

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County  
Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Ellwood City Historical Society, located at 310 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ellwood City, PA at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Attendance:**

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| <b>Redevelopment Authority:</b> | Robert Donadio, Chairman<br>Dennis Alduk, Vice Chairman<br>Jim Gagliano<br>Jon Natale  |
| <b>Staff:</b>                   | Amy McKinney, Executive Director<br>Mary Glass, Office Manager<br>Ryan Long, Solicitor |
| <b>Public:</b>                  | Linda Nitch, DON Services<br>Everett Bleakney, Lawrence County Planning Commission     |

**Call to Order**

The September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Robert Donadio.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

DON Services Activities related to The Wright Project and Infrastructure Improvements.

**Public Comments**

Linda Nitch, Don Services Inc., one item under New Business.

**Regular Agenda**

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Dennis Alduk, to approve the minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 4-0
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC account as of 08/31/2023 was \$1,152,545.19.
- c. **New Business** – Linda Nitch, DON Services Inc., addressed the Board to request that the Redevelopment Authority partner with DON Services by applying for a Local Share Account Grant. Don Services is asking that we apply for the full amount of \$1 million dollars. Ms. Nitch gave a presentation covering completed and ongoing projects that DON Services has been involved with in regard to the Wright Project and other infrastructure improvements. The application is due by 11/30/2023. The Board would like to enter into an agreement with Don Services. A resolution will be voted on at the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting.
- d. **Old Business** –
  1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
    - **Shenango Township** - 127 Kerr Road – This mobile home is in the County Repository and located in a floodway. It has been condemned by the Township and they have filed an application for demolition reimbursement.

2. **Façade Update –**
  - We received four applications since the 08/24/2023 meeting. One property is located in Neshannock Township and the other three are in Shenango Township.
3. **PHARE Application**
  - The new application is due November 17, 2023. A resolution will be presented at the October meeting.

### **Action Agenda**

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded approval of Payment of Bills.  
Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Dennis Alduk moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-28 approving the transfer of two side lots from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicant:
  - WHISEL, ERIC & SIERRAMotion carried 4-0
- c. Jim Gagliano moved; Dennis Alduk seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-29 approving four Façade grant applications for the following locations:
  - 3470 Wilmington Road, New Castle, PA
  - 2650 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA
  - 2650 Ellwood Road, Suite 110, New Castle, PA
  - 2650 Ellwood Road, Suite 113, New Castle, PAMotion carried 4-0
- d. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-30 entering into agreement between RALC and DON for PHARE Rehab funds.  
Motion carried 4-0.
- e. Dennis Alduk moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-31 entering into agreement between RALC and LCCAP for PHARE Rehab funds.  
Motion carried 4-0.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Lawrence County Government Center.

### **Adjournment**

Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Jon Natale, to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.