

**Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes
Courthouse Annex Conference room
10-10-19**

Meeting was called to order by: Albert Abramovic at 1:00 PM

In attendance:

- Vince Witherup-Commissioner
- Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- Bonnie Summers-Chair
- Diona Brick-Fiscal
- Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- Robert Walter-Assessment
- Barb Cisek McGarvey-Residential Representative
- Paul Calderone-Residential Representative
- Joshua Sterling-Planning
- Nancy Marano-Emlenton Borough
- Mary Swisher-Assessment
- William Moon Jr-City of Oil City
- Sheila Boughner-City of Franklin
- Barrie Brancato-Cranberry Township
- Patrick Owoc-Housing
- Warren Thomas-Residential Representative
- Andy Weckerly

Motion was made by William Moon, Jr to accept last month's 09/12/19 meeting minutes, 2nd by Warren Thomas; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests: Mishelle Beith & Trenton Moulin Bridge Builders Community Foundations

Treasurer's report: Given by Diona Brick

Fund 2770 (which is the register and recording fees monies) currently has a \$42,207.71 balance that must be used for demolition. Motion was made by Warren Thomas to approve the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Nancy Marano; all in favor.

Public Comment:

Bridge Builders presentation-

Trenton Moulin gave some background on what Bridge Builders does. He showed before and after pictures of a house that they renovated and are currently looking for a family to purchase it at 304 E 3rd Street Oil City. He stated that the organization looks at helping with blight within the County. He stated that Bridge Builders works with Keystone Smiles and Libby's House of Trades whether it is for renovating or demolition of properties. He stated that some of the kids that worked on this house with Libby were from the neighborhood and as they were doing this other neighbors improved their homes too.

They are also planning a large renovation/demolition project on the Northside of Oil City next year. The neighborhood they are targeting is the corridor to the Oil City High School.

Old Business:

Phare Grants update and potential projects.

Diona stated that the PHARE grant has been approved and the funds are in our account. The Land Bank was granted \$50,000 which 30% must be used for low income rehab.

Joshua Sterling stated that an application was received from Mark Gold for a roof replacement. Joshua stated that it appears Mark would qualify for the help.

A motion was made by Warren for the Land Bank to start the frame work for a policy/procedure on how to advertise that there is funding available from the PHARE grant and how the applications will be processed and approved. 2nd by Vince Witherup; all in favor.

Planning-update on the use of CDGB monies for demo of 23 Hiland Avenue in Rouseville

Joshua Sterling stated that they will be opening the bids for demo of 64 Mechanic Street and 23 Highland Ave together on 10/11/2019.

Update on 207 Liberty Street and other Erie street repository properties

Sheila stated that there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled for 10/11/19 and then they will issue the notice to proceed next week.

New Business:

Nancy Marano shared with us a community project initiated by the Red Cross. In collaboration with the school district and many volunteers, they installed 347 smoke detectors in 144 different homes in 3 hours. This was done in the Emlenton area and did not require a certain income level to participate.

NEXT MEETING:

November 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 100

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM Motion was made by, Warren Thomas, 2nd by Vince Witherup; all in favor

Submitted by: Mary Swisher