

**TOWN OF CLARENCE, ERIE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MINUTES

February 18, 2016

Clayt Ertel called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Present were Susan Ballard, Elaine Wolfe, David Schuster, Michael Buettner, Mary Powell and Clayt Ertel. Chris Kempton was absent as he was out of town. Also present were Paul Leone, Nathan Neill, Larry Meckler, Pamela CuvIELLO, and Cynthia Rosel. There was one guest, Beth O'Keefe, ECIDA Bus. Development Officer. Carl Calabrese was present to give a brief presentation on the CBC.

Minutes of January 17, 2016.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2016 meeting by Mary Powell and a second by Elaine Wolfe. There was nothing on the question.

**Vote: Ayes: Ballard, Wolfe, Schuster, Buettner, Powell, Ertel. Noes: None
Recuse: None. Absent: Kempton. Unanimous.**

Treasurer's Report.

David Schuster went over the Financial Report through February 18, 2016. Mr. Schuster went over the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement. There were no revenues received to date. The total expense to date is \$14,690.67. These are the normal expenses at the beginning of the year. Net Ordinary Income is -14,690.67. Interest income is \$70.16. Net income is -14620.51. There will be a closing on the Rockledge project soon. The income will be around \$3,000+/- range. There being nothing further there was a motion by Elaine Wolfe with a second by Susan Ballard to accept the Treasurer's Report through February 18, 2016. There was nothing on the question.

**Vote: Ayes: Ballard, Wolfe, Schuster, Buettner, Powell, Ertel. Noes: None
Recuse: None. Absent: Kempton. Unanimous.**

Carl Calabrese – Masiello, Martucci and Calabrese & Associates.

Mr. Calabrese was invited to the meeting to give an update on the Coalition for Community Building (CCB). Mr. Calabrese handed out an Agenda on the topics he would be discussing. He spoke regarding the sweeping restrictions and regulations that Gov. Cuomo was proposing in

2015-16 and the NYS Legislatures efforts to restrict the operations of local IDA's. The other topics he addressed were the ECIDA Policy Committee proposed policies including the Social Justice Agenda Policy being recommended. Mr. Calabrese's Agenda also spoke about the Adaptive Re-Use Forum that was held with developers; Wetland Regulations; the Community Choice Act and Governing Principles. Mr. Calabrese also discussed some of the other functions of the CBC such as giving testimony before the State Senate/Assembly and the Erie County Legislature; the ECIDA Policy Committee and the ECIDA Social Justice Agenda and Public Relations to promote local IDA's.

The discussion continued with the possibility of the CIDA joining the CBC. The Board thanked Mr. Calabrese for coming in to give the Board an update on the CBC's activities and accomplishments.

New Business.

Mr. Leone reported that he will be meeting with the pallet company on the New Buffalo Shirt property. Mary Powell will recuse herself from the discussion.

Old Business.

Mr. Neill had a resolution regarding the Savant Properties LLC and Andreozzi, Bluestein, Weber et al Project. The project cost has increased and they are looking for an extension on the sales tax exemption. The mortgage amount will be unchanged.

There was a motion by Clayt Ertel with a second by Mary Powell to adopt the resolution as presented amending the prior resolution of August 21, 2014 to increase the project cost. There was nothing on the question.

Vote: Ayes: Ballard, Wolfe, Schuster, Buettner, Powell, Ertel. Noes: None Recuse: None. Absent: Kempton. Unanimous.

Main St. Corridor Economic Redevelopment Plan Steering Committee Charter.

There was brief discussion regarding the Charter that was prepared by Jonathan Bleuer and Brian Kulpa. Mr. Buettner thought it was very well written. Mary Powell had some issues with the Charter. She would like to see some clarification in the document. Mr. Bengart and Mary Powell will work together to make it clearer. A word document will be e-mailed to Mr. Bengart and Ms. Powell so they can work on it.

Mr. Ertel and Elaine Wolfe gave a brief report on the last meeting of the Steering Committee and what the plans are for the next couple of weeks. Mr. Ertel reminded the Board that they can attend the meetings if they would like to get a better insight. The meetings are the third Tuesday of every month...just prior to the CIDA meeting.

Mr. Ertel went back to the CBC group. There was discussion regarding the possibility of the CIDA re-joining the group. The cost is \$500 per month. The CIDA did join for 6 months and decided not to renew. Mr. Meckler spoke briefly and said that CIDA is governed by the State. All of the projects that the CIDA approves meet State requirements. The CIDA has been operating at a loss for the past several years. He is not recommending that the Board join or not join. He is just giving his opinion. There was further discussion, pro and con. Mr. Bengart agreed with Mr. Meckler and suggested that the Board discuss this further. Mary Powell also thought that this should be tabled and discussed this further. A decision does not have to be made today. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

There was a motion to reimburse Elaine Wolfe for the refreshment cost for the Steering Committee Meetings at a cost not to exceed \$50.00 per meeting. On the question, Ms. Wolfe will submit her receipt(s) to Pam Cuviallo for reimbursement. There was nothing on the question.

Vote: Ayes: Ballard, Wolfe, Schuster, Buettner, Powell, Ertel. Noes: None Recuse: None. Absent: Kempton. Unanimous.

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.