment community and to the public. The department continues to be busy with the uptick in real estate activity, however, for the first time in the past three years, there's a slight drop in deed transactions. With that being said, there's a large number of housing projects that are being completed this spring which will likely create a large increase in deed transactions throughout the summer.

## Deed and subdivision count:

These statistics through the end of **April** 2023:

April deed count: 282	April Subdivision Lots: 16
2023 total: 1691	2023 total: 64
2022 total: 1728	2022 total: 174

## Director's activities for the month of April:

- Completed the Fundamentals of Farm Appraisal class. This was the final class required for basic certification.
- Sent notifications to Board of Assessment review members who require training
- Filled the vacant Tax Map/Real Property Systems Specialist position

## General office activity for the month of April:

- Continued review of one (1) condominium project.
- Answered numerous 911 address inquires.

## E-911:

April new addresses assigned: 15 2023 Total: 117 2022 Total: 177 April new roads created: 1

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436	390	24	30
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ADDRESS						
ETC	TOWN		NEW E-SITES ADDED		ADDRESS VERIFICATION & OTHER ISSUES	
1	BETHEL	MONTH	2022	2023	2022	2023
0	CALLICOON	JANUARY	14	9	21	18
0	COCHECTON	FEBRUARY	11	80	7	8
0	DELAWARE	MARCH	141	13	11	13
0	FALLSBURG	APRIL	11	15	11	31
1	FORESTBURGH	MAY				
25	FREMONT	JUNE				
0	HIGHLAND	JULY				
0	LIBERTY	AUGUST				
0	LUMBERLAND	SEPTEMBER				
2	MAMAKATING	OCTOBER				
0	NEVERSINK	NOVEMBER				
0	ROCKLAND	DECEMBER				
2	THOMPSON					
0	TUSTEN					
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## Division of Community Resources Monthly Report June 2023

## Workforce Development

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development's (CWD) big annual Job Fair was held May 4, 2023 at Resorts World Catskills. There were 63 businesses/vendors and 128 job seekers in attendance. The CWD received great feedback in all areas of the event. Statistics are being put together.
- The pilot Construction Trade program started April 10<sup>th</sup>, running Monday's & Wednesday's from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at SC BOCES. This is a short term, non-credit training. Resumes, interviewing skills, and work ethic will be presented by CWD on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Construction Union as well as local businesses are scheduled to interview on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and a final graduation is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Additional trades discussions are in progress to continue these efforts.
- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is underway. Eligible youth between the ages of 14-20 will engage in six weeks of paid work experience. This program is provided under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between CWD and DSS with funding coming through the NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA). The goal is to employ between 35 and 50 youth. To date 60+ youth applications and 9 Crew Leader applications have been received. Appointments are being scheduled for the month of June for interviewing and hiring. Site Agreements are being put in place for the eight (8) sites that will be used. Resolutions for Crew Leaders and Youth Intern pay rates and stipends has been approved, and Resolutions for the Tool Trailer, and Agreements for training are scheduled for June.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-06 was issued on March 10, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for in-School and Out-of-School Youth Services to be contracted with qualified organizations that can assist The Center for Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board. There were no responses to the RFP. The CWD will be putting MOA's in place with service providers for specific needs in order the meet the youth program service requirements.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-13 was issued on April 14, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for continuation of Digital Marketing Services for

the WIOA Youth. The CWD has chosen Bold Gold Media for the requested services. A Resolution has been submitted for approval.

- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; roll outs for Virtual Career Centers, Virtual Reality Training & Solutions, Youth Build Academy, Digital Literacy to all Career Centers, Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors, and a Teacher Ambassador Program. Trainings and updates continue for CWD staff.
- ✓ A meeting was held between CWD, Work Readiness Training and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to fulfill the need for businesses to train and retain staff. The CWD has current materials that were put together for in-house and virtual training, and will look at licensing this material, modifying some of the information, working with the Chamber to sell these services for a fee, and train on these business services.
- ✓ The CWD's Business Services is focused on removing the employment barriers and assisting businesses in finding employees. The objective is to have more businesses that participate as sites for our participants on public assistance, hiring people with disabilities, job sharing, On-The-Job Trainings; giving a second chance to ex-offenders, and much more. The new Job Developer is working with the Disability Resource Coordinator for round table events with businesses and getting out into the field to promote CWD's services.
- ✓ Career Center data updates: Social media:
  - 738 followers; April 2023 had a reach of 12,174 people with 747 Facebook page views (24% increase from April);
  - Social media posts about the Job Fair have reached over 9,000;

**Center Services:** 

- CWD provided services to 7 new business customers in the month of April, and 43 current business customers in this same time period.
- CWD assisted 378 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of April 2023.

## Labor Market Data for April 2023 compared to April 2022

✓ Sullivan County saw no increase in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.4% (100) in total private sector jobs.

*Please note*: The net month (March 2023 – April 2023) showed a decrease in nonfarm jobs of - 1% (-300) and a decrease of -0.9% (-200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 5.9% (200)
  - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.7% (200)
  - Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Education and Health Services at -4% (-300)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at -6.7% (-100)
- Government at -1.7% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Business and Professional Services
- Other Services
- Manufacturing
- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.3% (213,600) in total nonfarm jobs and 2.4% (190,000) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 3.2% (69,400)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 7.5% (62,500)
- Professional & Business Services at 2.6% (35,500)
- Government at 1.6% (23,600)
- Natural Resources, Construction & Mining at 3.2% (12,300)
- Financial Activities at 1.7% (12,100)
- Other Services at 3.1% (11,800)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.9% (-13,100)
- Information at -0.7% (-1,900)
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.4% (13,400) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.5% (11,900) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

• Leisure & Hospitality at 7.8% (6,600)

- Education and Health Services at 2.7% (5,700)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 4% (2,300)
  - Government at 1% (1,500)
- Other Services at 1.9% (800)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -0.9% (-1,000)
- Information at -6% (-800)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-800)
- Manufacturing at -1.6% (-700)
- Financial Activities at -0.4% (-200)
- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.5% for April 2023 down from 3.1% in April 2022.

April 2023 had 36,900 people in the labor force (35,900 employed & 900 unemployed). This reflects an increase of 100 employed and a decrease of -200 in the number reporting as unemployed leaving the labor force flat compared to April 2022. The total labor force decreased -0.8% from March 2023 to April 2023. There was a -0.3% (-100) decrease in employed workers and a -25% (-300) decrease in people reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for April 2023 is 2.3% compared to 2.8% in April 2022. This is the lowest March unemployment rate on record for the region dating back to 1990. The Hudson Valley region had the lowest unemployment rate in the State along with the Capital region.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 3.7% in April 2023 compared to 4.1% in April 2022.
- ✓ The April 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2% for Tompkins County to a high of 7% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.5% rate ranked 18th in the State along with Chenango, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Schenectady, Seneca, Washington and Wayne counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for April 2023:
  - # 2 Rockland County at 2.1%
  - # 5 Putnam County at 2.2%
  - # 8 Westchester County at 2.3%
  - # 8 Dutchess County at 2.3%
  - #13 Orange County at 2.4%
  - #13 Ulster County at 2.4%
  - #18 Sullivan County at 2.5%

## <u>Transportation</u>

- ✓ First quarter 2023 (January March)
  - Move Sullivan routes 16,058 rides
  - Move Sullivan paratransit 234 rides
- ✓ Move Sullivan <u>average daily</u> ridership:

January - 235 rides February – 266 rides March – 286 rides April – 315 rides

✓ County Transportation:

Month	Veterans	Veterans	Senior	Shopping
2023	to the VA	in-county	Medicals	Buses
		medical		
January	45		86	70
February	35		77	66
March	33		108	67
April	46		82	68
May		Began		
June				
July				
August				
September				
November				
December				
Totals				

