

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

**MINUTES
July 18, 2019**

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

Present at the meeting were Peter DiBiase, Robert Dixon, Patrick Johnson, Elaine Wolfe, and Clayt Ertel. Chris Kempton and Mary Powell were absent. Also, present were Paul Leone, Jennifer Strong, Steven Bengart, Peter DiCostanzo, Kimberly Ignatowski and Cynthia Rosel.

Minutes of June 20, 2019.

There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting by Patrick Johnson with a second by Elaine Wolfe. There was nothing on the question.

VOTE: Ayes: DiBiase, Dixon, Johnson, Wolfe, Ertel Noes: None
 Recuse: None Absent: Powell, Kempton. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Patrick Johnson, gave the financial report through July 18, 2019 reporting on the balances in the checking and money market accounts. Since the last meeting, there were no new revenues received. The total revenue received to date is \$32,223.89. Interest earned to date is in the amount of \$8,202.91. Expenses for this period is in the amount of \$1,571.00. Total expenses to date is in the amount of \$30,014.05. The Net Income to date is \$10,412. Mr. Ertel asked if there were any questions on the Treasurers' Report. There was a motion by Elaine Wolfe with a second by Peter DiBiase to accept the Treasurers Report. There was nothing on the question.

VOTE: Ayes: DiBiase, Dixon, Johnson, Wolfe, Ertel Noes: None
 Recuse: None Absent: Powell, Kempton. Motion Carried

Correspondence.

Ms. Rosel reported that there were two Public Hearing Notices e-mailed to the members that came from the Town of Amherst and the Town of Lancaster.

Old Business

Reconvene the Public Hearing on the 9074 Main Street Project.

The Chairman reconvened the public hearing of June 20, 2019. The public hearing was kept open as the project was before the Town Planning Board in the SEQR Process. Mr. Leone reminded the Board that applicant is requesting financial assistance of the Agency in the form of a lease only or lease with mortgage transaction in an amount not to exceed \$2,025,000. The assistance will include mortgage tax abatement, sales tax exemption and real property tax

abatement in accordance with existing Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and Guidelines, as amended. It will be a 7 year PILOT. An IMPLAN study was done. The applicant addressed the Board regarding the project at the Public Hearing. Mr. Leon added that Mr. Cortese, the applicant is present if anyone has any other questions regarding the project.

The Town Planning Board approved the project and the SEQR process was completed and received a Neg Dec.

Mr. Cortese added that he appreciated the Board considering the project and they are excited about getting started and moving to Clarence.

Jennifer Strong, Bond Counsel has prepared the Resolution authorizing the assistance to the project and passed copies out to the Board Members.

The Board is ready to go forward to consider incentivizing this project. Mr. Ertel asked if the Board had anything further. There being no further comments or discussion, there was a motion by Patrick Johnson with a second by Elaine Wolfe to adopt the Resolution as prepared by Ms. Strong authorizing Agency assistance to the 9074 Main Street, Giovinazzo Group 1951 LLC Project. There was nothing further on the question.

VOTE: Ayes: DiBiase, Dixon, Johnson, Wolfe, Ertel Noes: None
 Recuse: None Absent: Powell, Kempton. Motion Carried

Mr. Ertel thanked Mr. Cortese for attending the meeting. Mr. Leone added that he will be contacting Mr. Cortese regarding the paperwork that needs to be sent to the State regarding the project. Mr. Coreste thanked the Board members for their consideration and for approving the incentives. They are excited and eager to start the construction and move to Clarence.

New Business.

Mr. Leone reported that he met with a gentlemen regarding a brewery on Transit Road in the old Frontier Glass Building. It would be an eligible project as it would be manufacturing. He working with the dentistry project that would manufacture crowns. There are no applications on either of these projects as of yet. He will keep the Board advised.

Items not on the Agenda.

Mr. Ertel gave a report on the July 10, 2019 IDA Leadership Council Meeting. The Board members received a copy of the meeting agenda along with a final draft of the UTEP. Mr. Ertel went over the agenda items that were included in the final draft. Discussion followed.

Ms. Rosel also wanted to let the Board know that the Auditor from the State Comptroller's Office will be here the rest of this month and into August.

Public Comments.

None.

There being nothing further, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn by Elaine Wolfe with a second by Peter DiBiase. There was nothing on the question.

VOTE: Ayes: DiBiase, Dixon, Johnson, Wolfe, Ertel Noes: None
Recuse: None Absent: Powell, Kempton. Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia M. Rosel

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