

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018
1:30 P.M.
ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT TERMINAL

PRESENT: John S. Vero, Chairman
James M. Kulisek, James O'Donnell, Harry J. Porr, III, George Casale, James Zock

ALSO

PRESENT: Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Travis B. Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Division
Edward Magryta, Director of Aviation, Orange County Airport

Mr. Vero opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Denega who was absent and Mr. O'Donnell who arrived at 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Vero addressed the committee stating that the town and village water and sewer projects passed in the Physical Services committee unanimously. The legislative requests were as follows: one "Resolution making an appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$900,000.00 for Orange County Airports water connection to the Town of Montgomery" and two "Resolution making an appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$600,000.00 for Orange County Airports sewer connection to the village of Montgomery." The \$900,000.00 would be added to the \$1.5 million grant application that is due on Friday, June 29, 2018 and they are working on supporting documentation for the grant application including a letter of support from the Airport Advisory committee.

Mr. Magryta added that it would be beneficial to receive an endorsement or findings from the various committees such as resolutions, agendas and minutes. They have received a letter of support from Assemblyman Brian Miller and are waiting on similar letters from Senator William Larkin, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec and County Executive Neuhaus that would be added to the application. Some of this could be subject to change but they must submit something preliminarily. He has verified with the state that they could receive \$1.5 million from the grant with the residual coming from the county with an automatic 10% responsibility and/or \$150,000.00.

Mr. Vero added that one legislator expressed concern with spending \$900,000.00 and suggested they take additional time and look back. He explained that by doing so they would risk losing the \$1.5 million.

Mr. Porr asked if they would construct both projects at the same time. Mr. Magryta replied that they would try to get both projects started as soon as possible but the state could take up to six months to decide on the water grant application. For that reason, he would say that sewer would start before the water. Once the IMA is completed with the village and the financing issue has been determined a bid would be prepared for the actual work. He would estimate that the work would not begin until the spring but the administrative part would be started in the winter with an additional extension being submitted.

Mr. Vero asked if the April 2019 deadline still applies for the existing sewer grant if an extension is not done. Mr. Magryta replied that it is April 1, 2019 and would assume that a completed bid would need to be in place for the project to commence.

Legislative Counsel Reed added that by bringing both the water and sewer lines down they have large parcels of land that could also benefit. The question was whether could they recoup some of their expenses from the landowners.

Mr. Vero added the question is who will own the sewer line and who would be in charge of the maintenance, Orange County and/or the village and town of Montgomery and should a shared percentage be included in the IMA.

Legislative Counsel Reed explained that Legislator Tautel made an interesting observation and because they are applying for the grant and the assumption being that they would be our lines. But how would that impact their ability to get grant funds if they would be handing them over to another municipality. That would be something that would need to be reviewed by the law department and the airport director.

Discussion continued on getting water and sewer to the airport, maintenance of the lines, forced main sewer line, gravity flow, line would be tied into connection on Chandler Lane, parcels abilities to tie into the line, option of running the sewer line on the perimeter road and eliminate Dunn Rd, connection fees, potential wells on Clinton Street in the village of Montgomery, Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA), hangar grant application, hangar occupancy, leasing options, leasers improvements to hangars, wait list for commercial hangars, possible charter service, hangar door issues, proposed and future hangars in the masterplan, time frame for future hangars, private funding versus municipal funding, dependency on water and endorsements from both the village and town of Montgomery.

The committee went on to discuss the time frame for a grant application, delegation of workload, legacy issues with documents in masterplan, extension of sewer grant, time frame for completion of new masterplan, size and scope of the runway project, SEQRA, economic development for the airport and county, return on investment, tour of new runway, disagreement with FAA on the advisory circular language and closure of runway for 30 days, possible delay in the last phase until the spring of 2019, possible litigation due to closure, possibly leave old runway open until final phase is completed, cleanup of south end, loss of revenue, understanding of tenants, supporting documents for grant application, two successful grants since 2012, grant for a new masterplan and new signage for the Orange County Airport.

The committee recommended the following.

- I. The committee fully supports and recommends that they proceed with the water grant application with the Town of Montgomery and the two bond resolutions that passed unanimously through the Physical Services committee on Monday, June 25, 2018.
- II. That a letter of support from the Airport Advisory committee, copies of the two proposed Bond Resolutions, minutes from the Airport Advisory committee meeting from May 30, 2018, minutes from the Physical Services committee meeting from June 25, 2018 and the minutes from the Ways and Means committee meeting on June 26, 2018 and the Legislative Session agenda for July 2, 2018 be submitted to Mr. Magryta and included with the grant application.

- III. That Mr. Magryta include any corresponding documentation received from the village and town of Montgomery endorsing the projects.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.