## **Community Assistance Center (CAC)**

- ✓ The CAC continues to distribute test kits throughout the county.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are continue twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.
- ✓ Provide monthly assistance to HV Food Bank mobile pantry in Town of Freemont
- ✓ A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition

## Office for the Aging - Monthly Report: April 2023

Highlights:

- ✓ Monthly meetings with NYSOFA, Aging Association, Local Program Operations ongoing.
- ✓ Attended Leadership Institute in Watkins Glen, Director's conference.
- ✓ RFP distributed to perform Community Needs Assessment for Sullivan County Seniors, specifically to address social isolation concerns since COVID and to facilitate planning for future initiatives, received 4 responses to be reviewed.
- Ongoing communication with RSVP Advisory Council and planning for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition event to be held at Villa Roma on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Office construction nearly complete, target move back date early May.
- ✓ Continue to work with community partners to inform staff of resources available to clients we serve, i.e. Alzheimer's Association, Independent Living, ATI, etc.
- ✓ Conducting interviews with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the vacant Caregiver Coordinator position. Position still unfilled, ongoing discussion of strategies to increase recruitment of eligible candidates.
- ✓ Participated with other CBO's at Golden Gems at Sleepy Hollow monthly meeting.
- ✓ Ongoing participation with Food Security Coalition, luncheon held April 19<sup>th</sup> for Food Pantry volunteers and staff was a great success, future events to increase communication, best practices and greater reach.
- ✓ Reopening of 2 congregate sites has met with great response, more to come in June.
- ✓ Monthly Hoot mailing list increasing, expanding to 12 pages in May, 3000 paper copies as of June to be distributed along with email and web-based version.
- ✓ New RSVP Coordinator started May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ RFP issued again for Legal Services with no responses. E-MDT is a resource available for complex potential abuse/exploitation cases.
- Preparing for busy outreach season across all programs in collaboration with Division.

April	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	20
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in April	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE April	1 non-EISEP
CASE FILES total open as of 4/30/2023 includes "bridge" clients pending MLTC	22 EISEP [+2 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 4/30/2023 [includes "bridge" clients]	6
CASE FILES reassessed in April	5
WAITLIST currently active as of 4/30/2023	6

## **EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)**

## HIICAP

- ✓ Client interactions 21
- ✓ HIICAP counselors attended their annual Spring Training

## NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -32
- ✓ We have attended the Golden Gems Breakfast at Sleepy Hollow, monthly, and will continue.

## Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

 $\checkmark~$  21 clients receive PERS medical monitoring through the OFA.

## **Nutrition Program**

- ✓ Our new RD Dietary contract with Caring SLP has begun. Currently we are communicating via email, hopefully we will be rolling out in person presentations at our nutrition sites for Nutrition Education programs.
- ✓ We participated in the Narrowsburg "Tusten Social" first Sage Session on 4/18. The evening was a success with about 40 attendees. The program started off with a trivia game which loosened everyone up. After that the conversations flowed and lots of resources were shared. It was a great success. The next session is scheduled for 5/16 and every first and third Tuesday of the month.
- ✓ On 4/24 and 4/25 the Nutrition staff completed an online certificate course for a Food Safety Course sponsored by NYSOFA.
- ✓ Totals for April 2023
  - Homebound meals: 1614 units for 98 clients
  - Congregate meals: 1304 units for 100 clients
  - Total meals: 2918 units for 198 clients
  - Homebound deposits: \$1,582.00
  - Congregate deposits: \$502.00
  - Total deposits: \$2,084.00

## Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-82
- ✓ RSVP-38 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips—68
- ✓ Nutrition Site Transport- 40

## Youth Bureau

- 1. Participated in SALT's PARFACT meeting.
- 2. Participated in the United Sullivan meetings.
- 3. Participated in OCFS Youth Development meeting.
- 4. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau's monthly meeting.
- 5. Participated in the wrap up and planning of future Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
- 6. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.
- 7. Launched the Youth Bureau's Facebook page.
- 8. Held Youth Bureau's Advisory Board meeting.
- 9. Participated countywide leadership class.
- 10. Submitted portions of the 2022 Youth Bureau claims.
- 11. Monthly co-hostess with Thunder 102 promoting the Youth Bureau.
- 12. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
- 13. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association Bylaws Committee.

