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14 SPEAKERS

Rose Woodworth

James Malcolm

Richard Jones

Daniel Savona

Faye Storms

All

Diane Eynon

Joe Scott

Speaker1

Joe Eriole

Charlie Blakeman

Orlando Reece

Bill Kembel

Speaker2

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[00:00:02] Rose Woodworth

Ok, and everybody back in and we are recording is back live on YouTube.

[00:00:08] James Malcolm

Ok, when we come out of executive session, we're going to return to our agenda, and that brings us to financials.

[00:00:19] Richard Jones

So. Page 13 and um, thirteen of thirty five. Very quickly, if you take a look at the numbers for up through November. Up to the end of November and for the month of November. Our income is on target against budget. If you see their quarter of the way down, we're at ninety eight percent of budget. The budget was to 217,300 for the year. We're almost at that point. Our expenses are at this point well in line. We had some blips during the summer. We're on a run rate basis. We were over budget, but we're catching up now in the sense of we're within budget. So, I'm happy to see that. The administrative fee line was the big one that was putting us over budget, but we're now at eighty seven percent of the budget. You can see that in our other expenses, Rose. I actually didn't get a chance to actually I didn't get a chance to talk to you about contracts for other services were over budget for that. I'm assuming that's our video service.

[00:01:36] Rose Woodworth

No, not anymore. We had move that. That was for, I'll have to see what the nineteen forty six is. I have a feeling that that's not in the right spot.

[00:01:48] Richard Jones

That was the question that I had.

[00:01:54] Rose Woodworth

I did also. So we're over budget on the the dues and fees, and I did look at that. That's only because the New York State Economic Development Council raised their annual fee from 750 to 850.

[00:02:07] Richard Jones

Ok, and that's no wasn't a big deal if you flip the page over to page 14. Cash on hand, cash in the bank. You can see there three items, checking savings and CD with Rhinbeck with seven hundred and thirty thousand dollars. The accounts freeze, the accounts receivable again, Rose. I'm assuming that's a big number, but I'm assuming that's from Golden Hill money that we're expecting from Golden Hill, (inaudible)

[00:02:38] Rose Woodworth

January, due January 1st.

[00:02:40] Richard Jones

They're paying in two tranches, so that will come in in January. So the IDA is we're in good shape. I'll just go back to page 13 for a second. You get a good idea of what we've expended in terms of the PPE grants, three quarters of the way down the page PPE grants. We budgeted for two hundred thousand for January through November. We spent one hundred and seventeen thousand. So there's still some wiggle room in there for more. And I, I think we do have some more that's going to be charged as a result of us working on some additional grants that would that we've seen in a confidential memo and that's it.

[00:03:26] James Malcolm

Any questions on this finance report. OK, can I get on the financials, I should say? Can I get a motion a to acceptance, presented.

[00:03:37] Daniel Savona

I'll make a motion to accept was presented.

[00:03:40] James Malcolm

Thank you Daniel. Can I have a second?

[00:03:43] Faye Storms

I'll second.

[00:03:44] James Malcolm

Thank you Faye. Nothing else on the question. All those in favor.

[00:03:48] All

Aye.

[00:03:48] James Malcolm

Opposed. Carried. Thank you. Chair's report. Well, listen, there's a lot of stuff coming, I guess. You have some invites to talk to some prospective applicants. And if you want to know the rest, pick up the newspaper. I'll tell you what we're doing. So that's my report.

[00:04:15] Daniel Savona

Thanks Chair.

[00:04:15] James Malcolm

The CEOs report.

[00:04:21] Rose Woodworth

Thanks, Jimmy. So a few things here, so I'm the when doing last this month's board minutes, staff noticed that there was a typo in the prior month's board minutes. It says so, meaning the. October meeting that was approved last month, it says the motion was made to approve the finance report, but it was supposed to say the government's report, it's a very minor change, obviously. I checked with Joe Scott who advised that we change it, which we did, and then just inform you all on record at this meeting. There was some talk, and I just wanted to clarify, if you go to page 15 in your packet, there was some talk about whether or not we needed to adjust the January meeting date. So we put in a copy of what would be the third Wednesday of every month in twenty twenty one. And I wanted to kind of jump ahead and just see if this schedule looked OK to all. For now at least, it can obviously be changed in the future. I know Orlando was thinking he may not be able to attend next month, but of course if it works for everybody else, then we may have to do it anyway. The concern was that it was Inauguration Day.

[00:05:42] James Malcolm

I'll be too busy being retired, so. I'm sure I'll come to the meeting.

