

**Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes
Courthouse Annex Conference room
06/11/2020**

Meeting was called to order by: Bonnie Summers at 1:06 PM (Chip took over at 1:42)

In attendance:

- Vince Witherup-Board Member
- Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- Samuel Breene-Commissioner
- Mike Dulaney-Commissioner
- Bonnie Summers-Chair-via phone
- Diona Brick-Fiscal
- Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- Robert Walter-Assessment
- Barb Cisek McGarvey-Residential Representative-via phone
- Paul Calderone-Residential Representative-via phone
- Joshua Sterling-Planning
- Nancy Marano-Emlenton Borough-via phone
- Mary Swisher-Assessment
- William Moon Jr-City of Oil City
- Sheila Boughner-City of Franklin
- Barrie Brancato-Cranberry Township-via phone
- Warren Thomas

Motion was made by Mike Dulaney to accept last month's 03/12/20 meeting minutes, 2nd by William Moon Jr; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests: Tracy Jamieson from the City of Franklin

Treasurer's report: Given by Diona Brick

Fund 2770 (which is the Register/Recorder fees monies) currently has a \$51,776.63 balance that must be used for demolition. From the 2019 PHARE Grant we have spent \$6,700 for rehab for the roof on 33 Harold Street Oil City, leaving \$43,300.00 available. Motion was made by Vince to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by William Moon Jr; all in favor.

Public Comment: None at this time

No public in attendance

Old Business:

Memberships:

As of the end of the March meeting, we still had 12 members and we can only have 11. Paul Calderone addressed the Land Bank and would be happy to become ex officio. Diona made the motion to accept his offer, 2nd by Sheila Boughner; all in favor.

The Land Bank did receive letters from William Moon, Jr & Sheila Boughner stating they want to remain members of the Land Bank. Their terms were expiring the end of March.

The voting members are: Bonnie Summers, Albert Abramovic, Mike Dulaney, Julie Thompson, Sheila Boughner, Barrie Brancato, William Moon, Jr., Vince Witherup, Diona Brick, Robert Walter & Barb Cisek McGarvey

Judicial Sale:

Julie stated the Judicial Sale is scheduled for July 23rd at 10:00 am in Courtroom I. The Land Bank needs to finalize which properties they are purchasing.

Tax claim has on file signed agreements for the following properties:

Cranberry Twp- BECHTEL, CHRISTOPHER D & RHONDA K 08,042.-004.-000, 1147 E. 2nd Street-no funding requested

Emlenton Boro- BOWSER, CHRISTINA J 09,003.-009..-000, 711 Chestnut Street and HINDMAN, 09,003.-051..-000-will request funds from the Land Bank.

Cornplanter Twp- BARRETT, KATHLEEN C 07,023.-044..-000, 120 Irwin Alley and PALMER, CONSTANCE F 07,022.-023A.-000 1304 State Route 227-no funding requested.

Franklin's agreement is still at the School District. Their request is for 603 10th Street however at this time the neighboring property owner wants to buy it. If the neighbor shows interest in purchasing it, we may exercise our option to not buy it.

We voted on the Sugarcreek Boro property owned by GRIFFEN GEER, CHERI & WADE GEER 28,001.-083B.-000, this is the owner occupied blighted property that Sugarcreek Boro is requesting we purchase. A motion was made by Vince Witherup to purchase the property with the understanding that the deed to Sugarcreek Boro will be expedited as soon as possible. 2nd by Diona Brick; all in favor.

Phare Grant:

Update from Commissioner Dulaney-He was contacting the Housing Department to get an estimate for repairs to a property at 212 Hill Street, Emlenton. He will get the information and follow-up at the next meeting.

Planning-Josh stated that both BOBBERT, BENJAMIN WESLEY at 212 Hill Street and EYLER, LISA A at 1169 MERCER RD are income qualified.

Josh will follow up with Lisa Eyler to determine if the property is owner occupied.

Josh also stated that the 2020 PHARE grant will be introduced in July, 2020.

New Business:

Julie stated Tax Claim received a call from Barbara Breene of 308 Hoffman Street complaining about 306 Hoffman owned by Gary Platt. It is vacant, blighted, has animals living in it and smells musty. Oil City Code Enforcement is aware and have cited the owner. Julie stated the property has 2 years delinquent taxes, so it is at risk of an Upset Tax Sale this year. Julie told her she would speak to the Land Bank regarding this. Mayor Moon has agreed to follow up on the property.

Julie spoke about and gave information regarding the Pennsylvania Blight remediation program which maybe an additional funding source for the Land Bank.

Julie made a motion to have Planning look into this and see if it is feasible to apply. 2nd by Diona; all in favor.

Bill Moon will bring the new Code Enforcement Officers from Oil City to the Land Bank next month.

There was a discussion on the Rt. 322 corridor. Vince stated this is a travesty that this is happening on our scenic highway. It was stated DEP should be enforcing this and it was asked why are they permitting this to happen to a scenic highway. The Commissioners plan to do a follow up on this as it is a huge detriment to the economy in our area.

NEXT MEETING:

July 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 100

Meeting adjourned by:

Vince Witherup 2nd by William Moon, Jr

Submitted by:

Mary Swisher