

Allegany County Industrial Development Agency
MONTHLY MEETING
December 10, 2015
Crossroads Conference Center, Belmont, New York

OPENING REMARKS

- Chairman Wood called the board meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- Present: Jack Wood, Jack Ormond, Rich Ewell, Mike Johnsen

BOARD MINUTES / SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A motion was made by M. Johnsen, seconded by R. Ewell to approve the 11/12/15 Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously 4-0
- A motion was made by M. Johnsen, seconded by J. Ormond to approve the 11/18/15 Public Hearing minutes for R.S. Maher Company. Motion passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Payments** – Motion by M. Johnsen to accept the Abstract Report of December bills to be paid, seconded by R. Ewell. The motion passed 4-0.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Motion by M. Johnsen to accept the November Abstract for deposits and expenses as submitted, seconded by R. Ewell - The motion passed 4-0.
- **Budget Statement**– There was no budget report.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Chairman Wood gave a brief report, noting and commending the Planning Department, Office of Emergency Services and Greater Allegany County Chamber on their efforts in cleaning the Crossroads basement of old files, debris and construction materials. He also thanked LaForge Disposal for their effort in providing a dumpster.
- Chairman Wood also noted that Kevin LaForge donated his time and equipment to repair the Crossroads driveway and pothole situation which is an on-going problem with the County Bus Transit System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by J. Ormond, seconded by M. Johnsen and carried to enter into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for Attorney/Client privilege with regards to the Alliance PILOT.

A motion was made by M. Johnsen, seconded by J. Ormond and carried to return to Regular Session at 11:16 a.m.

Alliance Resolution: A resolution was requested by the Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Chairman of the IDA is authorized and directed to commence litigation against Allegany Generating Station LLC to seek payment of the PILOT payments due, plus interest, penalties and legal fees, in consultation and coordination with the counsel for the IDA; and

2. In the event that litigation or negotiation does not result in payment of the outstanding PILOT payments, accrued interest, penalties and legal fees, or a reasonable settlement of those amounts, the Chairman of the IDA is authorized and directed to take such steps as are required to terminate the PILOT and the Amendment and the related tax exemption of Allegany Generation Station LLC's real property in the Town of Hume, and to return such real property back to the property tax rolls in a fully taxable status.

The foregoing resolution was put to a roll call vote by the Chairman, which vote resulted as follows:

Jack Wood	voting <u>Aye</u>
Richard L. Ewell	voting <u>Aye</u>
Michael Johnsen	voting <u>Aye</u>
Jack Ormond	voting <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Klein Cutlery – Chairman Wood reported the \$35,000 grant approved in 2010 was recently denied based on solid waste and tonnage. Chairman Wood researched all trip tickets and has spoken with NYS and the grant is being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Board Seat: Chairman Wood acknowledged the passing of Board Member and Legislator Theodore Hopkins and commended his years of service to Allegany County. A request was made to Board Members for a recommendation to fill the seat from District I, which current term expires 12/31/17.

ASI Modulex: A quote was presented for new signage for the Crossroads Building and changes to current signage with the recent relocation of suites with the Office of Emergency Services as new tenants. A motion was made by J. Ormond, seconded by M. Johnsen and carried for the expense as presented.

Municipal Solutions / LaBella Resolution: A resolution was requested with regards to the Crossroads Water Project requesting the Allegany County IDA authorizes LaBella Associates and Municipal Solutions, Inc. to prepare the Map, Plan & Report and Rural Development initial application needed to determine funding participation on behalf of the town of Friendship. A motion was made by M. Johnsen, seconded by R. Ewell and carried 4-0 to approve the resolution subject to a “not to exceed cost” of \$20,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS, Cont.

Municipal Solutions Financial Advisors Proposal: A proposal was presented offering their contractual accounting services for any work the IDA may require. A motion was requested by M. Johnsen, seconded by J. Ormond and carried 4-0 to accept their contractual proposal, should the need arise.

ECIDA Tax Policy: The ECIDA Board is considering a Good Standing Tax Policy which requires that applicants for ECIDA benefits certify that applicant does not own any back taxes/PILOTS etc., on properties that they have ownership of. They are discussing what geographic areas should this pertain to and are suggesting looking at the 8-County Region that ECIDA Local Labor Policy utilizes which would include Allegany County. They are inquiring as to some type of reciprocal arrangement between the IDA's. Due to time constraints this discussion was tabled for the January 2016 board meeting.

CALENDAR

- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 10, 2016 - 10:00 AM
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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. was made by M. Johnsen, seconded by J. Ormond and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen L. Whitfield
Recording Secretary