

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Lawrence County Government Center, located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Attendance:

Redevelopment Authority: Robert Donadio, Chairman
Frank Telesz, Secretary
Jim Gagliano
Jon Natale (arrived late)

Staff: Amy McKinney, Executive Director
Rebecca Shaffer, Dept. Director of Community Development
Mary Glass, Office Manager

Public: Janine Malloy, R.A.R. Engineering Group Inc.

Call to Order

The October 26, 2023, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Robert Donadio.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Public Comments

Janine Malloy, R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc., gave the board an update on the First Merit Demolition at 25 North Mill Street, New Castle, PA.

Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Frank Telesz, to approve the minutes from the September 28th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC account as of 09/30/2023 was \$1,418,336.41.
- c. **New Business** – None
- d. **Old Business** –
 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
 - **First Merit** - Janine Malloy from R.A.R. Engineering Group distributed documentation which included some interior and exterior photos of the First Merit demolition site. She stated that the asbestos abatement had been completed in the basement and floors 1 through 4. The 5th floor abatement is underway. Interior demolition has been started. Demolition equipment is being brought on site and the plan is for the structure demolition to start mid to late November.

- **Countywide Demolition Application** – The City of New Castle has applied for demolition reimbursement for a structure located at 742 County Line Street, New Castle, PA.
 - **Round 1 – 2023** – We have six repository properties out for bid with our qualified contractors. Bids are due back November 15th, 2023.
2. **Façade Update** –
- We received five applications since the September 28th, 2023, meeting. One property is located in Neshannock Township, one is in the City of New Castle and three are in Shenango Township.

Action Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Jon Natale moved; Frank Telesz seconded approval of Payment of Bills.
Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-32 approving the transfer of one side lot from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicant:
 - LONG, LORIA GENE
 Motion carried 4-0
- c. Frank Telesz moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-33 approving the application to PHFA for the 2024 PHARE funds.
Motion carried 4-0.
- d. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-34 approving the application for the Statewide Local Share Assessment grant for the Wright Project and Infrastructure Improvements.
Motion carried 4-0.
- e. Frank Telesz moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-35 approving five Façade grant applications for the following locations:
 - 212 Grove Street, New Castle, PA
 - 2650 Ellwood Road, Suite 102, New Castle, PA
 - 2650 Ellwood Road, Suite 114, New Castle, PA
 - 2650 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA
 - 2720 Mercer Road, New Castle, PA
 Motion carried 4-0
- f. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-36 entering into agreement with the City of New Castle for demolition reimbursement of a structure located at 742 County Line Street, New Castle, PA.
Motion carried 4-0

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Lawrence County Government Center.

Adjournment

Frank Telesz moved, seconded by Jim Gagliano, to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.