

OWN OF CLARENCE, ERIE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2020 (Via ZOOM)

Chris Kempton called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Present were Robert Dixon, Elaine Wolfe, Mary Powell, Clayt Ertel and Chris Kempton. Peter DiBiase was not in attendance. Also present were Paul Leone, Larry Meckler, Steven Bengart, Jennifer Strong, Kimberly Ignatowski and Cynthia Rosel.

Minutes:

The Chairman asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting that was held via ZOOM. The minutes were e-mailed to the Board members. Mr. Kempton asked for a motion for approval of the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Mary Powell with a second by Clayt Ertel. There was nothing on the question.

Vote: Ayes: Dixon, Wolfe, Powell, Ertel, Kempton. Noes: None
Recuse: None. Absent. DiBiase Motion carried. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Kempton asked Kimberly Ignatowski to go over the financial report dated October 15, 2020. Ms. Ignatowski reported on the balances in the checking and money market accounts. There were no fees received for this period. Total Income to date is \$32,050.00 and total expenses to date amount to \$32,904.04. The net income is -852.04. Total interest earned is to date is \$6,851.05. The net total income is \$5,999.01. There being nothing further, Mr. Kempton asked for a motion to accept the financial report for October 15, 2020. Clayt Ertel moved to accept the financials with a second by Elaine Wolfe. On the question, Mary Powell asked what Bank the funds are in. Ms. Ignatowski answered it is the Bank on Buffalo which was the Bank of Akron. There was nothing further on the question.

Vote: Ayes: Dixon, Wolfe, Powell, Ertel, Kempton. Noes: None
Recuse: None. Absent. DiBiase Motion carried. Unanimous.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence. Ms. Rosel reminded the Board that due to the resignation of Patrick Johnson, there is one opening on the CIDA Board. Applications are available on the Town of Clarence website. Councilman DiCostanzo can announce that there is an opening at the next Town Board meeting.

New Business an Old Business:

Paul Leone has been continuing to meet with potential applicants on projects that may be eligible for CIDA incentives. There are no applications submitted yet. Paul has a meeting set up for Friday at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a possible project. Mr. Leone will keep the Chairman up-to-date on the meetings and the progress that is being made. He is also meeting with an

applicant is who is looking at another project on Main Street for a possible mixed use project. Mr. Leone asked if there are any questions.

Mr. Kempton asked what the status is on the Town being able to process applications and to move projects such as the ones Mr. Leone is working on through its process...is the Town open? Mr. Bengart answered that the Town is open and Mr. Meckler will be able to answer that question better than he could. Mr. Meckler answered that the Town is open. Jonathan Bleuer has taken over as the Director of Community Development as Jim Callahan retired at the end of September. The projects will be moving through Jonathan. Things are moving administratively and meeting will be resuming very soon.

Items Not on the Agenda.

The Chairman asked if anyone had anything they wanted to bring up under Items Not on the Agenda. Mr. Ertel wanted to raise the issue regarding the use of CIDA funds. There is a substantial balance of funds in the money market account. Mr. Ertel thought that there may be something the CIDA could use some of the monies for...maybe sewers. He asked that the Attorneys look into what the funds can and cannot be used for. Larry Meckler added that although there is a healthy balance, it is not enough by itself to provide funds for sewers. It may be possible but it may be too soon. This may be an area to look at in the future. Mr. Kempton would like the attorneys to look at what the restrictions are on what the CIDA can and cannot use the funds for. Mr. Kempton would also like Jonathan to come in at the December meeting to update the Board on what is going on with the Master Plan and Vision Main Street. Ms. Rosel will follow-up with Jonathan for the December meeting.

Public Comments.

None.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Clayt Ertel to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mary Powell. There was nothing further.

Vote: Ayes: Dixon, Wolfe, Powell, Ertel, Kempton. Noes: None
Recuse: None. Absent. DiBiase Motion carried. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2020