- 14. Co-hosted Sullivan County Wellness Committee "know your numbers".
- 15. Multiple consulting with recipients of State and County funding regarding vouchering for 2022.
- 16. Participated in the on-going System of Care for Youth in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- 17. Orientated the Internship Coordinator.
- 18. Participated in "school safe ambassador program" information session with Sullivan 180 and the Orange County Youth Bureau.
- 19. Participated in Sullivan 180's Municipal Youth, Parks & Recreation Forum.
- 20. Participated in County litter pluck.
- 21. Collaborated with the financial department to compose a financial cycle for the Youth Bureau to align with the State's October to September cycle for funding.
- 22. Participated in the Mental Hygiene Services planning meeting.

## Youth Bureau Internship

- 1. Attended first Youth Bureau Board meeting-will be on subcommittee to address by-laws.
- 2. Received New World tutorial.
- 3. Attended lunchroom chat meeting with SALT members-will be attending all three Lunchroom Chats in May.
- 4. Created curriculum, lesson plans and timelines for Youth Internship Program.
- 5. Site Visit to Monticello Boys and Girls Club-attended program for Virtual Reality headsets and Program overview by students. Attended Community Reception held afterwards by the students and staff.
- 6. Completed Youth Bureau claims
- 7. Attended DFC PARFACT meeting Protection and Risk Factors Committee Meeting
- 8. Attended Safe School Ambassador Program Chat with Orange County Youth Bureau, Catholic Charities, and Sullivan 180.
- 9. Site Visit to Manor Ink to view students closing out this month's issue.
  - Youth were engaged and a part of every step of the production of the newspaper; from photography, writing, editing, etc.
- 10. Attended Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association meeting via Zoom.



Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5579

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 5.

## ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2023 COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA), SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION (SCFC), THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TSCILDC)

May 25, 2023

The IDA Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, at which time the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a mortgage to secure a loan from M&T Bank to 286 EB LLC. This relates to **Mountain Kosher Grocery** on East Broadway in Monticello. The Mountain Kosher Grocery project was approved and closed in December 2022. The project application contemplated mortgage financing, which has now been secured.

The Sullivan County Funding Corp. (SCFC) and Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation (TSCILDC) also met on May 8<sup>th</sup> to conduct routine business.

During May IDA staff attended virtual meetings of the Sullivan Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Board and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council, and an event hosted by Empire State Development at the Chester Agricultural Center.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> IDA closed on a \$90,000 Revolving Loan Fund loan to **Cochecton Holdings, LLC and Cochecton Spirits Inc.** Staff is currently assisting several business owners as they develop and refine their applications for revolving loan funding. We have also begun procurement of equipment to be leased to **AMJR, LLC and Big Eddy Brewing Company,** to assist in the development of a new brewery in Narrowsburg.

The next meeting of the IDA Board is scheduled for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Legislative Committee Room at the Sullivan County Government Center.

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Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5571

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 6.

## Update for June 2023

## Economic Development Committee

The SCVA is continuing its efforts on building travel experiences in the "shoulder seasons" expanding the Sullivan Catskills into a 4-season destination. May was extremely busy. The SCVA extended the traditional Memorial Day (opening of summer) by two weeks. Starting with Catskill Cuisine tied to Mother's Day, the weekend saw additional visitors to our accommodations, rivers, attractions, and restaurants. Following the next week is the second year of TAP NY festival at Bethel Woods and the Festival of the Founding Fish along the river corridor. These three events will pump in an additional \$1 million in visitor spending. The SCVA 's strategic marketing initiatives are reaching new markets outside of the traditional Metro NY, NJ, PA, and CN markets. SCVA is responding to a fast-growing national and international interest.