[00:05:47] Rose Woodworth

We'll keep you busy, Jimmy.

[00:05:49] Richard Jones

I didn't get the invite for the inauguration this year, so I won't be I guess I'll be available.

[00:05:53] James Malcolm

Rick, I'm going to write them a letter on that.

[00:05:56] Richard Jones

I'm disappointed.

[00:05:56] Diane Eynon

Sure you are.

[00:06:00] Rose Woodworth

So everybody thinks that's fine.

[00:06:04] Richard Jones

Danny was coming with me to Washington right Dan.

[00:06:09] Faye Storms

He's muted. He's muted.

[00:06:12] Rose Woodworth

And maybe I'll leave a muted I don't know. (inaudible)

[00:06:19] James Malcolm

All right. What else Rose?

[00:06:23] Rose Woodworth

OK then. I did want to let you all know. Thank you, Jimmy, for the contact and M & T Bank. We got everything moving right along very quickly after that phone call. And as you know, you and the other signers on the accounts came in and signed the documents. So we're working on getting the rest set up and finishing up the set up for online banking. So that moved to M&T Bank should begin shortly. The open meetings law. No surprise there was extended yet again, allowing public meetings and hearings to be held remotely for another 30 days until January 1st. Our next meeting is obviously after January 1st, but we can see we saw the county executives report yesterday. The COVID numbers are continuing to increase in Ulster County. And I really imagine that we will be on Zoom again next month as well. Project close out Kingston Hospitality. The last month we reported we were having trouble. Joe Scott was having trouble getting in touch with the project's attorney. He's come down with COVID and has now asked Joe Scott to prepare the documents to close that out. It's obviously late in the year, and that wasn't something necessarily on Joe's team's agenda. So they're going to do their best. But if it's not closed down by the year end, it'll be done shortly. Lloyd Park and Simulator's Jimmy signed the documents last month and they've been sent off to the county and hopefully that will be finished before year end. T-bar expire this year. And Joe Scott's firm is working on that closeout as well. Elmer Magnetics, their project expired and their attorney has been in contact with Joe's firm. I touch base with Joe Ferraro also at our site visit. Honestly, he was a really great person to work with. And I'm going to miss the site visits with him. And I but I explained to him the importance of getting it closed out before year end, and he agreed. So I assume that will be done before year end as well. Gardiner Library, Joe, I might ask you to actually speak to that one a little bit. I will hit the mute button before I finish. We've been having some difficulty with that project. We're trying to clarify whether or not those bonds have actually been fully financed. And they've sent some emails to Jill Scott, which is why I'll let him speak to that.

[00:09:06] Joe Scott

Write the history on that project is that they raise some issues about whether the project was still a project for the IDA that required me to do some research to determine whether the bond that we originally issued for that transaction back, I believe it's two thousand and nine, is still outstanding. Our records indicate that it is. I communicated that to the Gardner Library people. I got an email back from them saying that they were going to check with their accountant. Approximately a week and a half later, I got an email from the Gardner Library, people saying that they had they had been misunderstood. If we understood them to say that the bond had been paid off, the bond has not been paid off. So the project is still an IDA project. What they have a problem with is that, well, there's been no recent activity by the Gardner Library with the IDA, so why do they need to do these annual reports? Why are they subject to these additional fees, et cetera, et cetera? So I did a fairly long email explaining to them that number one, they've confirmed that the bond is still outstanding. The fact that there's a bond still outstanding means that it's still an IDA project under our rules and the state's rules. We need to know we need to list it as an IDA project and have it in our ABO PARIS Report, in our financial report and under the documents section (inaudible). And I sent them a copy of the document. I offered to send them more documents. If their files are our our are lacking under this section, they need to supply the annual report. And then I also directed them to the section with respect to updating information. So as far as I'm concerned, they are fully advised of what the situation is. I have not heard anything. The letter the email went out approximately a week ago, a week and a half ago. And we should be we should have that put to bed. We'll boil it down there, having to do ongoing reporting with us and being subject to fees. As part of the fees issue, I did note to them that we're not a county funded entity, that we are funded through our own operations, and that there's been a significant increase in the amount of ongoing administrative acts that we have to take, accordingly administrative and we're beginning to pass some of that onto our project applicants, which is permitted under our documents. So that's the status on Gardner Library.

