

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Lawrence County Government Center in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

Attendance:

- Redevelopment Authority:** Robert Donadio, Chairman
Dennis Alduk, Vice Chairman
Jim Gagliano
Jon Natale (via TEAMS)
Frank Telesz, Secretary
- Staff:** Amy McKinney, Executive Director
Rebecca Shaffer, Dept. Director Community Development
Mary Glass, Office Manager
Ryan Long, Solicitor (via TEAMS)
- Public:** Declan Pape

Call to Order

The April 27th, 2023, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Robert Donadio.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Frank Telesz moved, seconded by Jim Gagliano, to approve the minutes from the March 23rd, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 4-0
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC account as of 03/31/23 was \$961,540.76.
- c. **New Business** –Amy McKinney discussed the use of ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act, funds for demolition projects with our auditor. These funds may be available for assisting in demolition of the FirstMerit Building located at 25 North Mill Street in the City of New Castle and other properties throughout the County.
- d. **Old Business**
 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update -**
 - The City of New Castle, Neshannock and Shenango Townships are in varying stages of their demolition projects.
 - A hold has been placed with the County Tax Claim Department for the repository property located at 25 N. Mill Street in the City of New Castle. This property is also known as the FirstMerit Building. Funding for demolition will come from the County,

the Redevelopment Authority, and the City of New Castle, however, nothing is definite at this time and no agreement of contract has been presented.

2. **Ellwood City Façade Update -**

- Six applications have been received. Three have been approved.

Action Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Jim Gagliano moved; Dennis Alduk seconded approval of Payment of Bills.
Motion carried 5-0.
- a. Frank Telesz moved; Dennis Alduk seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-10 approving the transfer of five side lots from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lot to applicants:
 - URENA, JUAN
 - MCLAFFERTY, FAYE & MICHAEL
 - CURRIE, DEBORAH A.
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- b. Motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25th, 2023, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Dennis Alduk moved, seconded by Jim Gagliano, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.