

TOWN OF CLARENCE, ERIE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES
September 20, 2018

Chris Kempton called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

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

Minutes of August 16, 2018 Meeting.

Mr. Kempton asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. There was a motion by Elaine Wolfe with a second by Mary Powell to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. There was nothing on the question.

Treasurer's Report.

Patrick Johnson went over the financial report as of September 20, 2018. Mr. Johnson reported on the balances in the checking and money market accounts. The Profit and Loss Statement shows revenues received through September 20, 2018 are in the amount of \$51,500. Interest earnings to date are \$3,037.13. Expenses to date are \$73,095.42. There is a Net Income to date of -18,558.29. There was a motion by Clayt Ertel with a second by Elaine Wolfe to accept the Treasurer's report through September 20, 2018. There was nothing on the question.

Vote: Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Wolfe, Powell, Ertel, Kempton. Noes: None
Absent: None. Recuse: None. Unanimous

Correspondence.

None.

Mr. Kempton mentioned there is a recent proposal by the ABO regarding adopting a regulation regarding information on projects to be posted on the IDA websites.

Mr. Kempton said that there is a meeting of the suburban IDA's to be held October 3, 2018. Mr. Calabrese has been spearheading the meetings to bring the local IDA's together and is helping to revise the UTEP policy. Mr. Calabrese also organized the presentation by Bill Richardson at the Lancaster Opera House 2 weeks ago where the local IDA's and other IDA's were invited to. These are some of the things that the Mr. Calabrese and the coalition has been doing on behalf of the suburban IDA's other than the lobbying for them.

New Business.

Mr. Leone mention two seminars that he will be attending. One is the ECIDA's Foreign Trade Zone seminar on November 8, 2018 at Classic Five in Amherst. Mr. Leone was contacted because some companies located in Clarence will be on the agenda such as Dynabrade, Seal and Design and Roba. Invitations will be going out in early October.

The other is on October 2, 2018 sponsored by the Bank of America to celebrate manufacturing month featuring the Northland Workforce Training Center Project.

The Chairmen and Mr. Leone have been discussion some 4 or 5 potential projects but there has been nothing further yet on these.

Mr. Kempton also talked about the Multiple Family Housing Policy that the CIDA adopted. He asked Mr. DiCostanzo the Town's position on such projects. Mr. DiCostanzo said the Town has approved multi-use projects that involve retail and residential components combined. There have not been any apartment type complexes or Senior Housing approved recently. There is no policy in place that restricts such projects. Mr. Meckler said that this was passed in a vacuum at the time and was not done with any consultation with the Town on its policies. Mr. Leone added that this was put in place because of Senior Housing and the prior Chairman's view on this. This will be on the agenda for the October meeting for discussion.

Old Business.

None.

Items not on the Agenda.

The Chairman mentioned that there is still one opening on the CIDA Board. Mr. DiCostanzo said that this is still under discussion and there has been no decision by the Town Board to appoint anyone as of yet

Kim Ignatowski informed the Board members that NYS is requiring all NYS Employers to adopt a Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and require all employees to take Sexual Harassment Training. This includes any appointees of the Clarence Town Board. The CIDA is appointed by the Clarence Town Board and are required to take the training. If the training is offered by a member's place of employment, you can attend that training and sign off on it for the Town. The other option is to take the training offered by the Town on October 1st at the Town Hall or there is web based training available which Ms. Ignatowski would help you with that.

Mr. Kempton discussed an e-mail from Mr. DiCostanzo regarding he assessed value of the Town of Clarence.

There was also discussion on the Main Street Development Project Study and executing the Plan. The Plan has been incorporated into the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Kempton also brought up offering a different Pilot Schedules for development on Main Street. This is something the Board should discuss further. Mr. Kempton would like the Board members to think about and come with some ideas.

Public Comments.

None.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Elaine Wolfe to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mary Powell to adjourn the meeting

Vote: Ayes: Dixon, Wolfe, Powell, Ertel, Kempton. Noes: None
Absent: Johnson. Recuse: None. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Cynthia Rosel