[00:11:58] James Malcolm

You know what? That that just raises an interesting, I got a circle back to it. One of the things this group was going to do was work with economic development as far as mentoring. And it seems to have fallen to the wayside, which I don't really, I don't know what's involved. Not pointing any fingers at our group, and I know we've been busy, but I would ask the CEO to maybe bring it up again when she speaks with economic development. This was this big, quote unquote, partnering between the county and US and Kumbayah and all of that and on here and now, and this is stuff from applicants that's already out there. But it's consistent, it continues. It's it's not the exception. It's the rule. And I got to believe somehow some way, whether they embrace it, at least we can say to them, if we get to this point, look, we went the extra mile to make you aware and remind you and teach you. So I think would you be the CEO to look into it? Just makes sense. So, Rose, if you get a free minute out of the twenty five thousand and you work a day, you know.

[00:13:26] Rose Woodworth

I do want to say that I did speak to them about talking to applicants and projects. I think it made a big difference, honestly, to have sort of that training session that I had with them a couple a month or two ago. And then I've also made a real, real effort. Every time I talk to anybody that's even remotely interested that I explain that it's an annual commitment to us. Right. You're not done once you get through the application process. So I am trying to make sure we educate them up front, because you're right, there is obviously something missing.

[00:14:04] James Malcolm

And most people hear what they want to hear when they want to hear it.

[00:14:08] Rose Woodworth

Yeah.

[00:14:09] James Malcolm

So a continual reminder to people never hurts. And in that way, you know, I come off the school of document, document, document when someone says I wasn't aware of it, say, well, you know, we sent you X amount of emails. We we reached out. And again, I know maybe it's a letter that can be generated to each brand new applicant or someone who receives a benefit from this IDA as a reminder, whatever. I don't want to make it a part of the the UTP, but maybe we have to.

[00:14:45] Rose Woodworth

No, I think it's a good idea. I think maybe we make sort of a cheat sheet. Certainly everything's in the closing documents from Joe Scotts firm, but the closing documents are literally this thick. So maybe there's you know, we can work together to come up with some kind of cheat sheet that I'm working on.

[00:15:05] James Malcolm

Diane.

[00:15:06] Diane Eynon

Yeah, Rose it made me think maybe just a checklist every year, like at the end of this is what you have, you may already do that, but just a simple checklist, the one pager.

[00:15:14] James Malcolm

I think you're right. I think you're right. But if they don't think we're looking at it, then they certainly aren't going to come forward. And I'm not characterizing people in a negative way. It's just not in the front of your mind and it's not in front of your mind, so good stuff. Rose, thank you. Appreciate it.

[00:15:33] Speaker1

Oh, there's... Sorry was there some more on that one?

[00:15:37] James Malcolm

Rick raised his hand. He has something he wanted to ask you.

[00:15:42] Richard Jones

Yeah, I just wanted to ask Rose, and then I forgot something from the financial, financials I wanted to mention. So if I could Rose, there was going to be, we had talked about one meeting or two meetings ago, a letter going out to Westchester Medical Center. And if you could just during your report, give an update on that. And then before you do that, if I may Chair, just to finish up on the financials.

[00:16:08] James Malcolm

Absolutely.

[00:16:09] Richard Jones

I've become aware of, as I think some members of the board, that both of our attorneys have expended quite a bit of money on the Kingstonian project. And the work that they've done over the last year are substantial enough to go into the details. But I just want to. They make a motion that we acknowledge that get those bills before the end of the year. OK, get those two off to the Kingstone for payment.

[00:16:39] James Malcolm

And I think that that that's good, Rick. I think we had something like that in mind. But I appreciate you shedding some light on that. Thank you.

[00:16:48] Daniel Savona

Rose Rose, Viking Industries. It was a question a couple of weeks ago. Did you guys resolve that?

[00:16:57] Rose Woodworth

It's my understanding that we did.

[00:17:00] Daniel Savona

Ok, good.

[00:17:02] James Malcolm

Anything else.

[00:17:05] Rose Woodworth

Yes. Just a few more things here. Sorry, guys. Long month every month. Spotted Dog Ventures. We're waiting on them to send back their sign forms. I know Joe Scott had a reminder in his calendar to remind them again to please get them back so that we can get it done before a year end. I'm going to try to contact SUNY Ulster and SUNY New Paltz. Again, I haven't heard anything about an intern. I really can imagine that it's going to be an issue trying to get somebody here in person, honestly, right now. I also met with another project yesterday that is going to try to finish filling out their application to submit to us and then try to be in for Prescreen and start the process in January. We've also scheduled a prescreen for next week for a project in Highland. Then I wanted to let you all know that we've begun site visits, as I've mentioned, some projects are really struggling, but some had honestly such amazing stories about how they've been adapting. And Diana and I got to sit through a really good meeting yesterday with one of our projects and about all the things they're doing to really. Except except what's going on and do the best that they can. And I wanted to, again, encourage you all to find a few of these visits that you can attend, and I'll send out a list of what's still open and available, because I do know that all of the board members who have attended have honestly found it very valuable. And then the last thing, which was what Rick was asking about was the West Chester Medical Center letter we have discussed. It has been prepared and staff and counsel are reviewing it.

