

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County  
Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 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, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Attendance:**

<b>Redevelopment Authority:</b>	Robert Donadio, Chairman Dennis Alduk, Vice Chairman Jon Natale
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy McKinney, Executive Director Rebecca Shaffer, Dept. Director Community Development Mary Glass, Office Manager
<b>Public:</b>	Loretta Spielvogel

**Call to Order**

The May 25, 2023, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Robert Donadio.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

None

**Public Comments**

Commissioner, Loretta Spielvogel, stated that the entire New Castle City Council as well as the Administrator are in agreement with the demolition of 25 N. Mill Street. Also, she feels that the investment will be well worth the revitalization of the downtown space.

**Regular Agenda**

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Dennis Alduk moved, seconded by Jon Natale, to approve the minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC account as of 04/30/2023 was \$958,592.59.
- c. **New Business** – We hope to tour the All Aboard Ellwood site when we hold our September meeting at the Ellwood City Historical Society.
- d. **Old Business** –
  1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update -**
    - The City of New Castle and Neshannock Township are in varying stages of their demolition projects.
    - A demolition application has been received from the City of New Castle for the property located at 25 N. Mill Street, New Castle. This property is also known as the FirstMerit Building. Funding for demolition will come from the City of New Castle, the Redevelopment Authority, and the County. Meetings between City Council, the County Commissioners and the Redevelopment Authority will continue as phases of

the demolition and revitalization of property are planned. The Redevelopment Authority will move forward with securing bids from their qualified contractors

**2. Ellwood City Façade Update -**

- Three applications have been approved by the County Commissioners since the last Redevelopment Authority Meeting.

**Action Agenda**

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Dennis Alduk moved; Jon Natale seconded approval of Payment of Bills.  
Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Jon Natale moved; Dennis Alduk seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-11 entering into agreement with Taylor Township for demolition reimbursement of a structure located at 236 Old Chewton Road, West Pittsburg, PA, 16160.  
Motion carried 3-0
- c. Dennis Alduk moved; Jon Natale seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-12 entering into agreement with Wilmington Township for demolition reimbursement of a structure located at 3042 State Route 208, New Wilmington, PA, 16142.
- d. Jon Natale moved; Dennis Alduk seconded the approval of Resolution R-2023-13 to accept a demolition application submitted by the City of New Castle for the demolition of a structure located at 25 North Mill Street, New Castle, PA 16101.  
Motion carried 3-0

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

**Adjournment**

Dennis Alduk moved, seconded by Jon Natale, to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0.