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**Chairman: Lee Gridley \* Vice-Chairman: Dale Foster \* Secretary: James Ninos**

**Allegany County Planning Board Minutes: January 16, 2019**

**Members Present:** Brian Fanton, Dale Foster, Jon Gorton, Lee Gridley, James Ninos, Valerie Perkins, John Stoltzfus, Paula Van Dyke, Larry Kaminski  
**Guests:** Gary Barnes, Tim Boyde, John Cady, Curt & Cathy Crandall, Dave Decker, Michelle Denhoff, Bill Dibble, Kier Dirlam, Phoebe Fanton, Darwin & Melody Fanton, Dwight Fanton, Gayle Foster, Phyllis Gaerte, David Glead, Karl & Patty Graves, Gretchen Hanchett, Mike Hassett, Mike Healy, Carissa Knapp, Nancy Kirby, Shirley Mullen, Paul Mills, Karrie Edwards, Kathryn Ross, Debra Root, Lisa & Tom Schmitt, Wendy & Donald Skinner, Alex Smith, Reita Sobeck-Lynch, Keith & Adrienne Stanley, Phil Stockin, Tammy Stoltzfus, Peter Wade, Kevin & Jennifer White, Bill & Cathleen Whitfield, Judith Hopkins, Linda Clayson  
**Location:** Off-Duty Club, Belmont, New York

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Chairman Lee Gridley provided opening greetings to attendees and distinguished guests of the Annual Allegany County Planning Board dinner and business meeting.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debra Root.
- C. The Invocation was led by Phyllis Gaerte
- D. Following a delicious buffet dinner, Chairman Lee Gridley convened the business meeting.
- E. The official business meeting was called to order at 7:57 PM by Chairman Lee Gridley.

**II. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:**

- A. James Ninos introduced the planning board members by district.
  - a. District 1: Valerie Perkins and Jean Louis Roederer (not present)
  - b. District 2: Paula VanDyke and {vacant}
  - c. District 3: John Stoltzfus and {vacant}
  - d. District 4: Lee Gridley, Dale Foster and Bryan Fanton
  - e. District 5: Jon Gorton and Jim Ninos
- B. Nominating Committee Report: Chair of the Nominating Committee, James Ninos presented the following slate of officers for 2019:
  - a. Chairman: Lee Gridley
  - b. Vice Chair: Dale Foster
  - c. Secretary: James Ninos

**On a motion by Paula VanDyke and seconded by Bryan Fanton, the planning board members voted to close nominations and for the secretary to cast one vote for the proposed slate of officers for 2019. Motion passed.**

- C. J. Ninos presented awards as an appreciation of their service to Larry Kaminski and Bill Emrick (not present). He also thanked the planning board members and planning staff.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Dale Foster, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Ninos, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.**

County Director of Planning Kier Dirlam facilitated the introductions of attendees, county, town, and village planning board members and distinguished guests.

### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Director of Planning Kier Dirlam gave a short presentation about the activities and accomplishments in the Planning, Development and Tourism areas throughout the County for 2018.

Following Director Dirlam's presentation, Chairman of the Legislative Board, Curt Crandall, said a few words thanking all the volunteers that serve on committees similar to this one.

### **GUEST PROGRAM**

**"Turning Our Location into an Asset":** presented to attendees by Shirley Mullen, President of Houghton College.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Director Dirlam reviewed the General Municipal Law Section 239 Referral pamphlet and reminded those present that the County Planning Board does not get as many referral as they should according the law. He encouraged attendees to take extra pamphlets to their town and village boards to share the information.

County Administrator Tim Boyde provided closing remarks for the evening, pointing out the beauty of Allegany County and how much he appreciates the residents and the rural nature here.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Denhoff – Planning & Development Specialist