[00:19:07] James Malcolm

Good stuff. Thank you. Any questions for their CEO? If I could get a motion to accept as presented. (inaudible) OK, I'll make the motion. Do I have a second to accept the report as presented.

[00:19:25] Richard Jones

I'll second.

[00:19:28] James Malcolm

All those in favor?

[00:19:29] All

Aye.

[00:19:31] James Malcolm

Thank you committee reports Audit.

[00:19:34] Diane Eynon

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We'll start with the audit update. If you can go to page 16 it's the Loewke Brill, Inness has this month, as of November, monthly compliance rate was average was ninety one percent. So again, it continues to trend in a positive direction. Last month it was eighty two percent compliance. So we continue to check that. And as I said, it's trending in the right direction. The second thing from the audit committee is in previous meetings we've talked about three proposed changes that the board agreed to in terms of if you go to page sorry, if you go to schedule A on, starts on page 17, the schedule A is on page twenty to twenty one. We talked about three changes to the fee schedule. The first was to include an additional two thousand dollar deposit to cover the cost of background checks. This is part of the application fees and deposits to come offset our cost with the idea that any project related expenses, once they were all completed, the applicant would have the remaining balance if there was any back to them. The second change that we discussed was the transfer of ownership of an existing project and that the transfer fee would be between zero point five percent and one percent of the change in project value at the board's discretion. And that would be dependent on the details of the actual transfer of ownership. And then the third change that we recommended and discussed with the board was under recurring annual fees that we do an additional five hundred dollars annually for each additional tenant that the project has. So council put together the schedules. I think, Rose, I believe we have to pass and approve the these three policy changes to the fee schedule.

[00:21:44] Rose Woodworth

Yeah.

[00:21:44] James Malcolm

Well, let's look at the motion first in a second and then under discussion and then we'll move the vote chair. So I need a motion to accept and concur with the recommendations by audit on fee schedule guidelines. Do I have a motion?

[00:21:59] Faye Storms

I'll make that motion.

[00:22:01] James Malcolm

Thank you Faye, I appreciate that. Do I have a second?

[00:22:04] Richard Jones

All second,

[00:22:05] James Malcolm

Thank you, Rick. Now on the question. Anyone with questions for the chair or concerns or comments on the potential changes. There being none, I'll move the vote and asked for a roll call vote, I believe, CEO.

[00:22:25] Rose Woodworth

Yep, James Malcolm.

[00:22:29] James Malcolm

Yes.

[00:22:31] Rose Woodworth

Faye Storms.

[00:22:32] Faye Storms

Yes.

[00:22:33] Rose Woodworth

Diane Eynon.

[00:22:35] Diane Eynon

Yes.

[00:22:37] Rose Woodworth

Michael Ham is absent, Orlando Rees had to step out, so he is absent for this vote. Daniel Savona.

[00:22:46] Daniel Savona

Yes.

[00:22:47] Rose Woodworth

I read it again. OK. And Richard Jones.

[00:22:55] Richard Jones

Yes.

[00:22:55] Rose Woodworth

Thank you.

[00:22:56] James Malcolm

We have a quorum, we took a vote and it passes. I'll turn it back over to you Chair.

[00:23:03] Diane Eynon

Thank you. And last thing I wanted to share is Rose and I and Rick met with our audit firm yesterday as we move into a new yearly contract with them or contract with them. And I think it was a really productive conversation. We had an opportunity to give them an update on what we've been up to in the past year and anticipating things for next year and have a pretty good schedule and plan together for doing all the work that needs to be done with them to prepare our reports in a timely fashion. So I think it was a productive meeting. I think it was a good thing to do. And I don't know, Rick, anything you want to add to that?

[00:23:45] Richard Jones

No, I think it was we gave him a heads up about the things that have been going on all through 2020, changes we've made since last time we dealt with them. And then I had to jump off the meeting. But I think there's a schedule that's being prepared as to the next steps over the next three months to do the audit review and work with you on the PARIS report.

[00:23:45] Diane Eynon

Correct.

