

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Commissioner's Meeting Room located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Attendance:

Redevelopment Authority: Dennis Alduk, Vice Chairman
Frank Telesz, Secretary
Jim Gagliano
Jon Natale

Staff: Amy McKinney, Executive Director
Rebecca Shaffer, Deputy Director of Community Development
Mary Glass, Office Manager/CDBG Administrator

Public: Ben Bush, Forward Lawrence
Brian Burick, CDC New Castle
Chris Frye, City of New Castle
Terry Rodgers, City of New Castle

Call to Order

The November 26th, 2024, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Dennis Alduk.

Executive Session –

12:01 PM Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion carried 4-0.

12:54 PM Jon Natale moved; Jim Gagliano seconded motion to move out of Executive Session.

Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Frank Telesz, to approve the minutes from the October 24th, 2024, meeting. Motion carried, 4-0
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC accounts as of 10/31/2024 was \$1,534,941.55
- c. **New Business** –
 - Procurement Policy - A procurement policy was presented for review. The board would like to make updates before it is accepted. Resolution R-2024-36 has been tabled until the December 16, 2024 meeting.
 - Updated Façade Guidelines – Timetable for accepting applications will be from January 1st – March 31st of each year. Applications will be presented to the board at the April meeting each year. We will be reaching out to internal and external agencies about the application process in an effort to better communicate the availability of funds.
 - Updated Donation Application – Updating title search fee on application.
 - 2025 Meeting Dates – Meeting dates were presented for approval.
 - 2025 Election of Officers – We will update the By-Laws to add the rotation of officers every two years and present to the board at the December 16, 2024 meeting.
- d. **Old Business** –
 - **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
 - **Demolitions completed-**

- First Merit demolition has been completed. We are waiting for documentation regarding final payment.
- Rite Aid building is down and Metrovitalization will be submitting documentation for reimbursement at the December 16, 2024 meeting.
- 232 S. Cedar Street, New Castle
- W. Balph Avenue in South New Castle Borough
- Shenango Commons parcels 8 & 9
- Round 2 – 2024 – 16 W. Wabash Avenue

Action Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Payment of Bills.
Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Resolution R-2024-36 tabled until the December 16th, 2024 meeting.
- c. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-37 approving the updating of the Façade Program Guidelines.
Motion carried 4-0
- d. Frank Telesz moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-38 approving two Façade grant applications for the following addresses:
 - 303 Pearson Street, New Castle, PA
 - 2650 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PAMotion carried 4-0
- e. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-39 transferring the former First Merit property located on N. Mill Street, New Castle, PA to the City of New Castle.
Motion carried 4-0

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19th, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting room located on the 1ST floor of the Lawrence County Government Center located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA.

Adjournment – Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the meeting adjourn at 1:15 PM.
Motion carried 4-0