

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF BERKS**

August 28, 2018

Chairman Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:30 p.m. on August 28, 2018 in the Neversink Room, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Berks County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present for the meeting:

Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman  
Eileen Kastura, Vice-Chair  
Theodore Bassano, Treasurer  
Pellegrino Orlando, Assistant Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer

Chairman Yeager declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

Kenneth L. Pick, Executive Director  
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer  
Kathy Heckman, Executive Assistant  
Tom Dachowski, Housing Director  
Pamela J. Cala, Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor

The Minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2018 were presented. Upon motion by Chairman Yeager and second by Theodore Bassano, the Minutes were approved by 3-0 vote of members present, with Eileen Kastura abstaining due to her absence from the meeting.

Theodore Bassano presented the Report of the Treasurer for the period ending July 31, 2018, which included a Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. A copy of the Report is attached to these Minutes. Mr. Bassano submitted the Report to the Board for

audit and acceptance. Upon motion by Chairman Yeager, second by Eileen Kastura, all Board members present voted to accept the Report of the Treasurer.

Theodore Bassano then presented the list of invoices to creditors through August 28, 2018, a list of which is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Eileen Kastura, second by Chairman Yeager, all Board members present voted to approve the payment of said invoices.

Ken Pick reported that there were no Communications or Committee Reports to present.

Kathy Heckman reported on the Next Step Program and Rentals. Mrs. Heckman informed the Board that there are currently twenty-two (22) rental subsidy contracts in place, adding that one of the tenants left at the end of July. On Rentals, Mrs. Heckman reported that there was no new activity.

Ken Pick reported on the Colebrookdale Spur, and advised that freight cars were being loaded from the Armorcast site with contaminated soil in accordance with DEP regulations.

Ken Pick reported on Armorcast that this Authority will be paying the just compensation of \$71,000.00 into court for the purpose of getting possession of the Motta property for the Birdsboro intersection improvement project. Mr. Pick added that the next step will be to go before the Board of View and to disassemble and catalog the train station for removal from the site.

Tom Dachowski then reported on Housing Projects and the Blighted Property Review Committee. Mr. Dachowski advised the Board that the rehabilitation of 2537

Fairview Avenue is progressing. Mr. Dachowski then reported that the construction of the new home at 523 Greenwich Street is almost complete and that the rest of the work will involve grading, seeding and the parking pad for the new home so that closing can occur on September 19, 2018. Mr. Dachowski informed the Board that they are waiting on plans for a small addition to the property located at 225 Pennwyn Place and then construction will commence. Then Mr. Dachowski announced that this Authority has plans to construct one (1) new residential dwelling on one of the Summit Avenue properties in Mt. Penn. He added that the remaining lots could not be developed due to steep slopes and other challenges, but that he may have a buyer for them. Lastly, Mr. Dachowski stated that the next meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee will be held at 2:30 on September 25, 2018 and the Committee will be conducting two (2) Determination Hearings for the properties located at 113 Gerald Avenue, Cumru Township, PA. and 150 Hartman Avenue, Cumru Township, PA. Mr. Dachowski mentioned that the property located at 127 W. Gaul Street in Wernersville will be removed from the blighted property review process due to its purchase by a new owner who intends to work with the Borough to make the necessary renovations and improvements.

Under miscellaneous matters, Mr. Pick reported that the single audit may be completed by September 25, 2018 by Koch & Associates, however, the general financial audit may not be done by the deadline of September 30, 2018. He added that the audit for the Authority's nonprofit corporation is almost complete. Then Mr. Pick informed the Board that the renovations for the Authority's new office at 606 Court Street are a

little delayed but should be completed on or about September 10, 2018. Lastly, Mr. Pick advised the Board that plans were being developed for the construction of a residential duplex dwelling on the property located at 3200 Reading Crest Avenue in Muhlenberg Township and the creation of additional parking for the District Justice office.

There was no New Business for discussion.

The next meeting of this Authority will be held on September 25, 2018 at the new office located at 606 Court Street.

On motion to adjourn by Chairman Glenn Yeager, second by Theodore Bassano, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Pellegrino Orlando, Asst. Secretary