[00:23:45] Richard Jones

So everything sounds like it's going to be pretty smooth this year. I know, Rose you've been talking to the project's about getting their reports in on time. So you may want to comment on that question mark.

[00:24:29] Rose Woodworth

Yeah, it is something that we talk about it every single site visit. And I think that everybody understands a little bit more after we've been through this last year. And I certainly hope that it's a bit smoother trying to get the information this year.

[00:24:47] Diane Eynon

(inaudible) Chair that completes my report for audit committee.

[00:24:55] James Malcolm

Can I get a motion to accept the report of the audit committee as presented? I'll make that motion. Can I get a second. I'll make that motion too.

[00:25:06] Faye Storms

I'll second.

[00:25:08] James Malcolm

I appreciate that. Anyone on the question, all those in favor.

[00:25:15] All

Aye.

[00:25:16] James Malcolm

Opposed. Thank you. Brings us to finance. Faye.

[00:25:20] Faye Storms

No Finance Committee meeting this month, so I have nothing to report unless Rose has anything to say.

[00:25:27] James Malcolm

I think we should all get together, put a dollar in and get a Powerball or a mega million ticket that will have finances taken care of. And we'll give the tickets to Rick.

[00:25:44] Diane Eynon

If you're going to be retired, you need to be in charge that.

[00:25:48] James Malcolm

I can't be in charge of myself Faye. Trust me. OK, well, the chair governance is in here, but he is seated, is tied to our CEO. So please, Rose.

[00:26:01] Rose Woodworth

Thanks, Jimmy. So last month, we did have these policies on the agenda, but they were a motion was missed. So we just need to be sure to go back through them and make the motions and vote on them one more time to just make sure it's correct on the record. It's the property disposition policy on page twenty seven. The only thing that changed, just as a reminder, was the one of the words in the very last sentence on page 30, all the way down at the bottom that the designated contracting officer is the chief executive officer. And that's literally just to put it in line with our bylaws. So, Jimmy, if you could call for motion and a vote on that.

[00:26:47] James Malcolm

Can I call for the motion and a vote on the that.

[00:26:50] Diane Eynon

Motion.

[00:26:51] James Malcolm

Can I have a second. Dan Savona is that second?

[00:26:51] Daniel Savona

I'll second that.

[00:26:55] James Malcolm

Anyone on the question? No. All those in favor.

[00:27:00] All

Aye.

[00:27:00] James Malcolm

Opposed. Carried. Thank you.

[00:27:06] Rose Woodworth

Also, the policy on routine job, same issue. So if you recall, we just created the sentence that was in line with what we've already done and been doing. We just wanted it in writing. So Jimmy a motion for that as well.

[00:27:21] James Malcolm

The motion to (inaudible).

[00:27:23] Richard Jones

I'll make the motion.

[00:27:24] James Malcolm

I have a motion to I have a second.

[00:27:27] Diane Eynon

Second.

[00:27:27] James Malcolm

I have a second on a question, anyone? no. All those in favor?

[00:27:31] All

Aye.

[00:27:32] James Malcolm

Opposed. Carried. Thank you.

[00:27:34] Daniel Savona

I don't like it.

[00:27:36] James Malcolm

OK, well, who hesitates is lost, you're out.

[00:27:43] Rose Woodworth

But are you voting no?

[00:27:46] Daniel Savona

Yeah, I didn't get it. Yeah, I'm not crazy about that. I'm not crazy about that part of this going on record as voting on it, so.

[00:27:55] James Malcolm

Share why you're not crazy with it,

[00:27:59] Daniel Savona

Because they say I think because they think it's a broader definition than what it's being reduced. I think a term project can be a heartbeat to a certain economically depressed area, which, when developed, can help with job retention in the area, and I don't want that to be discounted moving forward. I understand, you know, job retention is going to move, they're going to move out of the state. I understand that. But I also think job retention in an economically depressed area when we bring a project in can also help retain jobs in that area other than just the immediate project.

[00:28:50] James Malcolm

I mean, it's it's valuable what you say, but, you know, there's a small and insignificant but significant difference when you talk about retention versus creation of jobs. So there's a little bit that that's under, you know, that would be under a different policy. I mean, if someone leaves, you're taking the jobs with them, if somebody else comes in and they're creating them. So...

[00:29:15] Daniel Savona

I know. I understand that. I understand. But I just want to give a project to give a project, a project that's going to come to an economically depressed area. And one of the things that they can qualify is that they will help, you know, retain jobs in the area. And I think I don't think that should be dismissed.

[00:29:42] Rose Woodworth

Danny.