## **Catskill Cuisine 2023**

**Visitors:** 1,600

Visitor Reach: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Hudson Valley, NYC-5 boroughs, Albany, Central New York, Northern New Jersey & Pennsylvania & North Carolina

## FAST FACTS FOR MAY

## Digital Ads 4/15 - 5/15

Google Ads

- 144,186 impressions
- Search Campaign has a 7.28% CTR industry standard is 4.4%
- Average CPC is \$1.66 Industry Standard is \$1.53
- 1,871 website clicks

Facebook Ads

- 249,371 impressions
- Facebook Campaign has a 3.25% CTR industry standard is .90%
- Average CPC is .44 industry standard is .63
- 8,100 Website clicks

Facebook Organic

- 446,262 Impressions
- Average engagement rate of 8.10% industry standard is .19%
- Top 3 posts:
  - SUNY Kite Festival
  - o Discover the beauty of the Sullivan Catskills
  - We love Narrowsburg!
- Instagram Organic
  - 155,037 post impressions
  - 11,808 story impressions
  - Average engagement rate of 8.38% industry standard is .91%
  - Top 3 Reels:
    - Catskill Cuisine (1)
      - 9,798 Plays
      - 64 Likes
      - 8 Comments
      - 30 Shares
      - 5 Saves
    - Catskill Cuisine (2)
      - 8,564 Plays
      - 39 Shares
      - 4 Saves
    - Chef Saul
      - 7,816 Plays
      - 99 Likes
      - 11 Comments
      - 69 Shares
      - 3 Saves

- Top 3 Posts:
  - Lander's River Opening Day
  - $\circ \quad \text{Narrowsburg Union Dove}$
  - o Summer Guide 2023

#### Highlights:

- Brochure Exchange at Sullivan Catskills Visitor Center for member networking
- Co-Host with Ciliberto in the Morning
- Hosted 6 social media influencers & 3 travel writers for Catskill Cuisine
- Meetings with Chefs for final logistics
- Meetings with Bethel Woods, PR Houses and Creative for Catskill Cuisine
- Hosted Brian Cano a Paranormal Trail Representative for the Haunted Trails of NYS at Burn Brae Mansion
- NYS Director of Sales Spring Event with NYS Meeting Planners in Albany and Saratoga
- Livingston Manor Wayfinding Sign Unveiling
- US Travel Association IPW Conference in San Antonio bringing international travel to the US.
- First installation of the Borscht Belt Historical Marker in Monticello
- Spring OTT and cable commercials are running and will continue through May with a focus on hiking and biking, fly fishing and other outdoor activities. To Date: Over 1.5 million impressions and largest amount of impression in zip code Manhattan
- Host the County DMV the last Tuesdays of each month. This service optimizes the visitor center's community space.
- Coach USA will start the summer run in June stopping at major points in the County.
- New Website Update: framing is almost complete and will be ready for our spring visitors.
- Continue working with a videographer/storyteller/tour guide to build our video library.
- Final touches on new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills and excited to unveil listing our over 600 members.
- Collaborating with members on the Catskill Film Commission web site and is moving along nicely.
- Continued discussion on innovative marketing initiatives grants through NYS and sharing the process with members who may qualify.
- Working with several communities to team and promote their events.
- Unveiling of new Doves on the Dove Trail

#### Meetings

- New York State Destination Marketing Organization By-Laws Committee
- Regional Catskill Association Tourism Promotion Agency Meeting
- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Social Educational Seminar for members

- Collaborative DMO luncheon & Dinner for 40 meeting planners-held in the Capital Region
- New York State Director of Sales and Destination Marketing Organization meeting

#### Social Media & E-News

- Continue to utilize videos produced with our members to create short vignettes and Tik Tok placements to use on our social channels. Tik Tok and Instagram reels are seeing a lot of likes and comments.
- SCVA continues to work with our social media group Awestruck and Fisher Mears Associates to create and implement targeted marketing to the drive traffic within two hundred miles of the Sullivan Catskills

#### PR Outreach:

• Working with ILNY PR Firm, Core Creative, and Awestruck Agency to continue with story ideas for social media influencers and renowned writers now and in the future.

