## **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF YORK**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

## August 5, 2020

The meeting was held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 for the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York, commencing at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted remotely on Zoom and access for the public to hear the meeting was also available by telephone. Notice of the Zoom link and telephone number were provided to the public in advance by notice required by law.

The following Authority members were in attendance representing a quorum:

Thomas Englerth	Joe Mula
Philip Briddell	Jose Santiago
Heidi Hormel	

The following members of the York County Economic Alliance staff were also in attendance: Nancy Barry, Vice President, Operations & CFO; Silas Chamberlin, Vice President, Economic & Community Development; and Marlena Schugt, Business Solutions Coordinator.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Englerth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., verified each Board member could hear and be heard by all others and noted that a quorum was present. Mr. Silas Chamberlin introduced Ms. Marlena Schugt, York County Economic Alliance.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public were invited to submit comments in advance and were offered opportunity to comment at this time. There were no comments from the public.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Englerth reviewed the consent agenda items: RACY Board Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2020 and RACY Financial Statements for May and June 2020. On a motion by Mr. Philip Briddell, properly seconded by Mr. Jose Santiago, a vote was conducted by roll call, the Board approved the consent agenda unanimously as presented.

## AUDIT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Ms. Nancy Barry presented the audit and financial statements from 2019 and reported that there were no financial adjustments and that the financial statements have received a clean opinion from the auditors. RACY's net position, or retained earnings, is about \$126,000. Mr. Joe Mula proposed a motion to approve, properly seconded by Mr. Philip Briddell, a vote was conducted by roll call, the Board approved the audit unanimously as presented. It will be sent to be finalized by the auditors.

## CODORUS GREENWAY UPDATE

Mr. Silas Chamberlin reported updates as follows:

- Sales agreements have been finalized and signed with the following:
  - o The York City General Authority, regarding Lafayette Plaza
  - The York County History Center
  - The City of York

# LAND BANK, BPRC, IDA UPDATES

Chairman Englerth provided the following updates about the Land Bank:

- Three projects are out to bid and will likely begin work this month
  - York College Knowledge Park
  - Logos Academy
  - 34 Frederick Street project in Hanover
- Royal Square Development is working on the Foundry Building on W. Philadelphia St.
- The Land Bank formed a new relationship with the organization 1740X who is looking to take blighted properties in York and turn them into affordable housing
- The Land Bank will be looking to get some properties for 1740X and the City of York during the County Tax Sale at the end of August
- A grant was submitted to the DCED for a blight remediation project to remove the small dam on Philadelphia St.

Chairman Englerth provided the following updates about the Blighted Property Review Committee:

• The BPRC is currently working with Red Lion Borough on a property to receive its blighted certification

Mr. Chamberlin provided the following updates on the IDA:

- The entire Yorktowne Hotel project is currently out on bid.
  - After filling a small financial gap, the project will be on an 18-month timeline to completion.
- Has gained control of the buildings on N.George St. by PeoplesBank stadium to become the York Outdoor Recreation Complex in a few years

## PLANNING SESSION UPDATE

Mr. Chamberlin is working with Fourth Economy to schedule a planning session in August to discuss their findings so far based on hundreds of touchpoints and intensive research.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for action.

Mr. Chamberlin reported that the York County Commissioners will be holding a discussion today to provide funding for a feasibility study concerning broadband access in York. The County Commissioners wish to use CARES Act funding to develop broadband connection in York.

Mr. Chamberlin reported that the York County History Center will likely be asking RACY to apply for a DCED grant to move rail lines near their Steam Plant facility.

Mr. Briddell reported that the City of York released a RFP for the sale of the York Wastewater Treatment Plant. The municipalities who use this facility are considering forming a regional authority to address this.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Silas Chamberlin Executive Director, RACY

Prepared by: Marlena Schugt

**Business Solutions Coordinator**