[00:29:43] James Malcolm

Jobs would have to be created first before you can retain them. If somebody decides tomorrow the widget corporation to leave and take a thousand jobs and retention.

[00:29:54] Daniel Savona

I don't, I agree. I just I job creation and job and retention. I think, you know, I think they can go hand in hand with a certain project and I think it should be dismissed or overlooked. Just my, go ahead Rose.

[00:30:07] James Malcolm

Honestly, I think we should we should note that and you were your no vote and nothing is ever written in stone here. I mean, things can go back to governance changes in policy. So...

[00:30:23] Daniel Savona

All right.(inaudible) I'm not saying what's right or wrong. It's just how I feel about it. And I don't want to paint ourselves into a corner by changing the verbiage of that and saying it only stands for this. So I think it's up for interpretation as well.

[00:30:41] Rose Woodworth

Danny, I want to explain to I understand what you're saying. The purpose of this is not to discount that. I mean, that's certainly something that can be taken into consideration when weighing in on a project as a whole. But the purpose of this definition was strictly for the matrix so that when someone gets points for retaining jobs, there's a specific count on exactly how many jobs they're retaining. And that's what this definition is referring to. That's all.

[00:31:08] Daniel Savona

Ok, so in that perspective, Yes, in that perspective, yes. I understand where you're coming from.

[00:31:15] James Malcolm

Ok, that's what we're about is dialogue. So let's let the record show the vote count. And thank you for weighing in, sir.

[00:31:24] Daniel Savona

You're welcome.

[00:31:25] Rose Woodworth

So that's a no. Still, I just want to clarify. So I write it correctly.

[00:31:29] Daniel Savona

Yes.

[00:31:30] Rose Woodworth

OK.

[00:31:30] Daniel Savona

Yes.

[00:31:30] Rose Woodworth

Thank you.

[00:31:32] James Malcolm

Yes to no.

[00:31:33] Daniel Savona

Yes to no. Yes to no, James.

[00:31:38] Rose Woodworth

Thank you.

[00:31:39] Richard Jones

So I guess it's a no.

[00:31:39] Rose Woodworth

And then the last thing was, again, the organizational chart we did go over at last meeting. There's literally nothing different from it. It was just a matter of how it's voted on. That's on page thirty two. We revised it to remove the executive director and accurately reflect the way we're doing business now. So we would need a vote motion and a vote on that to please.

[00:32:05] James Malcolm

Can I have a motion to confer with the recommendation? Danny, would you like to make that?

[00:32:09] Daniel Savona

I will make that motion, James.

[00:32:12] Richard Jones

I'll second.

[00:32:14] Faye Storms

I'll second that.

[00:32:15] James Malcolm

Thank you, Rick. Rick, thank you. Anyone on the question. All those in favor.

[00:32:21] All

Aye.

[00:32:22] James Malcolm

Danny? Aye, I thought you were muted.

[00:32:28] Rose Woodworth

For the last part of Mr. Ham's report is that the governance committee is meeting again on January 13th at nine a.m. Again, if in person, it'll be in the county building, but it's probably not and it will be via zoom at that meeting. That's where we'll go over as much as we can on the plate for governance, but also to review the proposals and hold interviews with the council that sent back their proposals for the RFP that we sent out. And that's it for Mike's report.

[00:33:09] James Malcolm

Ok, I get emotional, accept the governance report.

[00:33:13] Faye Storms

I'll make a motion to accept the governor's report.

[00:33:16] James Malcolm

Thank you, Faye. Can I get a second?

[00:33:16] Daniel Savona

Second.

[00:33:22] James Malcolm

Thank you. Anyone on a question, all those in favor.

[00:33:27] All

Aye.

[00:33:28] James Malcolm

Opposed. Carried, I keep see whenever he gets up that lasagna thing behind him and it's like in the movies when they run that thing around, it's just popcorn. You really can't see it and you want to get popcorn, so. All right.

[00:33:39] Daniel Savona

(inaudible).

[00:33:44] James Malcolm

Ok, that brings us to all business status spending projects.

[00:33:50] Rose Woodworth

Joe Eriole are you. I hit the unmute justin case.

[00:33:59] Joe Eriole

Yes sorry. So, you know, this hasn't changed in the recent past, as all of you know, as the chairman has mentioned, I think it's going to change soon. But this report's pretty straightforward. Wild Berry has not moved forward the Kingstonian and is, of course, has been front and center. You know what the status is? It's at least on hold, I would say. And Joe Scott is, you know, has taken the lead lately. And I don't know whether you want to add anything, Joe, but I think that's a strategic discussion for them at the moment, that that's where we are.

