

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2017 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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Members:

Mr. Paul Badger
Mr. Frank Halderman
Mr. Ray Fisher
Mr. Gregory Wendt
Mr. Matthew Hill
Solicitor – Rodney Beard, Esquire

Excused:

Secretary – Mr. Don Holderman

Staff:

Mr. Ralph Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the April 14, 2017 IDA Meeting Minutes;
Mr. Fisher seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report:

a. Financial Update

Total funds available \$80,338.45.

- b. Approval of Beard Law Invoice 19829 and 19830 in the amount of \$297.50 and 192.50 respectively (paid in May).**

**Mr. Halderman moved to approve;
Mr. Wendt seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Approval of Beard Law Invoice 19860 in the amount of \$420.00.

Mr. Wendt moved to approve;
Mr. Halderman seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Update on LOMR/CLOMR Application

May 24, 2017 email was discussed from Buchart Horn indicating that they have acknowledged receipt and look forward to review of information provided. Email May 23, 2017 indicated receipt from FEMA. Mr. Stewart indicated that he feels that this application is almost completed.

b. Final RACP Pay Application

Email from the Office of Budget was received. Mr. Stewart indicated that the IDA would be getting back the entire \$3 million. Mr. Stewart credited Mr. Holderman on keeping on top of this and making a complete submittal. Everything is coming back except for the \$75,000 retainer which will come back after the audits are done. This is a typical. When the money comes in, it should be kept on the back burner to see if use should be made on extended interest payments to have a cushion.

c. (sic)

d. Item moved to end of agenda for Executive Session

e. Solicitor Update – Gamble Mill

Mr. Beard reported that there has been contact with Kristin Long, Esquire who represents the buyer. Closing was scheduled for May 30. This was held up by inability of the Sellers to get their tax returns prepared and filed in time for the PA Liquor Control Board to move on the license transfer. C.J. Wagner is working on the Seller on this issue. The last report was that the forms have not been received yet to get them filed. It is unknown if taxes are due. LCB will not transfer the liquor license without the taxes being filed. Some cryptic communication was received from the buyer indicated that Mary Songer would not be included in any future communications. No explanation for this. This was received a few weeks prior to the original May closing date. No monies have changed hands between Buyer and Seller. Amounts were approved by the Court but no deposit was required.

f. Reimbursement for Survey/Deed Work on Gamble Mill \$15,249.28

Paperwork was sent to Kristin Long, Esquire regarding this. When the transaction closes, the Borough would be reimbursed. This keeps getting pushed up by weeks. The deed will NOT be transferred until the sale of the Gamble Mill. Mr. Stewart assured that all details have been worked out.

Other:

Waterfront Vegetation

It was suggested that perhaps the Garden Club could get involved. Persons are still fishing off the bank. The temporary signs are too small and people are not seeing them. The subcontractor should be contacted. Thistle is out of control. Mr. Stewart interjected that there may have been a mistake last year when it was cut and that is not what is supposed to be done. It is supposed to go wild the first year and then it goes into flowers and establishes itself. Cutting it may have created a problem for the process. It was re-seeded this spring. A professional gardener should probably address the issue and then maintenance could follow by the Borough parks crew. People are still walking through it, even though it has grown in. The signs are ordered through Bob Bowersox. He will install the signs as well. Mowing it down is also an option.

Historic Markers Status

Megan Tooker on HARB is the go between person but Mr. Stewart does not know of any updates. She was communicating with Mr. Holderman. Mr. Stewart indicated that effort has been made, i.e. idea submission. He does not know what the holdup is. Mr. Holderman may have an update. He is on vacation. If the committee people could come to the next meeting to discuss this that would be helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Should a “For Sale” sign be placed on the Waterfront?

The armory property sale sign has stirred up some interest and calls were received soon after the sign was put up. Mr. Stewart indicated that it may be worth putting a sign up to try to get some interest. Mr. Halderman felt that the sign at the armory was too busy and the waterfront sign should be more simple and to the point. For Sale – contact the Borough. The sign would most likely be placed at the High Street end of the waterfront as that is the busier end of the parcel. Mr. Stewart gave the example of the Fraser Center in State College. The sign will be done as economically as can be done. Goal is to get the sign up before the first PSU football game.

Other: CATA busses at the armory building were discussed briefly.

Adjournment:

With no further business coming before the IDA,

Mr. Badger moved to adjourn the June 14, 2017 IDA meeting;
Mr. Wendt seconded the motion;
Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Executive Session on Old Business Item “d”.