

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 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 Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

Attendance:

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

Staff: Amy McKinney, Executive Director
Mary Glass, Office Manager/CDBG Administrator

Public: Nicholas Vercilla, New Castle News

Call to Order

The June 20th, 2024, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Dennis Alduk.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Jon Natale, to approve the minutes from the May 23rd, 2024, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0
 - **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC accounts as of 05/31/2024 was \$1,382,201.50
- b. **New Business** –
 1. **DON Services Update:**
 - They are planning to do another FHL, Federal Home Loan application for the possibility of constructing new homes on the lots they purchased through Redevelopment Authority in February of 2024. They contacted us to verify addresses of the lots and to ask for assistance in doing the environmental review of the properties. They are still working on the façade of the Wright Building.
 2. **Countywide Demolition Applications:**
 - We have two reimbursable applications on the action agenda. One from Shenango Township and the other from Shenango Township on behalf of South New Castle Borough.
- c. **Old Business** –
 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
 - **First Merit** – Our original end date for this project was April 6, 2024. The projected end date now is July 23, 2024. This is due mainly to the negotiations of the asbestos change order. Scrapping of the steel is essential and it does take a considerable amount of time. R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. continues to monitor the daily activities on site. Once the demolition is complete, we will sit down with the City of New Castle to discuss the future of the site.
 - **Round 1 - 2024** – All Round 1 agreements have been signed and the Notice to Proceed was issued on June 5, 2024.
 2. **Façade Applications** - We currently have three applications on the waiting list for 2024 funding to become available.

Action Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Jon Natale moved; Jim Gagliano seconded approval of Payment of Bills.
Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-15 approving the transfer of four (4) side lots from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicants:
 - GABRIEL, CHRISTOPHER E.
 - MYERS, ALAN C. JR.
 - ZOOK, HEATHER J.Motion carried 3-0
- c. Jon Natale moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-16 entering into agreement with Shenango Township for demolition reimbursement of a structure located at 4107 Old Pittsburgh Road, New Castle, PA.
Motion carried 3-0
- d. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-17 accepting budget change for R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. for the First Merit project located at 25 N. Mill Street in the City of New Castle, PA.
Motion carried 3-0
- e. Jim Gagliano moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-18 entering into agreement with South New Castle Borough for demolition reimbursement of a structure located on West Balph Avenue New Castle, PA.
Motion carried 3-0
- f. Jon Natale moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2024-19 accepting the updated schedule from Dore and Associates, Inc., submitted to R.A.R. Engineering Group Inc., on April 20, 2024, with the end date of July 23, 2024.
Motion carried 3-0

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner's Conference Room, located on the 1st Floor of the Lawrence County Government Center located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA.

Adjournment – Jon Natale moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the meeting adjourn at 12:26 p.m.