[00:34:34] Richard Jones

Joe do you know whether or not Wildbury is even alive and kicking?

[00:34:38] James Malcolm

And I know, Rick, to tell you that they're alive and kicking. I know the principles in a project. And it seems to be a local governmental matter. You know, the local government in New Paltz, whether fairly or unfairly, is being characterized in a certain way. But I haven't been to the meeting, so I couldn't tell you. But I know the developer wants to move forward with it.

[00:35:01] Richard Jones

Ok, thank you, Jim.

[00:35:03] James Malcolm

I was very that was very good, wasn't it, Rick?

[00:35:05] Richard Jones

It was excellent.

[00:35:10] James Malcolm

Ok, new business. I see Charlie still here if you want to let him in. Rose.

[00:35:17] Rose Woodworth

Yes, he's here. Let me make sure I can unmuted him and asked you for unmute Charlie. OK, so on page thirty four, just to set it up, you have a letter here from Mr. Blakeman and we can let him speak to it.

[00:35:35] James Malcolm

I don't want to read the letter.

[00:35:37] Rose Woodworth

No, no. Mr. Blakeman.

[00:35:40] James Malcolm

Charlie you there.

[00:35:41] Charlie Blakeman

Yeah, I'm here. How you.

[00:35:44] James Malcolm

Are you sure it's you?

[00:35:46] Charlie Blakeman

I hope so.

[00:35:50] James Malcolm

Please go ahead, sir.

[00:35:52] Charlie Blakeman

No, I mean, I basically I was asking for a bit of an extension. And truthfully, what I said in the letter, I believe that, you know, ever since the COVID started, we really had to reduce crews. We had to keep, at the beginning for the first four months, basically one crew at a time and in a building. I mean, usually you would have all trades working together and we really couldn't do that, or we would have people in different parts of the building working in the same building. But it really slowed down the whole process. So. Basically, we're a couple of months away from having ordered everything we need for the project, and I was asking for if we could just get extended. I know that I was denied that the first time, but I attempted to explain it a little further. And hopefully you guys can see that was an issue and you couldn't get me a bit of an extension. That's basically it.

[00:37:00] Richard Jones

How much time do you need, Charlie?

[00:37:02] Charlie Blakeman

Well, I was asking for another 60 days. Obviously, some of the furniture might take longer, but what if that's the case, I'll live with it and I'll just do what I can. But the major materials like plumbing and some HVAC stuff, I would definitely be able to order within the next 60 days or even less. But the furniture. That might be a little longer, but look, I'll take what I can get.

[00:37:30] James Malcolm

Well, Charlie, you know what? We do everything we can to set guidelines because you have to have parameters for people to work within.

[00:37:37] Charlie Blakeman

Of course.

[00:37:39] James Malcolm

I would I'm not going to debate your reasoning or whatever, but I will tell you that I've seen two projects in Dutchess County where two billion dollars with hundreds of trades people working on them all the way through it. So. Well, that being the case, we're not going to revisit that. That's that's an issue for any developer. I think what I would ask one of our board members is to first of all, I'll go around and weigh in with them and then we'll ask for a recommendation and make a motion on this. You can stay right there, Rick.

[00:38:20] Richard Jones

Yeah, I'll go look at the projects, come to us two or three times. I'm OK with giving them three months. That's short. He said, 60 but 60. Make it three months. But that's it. And I'd like to see a motion include the caveat that we need a letter from the HVKD that this is it. They won't be back to the trial for another exemption. So three months and they're done asking for extensions.

[00:38:53] James Malcolm

I'm going to ask you Rick, first to put that in the form of a motion.

[00:38:56] Richard Jones

Sure. I'll make a motion for the board, before the board that we approve a three month extension for HKVD or HVKD Day sorry. Sales exemption be extended for three months. That would be the last extension the board will grant. And we wish a letter from Mr. Blakeman immediately, if not sooner, stating the fact that they won't be back to us for another extension.

[00:39:23] James Malcolm

He's an understanding. All right. Can I get a second on that?

[00:39:26] Daniel Savona

I'll second that. I'll second that.

[00:39:29] James Malcolm

Is there any discussion out there, Dr. D.?

[00:39:31] Diane Eynon

No, thank you.

[00:39:32] James Malcolm

Orlando.

[00:39:34] Orlando Reece

No, thank you.

[00:39:35] James Malcolm

Dan.

[00:39:35] Daniel Savona

Yeah. Get everything ordered buddy. You got 90 days to get everything finished.