Attachments: Advertising and social marketing highlights

TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS 2022 VISITOR SPENDING: \$710 MILLION TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME LOCAL TAXES GENERATED \$43.2 MILLION SAVINGS PER HOUSEHOLD: \$2,943

For every Dollar invested in tourism there is a 40:1 Return on Investment





#### COMMENTS FROM CATSKILL CUISINE

This event was AMAZING! My mom and I had the best time for Mother's Day. We would definitely come again! Meeting Marcus Samuelsson was also a dream come true!! 😁

My friend and I trekked from Manhattan Saturday armed with our Gastro passes and had a great time. The upkeep of the venue was immaculate and very impressive. We're looking forward to next year!

First off, I want to say you guys did an amazing job with everything for the 1st year. My wife and I got the super VIP package. The access to the celebrity chef was amazing. I do have a suggestion or two if you guys have again next year. We were allowed in an hour earlier than general admitted but between the celebrity chefs' demos, trying their recipes out, which was outstanding, and getting to the meet n great area it left no time to see the rest of the areas like local vendors, book signing, local restaurants etc. My suggestion would be to let VIP/Super VIPs in at 10, giving all of us time to see all that was offered. Maybe have book signing and merch available to us too. Again, you guys did an amazing job for being the first and we will definitely be back next year with just a few ideas to give us a complete experience. Thank you.

What an absolutely gorgeous day to celebrate the <u>@catskill cuisine</u> food festival! The weather was perfect, the sun was shining, and the wind was blowing just right. I sampled so many different unique and delicious foods from some of the best chefs in Sullivan County. This one-of-a-kind immersive food festival is definitely for the foodie in all of us. With chef led cooking demonstrations, book signing, and an abundance of food tasting, this is a top foodie destination! And I can't wait to come back next year!

#### Verified

Attention New Yorkers and foodies! People always ask where to stay and what to do in the Catskills area. I just went to a day-long festival @catskill\_cuisine at @bethelwoodscenter, which showcases some of the areas best restaurants, hotels, shops and more. From celebrity chef book signings and demonstrations, to live music and delicious tastings, here are some businesses you need to check out and visit @sullivancatskills for more information!

- 1. @callicoonhills made a great hunters pie and is a cozy resort located in Callicoon Center, NY.
- 2. @buckbrookalpacas offers alpaca walks, tours and farm experiences! A great place for children and animal lovers!
- 3. @kartriteresort did a live food demonstration, their property features a resort and indoor waterpark!
- 4. Live performance from Dan Brother Band!
- 5. Amazing taco from @la\_belle\_farm @bellabellagourmet !
- 6. Trout crudo from @seminaryhillny , they make some of the best cider I've ever had and their property is beautiful!
- 7. Wild Boar Pibil from @fossilfarms ! They had a food truck at the event serving the highest quality meat!

8. @do\_good\_spirits is a distillery located in Roscoe, NY! Their spirits are top of the line, but my favorite tasting was their strawberry liqueur ().

9. Salami from @lasalumina was so good 😍

10. More businesses that are worth checking out (click tagged accounts on photo for more info).

#nycgetaway #catskills #bethelwoods #catskillcuisine #foodie #newyork #newyorker #hudsonvalley #foodreview







#### <u>forthrightcyder</u>

1st event of the 2023 season is a wrap! Phew after a <u>#sullivancatskills</u> winter hibernating & fermenting we are sore from the long day but our hearts and stomach are full from today's <u>@catskill\_cuisine</u> festival hosted at the historic <u>@bethelwoodscenter</u>

We arrived with 12 cases and left with 2 😯 For Forthright being a small batch producer, that means a lot 🛛

We sampled Bossfight & Excelsior and dang - Excelsior was a hit!

