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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2025 **DAVID H. KNAPP, CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Meaker, Ms. Harvey, Mr. Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Fiato

ALSO ATTENDING: See attached

Chair Knapp called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. PLANNING: Bob Petrovich, Deputy County Executive; Troy Waffner, Director

**a. Confirming Reappointments to the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust
(Nathaniel J. Stevens, Leslie Garcea)**

- The following was presented by the Deputy County Executive
 - Both are existing board members of the Trust and doing a good job; encourage their reappointment

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Are these County Executive reappointments to be confirmed by the Legislature?
 - Yes

*A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Harvey, to approve this item. Passed unanimously;
MOTION CARRIED.*

b. Confirming Reappointment to the Onondaga County Planning Board (Michael W. La Flair)

- The following was presented by the Director of Planning
 - The County Planning Board hears hundreds of cases per year
 - If reappointed, this will be Mr. La Flair's 2nd term
 - Mr. La Flair currently works for Community Development and has a deep understanding of what is going on
 - Previously worked for Housing Visions, Northeast Hawley Development Association, Camillus Town Board, and Zoning Board

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- This is a County Executive appointment
- Anything done on a county or state road goes to the County Planning Board from the town
- With Mr. La Flair's understanding of the Main Street Program and Community Development, he is the right person
- Mr. Olson would like to cosponsor
- The county is fortunate to have Mr. La Flair

*A motion was made by Mr. Meaker, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve this item. Passed unanimously;
MOTION CARRIED.*

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Jason Dean, Finance

a. Amending the 2025 County Budget to Provide for the Appropriation of General Fund Balance to Support Shape Up for Veterans (\$150,000)

- The Shape Up for Veterans program provides grants up to \$15K to cover home improvements for eligible veterans

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

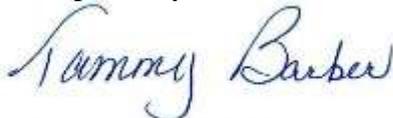
- This program has been very successful
- If approved, this will be the 3rd allotment towards the program
- The goal is to keep older and/or disabled veterans in their homes as long as possible
 - Wheelchair ramps, inside mobility improvements, etc.
- How long is the waitlist?
 - Not sure how many are currently on the wait list, but will get it
- This amount just gets people off the waitlist
- The program needs more money
- Hopefully next year this can be supported more
- As the year is closed out, this program would be a prime opportunity to provide surplus money

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Meaker, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

- Comment from Chair Knapp
 - Thank you to everyone for all of your work over the last 2 years

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



TAMMY BARBER, Deputy Clerk
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2025

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Jason Dean	Finance
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
Troy Waffner	Planning
Bob Petrovich	Dep. County Exec
John DeSantis	Leg.
Jim Bube	Leg.
Ethan LaMontagne	Leg.
Joe Frateschi	Counsel