[00:39:42] Charlie Blakeman

Ok.

[00:39:42] James Malcolm

So Faye, you want to weigh in?

[00:39:45] Faye Storms

No.

[00:39:46] James Malcolm

OK. And there you go, I had my bite at the apple, so I have a motion and a second. There being no more discussion of move the vote, all those in favor of granting the the three months without a return, please signify by saying or do we need a roll-call?

[00:40:06] Rose Woodworth

Yeah, we typically do. James Malcolm.

[00:40:12] James Malcolm

Yes.

[00:40:13] Rose Woodworth

Faye Storms.

[00:40:14] James Malcolm

Yes.

[00:40:16] Rose Woodworth

Diane Eynon.

[00:40:17] Diane Eynon

Yes.

[00:40:19] Rose Woodworth

Michael Ham is absent Orlando Reece.

[00:40:22] Orlando Reece

Yes.

[00:40:23] Rose Woodworth

Daniel Savona.

[00:40:25] Daniel Savona

Yes.

[00:40:26] Rose Woodworth

Richard Jones.

[00:40:27] Richard Jones

Yes.

[00:40:31] Rose Woodworth

That's it.

[00:40:32] James Malcolm

Ok. Best of luck, Charlie.

[00:40:34] Charlie Blakeman

Thank you very much. I really appreciate it.

[00:40:36] Daniel Savona

You're welcome. Merry Christmas.

[00:40:38] Charlie Blakeman

Thank you. Same to you. Happy snow day. Bye, Bye.

[00:40:43] James Malcolm

Moving forward under new business, the PPE grants for Board consideration.

[00:40:59] Rose Woodworth

So there was just there was one small note here, nothing significant for you all, but just for our procedures and for New York state law. As, you know, anybody over 50 employees cannot get the PPE grant through the IDA, but could through the CRC. So we had to ask for a full time equivalent calculation's. Hudson Valley Sports Dome was unable to provide that calculation, and it made honestly complete sense. The issue was that they didn't actually have anybody working at that point, as you can imagine, with sports, dome would not be open during the second quarter. So what they did is they usually have five employees. I don't know the FTE levels for that pay period because they use the PPP funds to just pay the employees bonuses. So they were paying their employees as they could, even though they were not working. So that's the only note. And I have nothing else to know on any of these.

[00:42:02] Richard Jones

Rose what they're asking for in terms of the grant. The money was used and is going to be was used, for masking, and all of that has nothing to do with paying salaries.

[00:42:16] Rose Woodworth

No, it doesn't. I just want you to know that that's why there's no FTE calculation. They did try to comply with what we're asking. They just truly couldn't.

[00:42:24] Richard Jones

Thank you.

[00:42:27] James Malcolm

All right, so everybody is in compliance with their application.

[00:42:32] Rose Woodworth

Yes.

[00:42:33] James Malcolm

Has the board had a chance to look these over.

[00:42:35] Richard Jones

Yes.

[00:42:36] James Malcolm

Did you should we do it individually or could we do it in one big sweeping motion,

[00:42:41] Rose Woodworth

One big motion,

[00:42:43] James Malcolm

Make a motion recommendation to grant these PPE applications, help.

[00:42:51] Orlando Reece

I make a motion we..

[00:42:56] James Malcolm

Got you. All right. Can I have a second? Dan Savona, thank you. I thought, you're giving me a look between the lines there for a second, Danny is making me a little nervous.

[00:43:07] Orlando Reece

Or holiday peace.

[00:43:08] James Malcolm

Yeah, yeah. Okay. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

[00:43:16] All

Aye.

[00:43:16] James Malcolm

Opposed. Carried. Thank you. OK, that brings us to public comment agenda items only.

[00:43:29] Rose Woodworth

I don't have anybody asking for comment. I'm going to ask I want to make sure Bill, Bill is in here and I just hit unmute on him to make sure he has no comment.

[00:43:40] Bill Kembel

No comment, thank you.

[00:43:42] Speaker2

Thanks, Bill.

[00:43:46] James Malcolm

(inaudible)OK, that brings us to I need a motion to adjourn.

[00:43:50] Faye Storms

I'll make the motion to adjourn.

[00:43:52] James Malcolm

Ok, so anybody need a break prior to going into the CRC?

[00:43:59] Daniel Savona

Do it.

[00:44:01] Faye Storms

Do it.

[00:44:01] James Malcolm

We're ready to go with that as well. Thank you.

[00:44:03] Rose Woodworth

Ok, hold on one second because we have to stop the recording and start again and. Aaron.

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