

Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes
Courthouse Annex Conference room
06/09/2022

Meeting was called to order by: Bonnie Summer at 1:10 PM

In attendance:

- Vince Witherup-Residential Representative
- Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- Samuel Breene-Commissioner
- Mike Dulaney-Commissioner
- Bonnie Summers-Chair
- Diona Brick-Fiscal
- Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- Robert Walter-Assessment
- Barb Cisek McGarvey-Residential Representative
- Kristi Stemmerich-Emlenton Borough
- Mary Swisher-Assessment
- William Moon Jr-City of Oil City
- Chuck Gibbons-City of Franklin
- Barrie Brancato-Cranberry Township
- Warren Thomas-Residential Representative
- Josh Sterling- VCRPC
- Amanda Powers-City of Franklin
- Travis Hartman-Oil City Code
- Hilary Buchanan-VCRPC
- Emily Lewis- VCRPC

Motion was made by Michael Dulaney to accept the 05/12/2022 minutes, 2nd by Vince Witherup, all in favor.

Introduction of any guests:

Kristi Stemmerich-Emlenton Borough

Treasurer's report: Given Diona Brick

Fund 2770 (which is the Register and Recording fees monies) currently has a \$73,957.41 balance that must be used for demolition. Diona stated that \$ 18,925 will be issued to Oil City for demo and \$6,150 to Sugarcreek Borough leaving \$48,882.41 in the Register and Recorder's fund.

Vince Witherup was asking for suggestions to get the word out to more municipalities letting them know what the Land Bank has to offer.

- Julie stated that each municipality is provided with a Judicial Sale list plus a letter from the Land Bank asking them to review the list and let the Land Bank know if there is any they are interested in obtaining and receiving help to demo.
- Bonnie stated that maybe a representative from the Land Bank could speak at the COG meetings informing the Municipalities of the Land Bank. It was suggested to put together a profile of all the work the Land Bank has assisted with so far showing what has been done. Julie will put a list together of the municipalities that we have worked with already.
- Warren Thomas suggest that the next time the Land Bank assists in demoing a house, for someone to contact The Derrick and see if they will do a story along with pictures.
- It was also suggested to have signs put in the yard of the house that has been demo'd stating "funded by the Venango County Land Bank".

2022 Judicial Sale deeds:

Julie Thompson stated the deeds will be recorded putting the properties into the Land Bank's name on June 30, 2022 and she is hoping to have the deeds transferred to the Municipalities by July 5, 2022.

Follow up on previous Judicial Sale purchases

Julie stated she left a message with Rouseville Borough to see what their plan is for 6 Buchanan Street and see if they are still planning on demoing the garage. She stated she has received no call back as of yet.

New Business:

Diona Brick will contact the Regional Counseling Center to have someone talk to us about the hoarding program.

The side lot committee would like to meet at 2:00 after the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

July 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 100.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM by: motion made by Diona Brick, 2nd by Michael Dulaney; all in favor

Submitted by:

Mary Swisher