We're down to four 4pks of Excel Should we throw them up on the online shop for local pick up? 😇 Next batch won't be out until mid-July (and that's if we hustle lol)!

It's been a bumpy 2 years, this small W today was really needed - thanks to everyone we met today 🚱 😂

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# **Over The Top commercials**

<u>CTV</u> 195,991 Total Impressions 98.48% Completed View Rate

Companion Display 162,372 Impressions 172 Direct Clicks 0.11% Click Through Rate

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# Catskill Cuisine x Baked by Melissa

2023



# **Recipe TikTok/Reel**








# **IG Story Overview**



7 Story Frames Posted During Event

Total Impressions: 76,781 Total Sticker Taps @catskill\_cuisine: 284

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### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5367

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 1.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

Set three (3) Public Hearings for a proposed local law to Authorize a new Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

#### Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO SET THREE (3) PUBLIC EARINGS FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE A NEW REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, there has been introduced at a meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature held on June 15, 2023, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Authorize a new Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel".

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that three (3) public hearings will be held on said proposed local law by the Sullivan County Legislature on July20, 2023 at 10:45AM, September 21, 2023 at 10:45AM and December 21, 2023 at 10:45AM in the Legislative Chambers, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, and at least six (6) days' notice of the public hearing be given by the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature by due posting thereof on the bulletin board of the County of Sullivan and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspapers of the County.

#### COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held on June 15, 2023, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Authorize a new Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel".

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan will conduct three (3) public hearings on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Legislature's Meeting Room, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, 12701, on July 20, 2023 at 10:45AM, September 21, 2023 at 10:45AM and December 21, 2023 at 10:45 AM at which time all persons interested will be heard.

DATED: Monticello, New York

June 15, 2023

#### ANNMARIE MARTIN

Clerk of the Legislature

County of Sullivan, New York



### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5539

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 2.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

Resolution Introduced by the Economic Development Committee to authorize an Agreement between the Center for Workforce Development and the Sullivan County Land Bank for the use of the Land Banks Mobile Tool Trailer for the Summer Youth Employment Program

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0.00

Are funds already budgeted? No

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: No** 

WHEREAS, the Center for Workforce Development places youth in paid work experience opportunities from July 10, 2023 through August 18, 2023 through the Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, there will be a mobile work crew of enrolled youth performing various landscaping jobs in and around the County of Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for tools and equipment that can be transported to the different work sites throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Land Bank has agreed to loan the Center for Workforce Development the Land Bank's Mobile Tool Trailer, and all tools and equipment for the duration of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Sullivan County Land Bank in a form approved by the County Attorney.



## Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5553

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 3.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

Resolution introduced by the Economic Development Committee to authorize a Contract agreement with Bold Gold Media Group to provide services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$40,000.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

#### Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: RFP #23-13

WHEREAS, the Center for Workforce Development is responsible for the administration and implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Title 1B Youth funds; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Workforce Development issued a Request for Proposal RFP #23-13 for Professional services for the continuation of youth digital display marketing to include Geo Targeted Digital Video Marketing, Social Media and Video Production to create awareness and desire for CWD's youth program; and

WHEREAS, Bold Gold Media Group was chosen out of the two respondents to provide the services sought after; and

**WHEREAS,** Bold Gold Media Group will provide the services from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The Contract may be renewable for an additional four (4) years based on availability of funds, success with deliverables, and quality of products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Contract Agreement with Bold Gold Media as described above. Said agreement to be in the form approved by the County Attorney, and contingent upon the County receiving the necessary federal allocations.



## Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5554

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 4.

