

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF YORK**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 2, 2020**

The meeting was held Wednesday, September 2, 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	

Also, in attendance: Ron Hershner, Legal Counsel; and the following members of the York County Economic Alliance staff were in attendance: 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 8:01 a.m., verified each Board member could hear and be heard by all others and noted that a quorum was present.

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 August 5, 2020 and RACY Financial Statements for July 2020. On a motion by Mr. Joe Mula, properly seconded by Mr. Jose Santiago, a vote was conducted by roll call, the Board approved the consent agenda unanimously as presented.

HISTORY CENTER GRANT SUBMISSION

Chairman Englerth provided the following information concerning a grant the York County History Center will likely be applying for

- The History Center is requesting funding through the Rail Freight Assistance Program to redevelop their Steam Plant property located at the intersection of N. Pershing Avenue and Philadelphia Street to assist with pedestrian traffic issues
- York Rail has accepted that the rail line could be moved to ease the problems
- RACY will assist the YCHC as necessary with this project after accepting a Cooperative Agreement, [which could be acted on at a forthcoming RACY meeting.](#)

## LAND BANK, BPRC, IDA UPDATES

Chairman Englerth provided the following updates about the Land Bank:

- The Land Bank acquired 8 properties at the August Tax Sale; 6 went to the city and 2 went to another group looking to use them for affordable housing

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

- The BPRC began the process with Red Lion to declare the property as blighted

Mr. Silas Chamberlin provided the following updates on the IDA:

- Action has been taken to move forward with contracts that will complete the Yorktowne Hotel
- Two Next Generation Farmer Loans have closed
- An eRACP application was submitted to redevelop the North George Street properties near PeoplesBank Stadium

## PLANNING RECAP

Mr. Chamberlin provided the following information about the Planning Recap:

- After the session in August, Fourth Economy has gathered all the input and will be editing their draft
- Mr. Philip Briddell asked if Fourth Economy was considering the environmental impact this plan will have on York [County](#)
  - Ms. Heidi Hormel inquired if the plan included any mention of MS4 and its impact on the Chesapeake Bay
  - Mr. Chamberlin will be bringing both points to Fourth Economy's attention
- The next steps for the EAP include more steering committee webinars and a launch of a formal draft for the public to review

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Briddell provided the following updates on the York City Sewer Authority:

- Currently going through the RFP process, this has been delayed because of the recent break-in
- The contributing municipalities decided to move forward with an approach separate from the RFP process

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Silas Chamberlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Silas" being more prominent than the last name "Chamberlin".

Silas Chamberlin

Executive Director, RACY

Prepared by: Marlena Schugt

Business Solutions Coordinator