#### **Purpose of Resolution:**

To authorize a Contract Agreement with Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress to provide A Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:

Is this a renewal of a prior contract? No

Date of prior contract? N/A

Amount authorized by prior contract \$0.00

Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes	
If "Yes", provide the following information	
Amount to be authorized by Resolution: not to exceed \$53,100	
Are funds already budgeted? Yes	
If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s): A-7610-87-R4772-R392	
If "No", specify proposed source of funds:	
Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source	
County: \$3,100	Grant(s): \$0.00
State: \$0.00	<b>Other: \$0.00</b>
Federal Government: \$50,000	(Specify):

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is in receipt of HDC5 and additional funding through FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act), and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging issued a Request for Proposal RFP #23-10 for Professional Services to conduct a Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis to assist the Sullivan County Office for the Aging in developing a plan that will be a blueprint for building an environment that encourages aging in place by creating a network of senior services that will improve the health, function and strength of the population and reduce the social isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals were received and reviewed and it was determined that Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress, PO Box 426 Newburgh, NY 12551 is best qualified to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress will provide the services from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$53,100.00. The Contract may be renewable for an additional one (1) year based on availability of funds, success with deliverables, and quality of products.

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File #: ID-5554

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Contract Agreement with Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress as described above. Said agreement to be in the form approved by the County Attorney.



### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5559

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 5.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

To accept funding from Friends of the Upper Delaware to support improvements made at the Highland River Access project site.

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REAL PROPERTY, CAPITAL PLANNING, AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM FRIENDS OF THE UPPER DELAWARE TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT THE HIGHLAND RIVER ACCESS PROJECT SITE

**WHEREAS,** Friends of the Upper Delaware River ("FUDR") is in receipt of funding from the New York State Department of State for various projects; and

**WHEREAS,** FUDR has earmarked \$100,000 of this funding to support the efforts of Sullivan County ("County") for improvements made at the Highland River Access project ("Project") site; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Sullivan County Legislature to accept this funding to offset costs associated with the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and/or the Chairman of the County Legislature to execute any and all necessary documents to accept funding from Friends of the Upper Delaware River in the amount of \$100,000, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.



## Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5560

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 6.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize funding for professional services with Fisher Associates.

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$65,000

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

#### RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REAL PROPERTY AND CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH FISHER ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 10-23, Fischer Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. was awarded a contract in accordance with #R-22-23 for a term of three years, to assist with design and engineering needs for existing Sullivan County parks including Lake Superior State Parks, D&H Canal Linear Park and Interpretive Center, Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park, Minisink Battleground Park, Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park, Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History, and the Sullivan County Cultural Center (Museum); and

**WHEREAS,** an Agreement with Fischer Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. was executed on March 17, 2023 ("Original Agreement") which includes a schedule of hourly rates and fees for the project; and

**WHEREAS,** Fischer Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. has provided the County with a scope of work and estimate for design and engineering services for hiking trail development at Lake Superior State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to authorize funding for the Original Agreement based upon this initial scope of work in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes funding to support the Original Agreement Fischer Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.



### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5563

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 7.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2021 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2

WHEREAS, an application dated April 20, 2023 having been filed by Jimmie L. & Barbara Valree with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2021 tax roll of the Town of Thompson Tax Map #122.-1-1.2 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact, due to an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated May 4, 2023 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute an order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$123.75

Are funds already budgeted? No

#### **Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

RPTL §556



### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5564

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 8.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2022 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2

WHEREAS, an application dated April 20, 2023 having been filed by Jimmie L. & Barbara Valree with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2022 tax roll of the Town of Thompson Tax Map #122.-1-1.2 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact, due to an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated May 4, 2023 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute an order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$125.31

Are funds already budgeted? No

#### **Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

RPTL §556



### Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5565

Agenda Date: 6/1/2023

Agenda #: 9.

#### Narrative of Resolution:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2

WHEREAS, an application dated April 20, 2023 having been filed by Jimmie L. & Barbara Valree with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2023 tax roll of the Town of Thompson Tax Map #122.-1-1.2 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact, due to an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated May 4, 2023 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute an order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

#### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$128.52

Are funds already budgeted? No

#### **Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

RPTL §556