

ALLEGANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

January 11, 2007 – 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Present: C. Jessup, K. LaForge, and T. Hopkins

Excused: B. Allen and D. Crowley

Resource Persons: J. Foels and R. Iszard, Empire State Development

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Jessup opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Chairman Jessup entertained a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2006. Motioned by K. LaForge; seconded by T. Hopkins. Motion passed 3-0; 2 absent.

Treasurer's Report

No report due to the absence of D. Crowley, Treasurer.

Inducement Resolution – Bolivar-Richburg

J. Foels introduced an inducement for rehabilitation on residential homes in Bolivar-Richburg. The Bolivar-Richburg Area Foundation is requesting a non-for-profit agency to hold title on the properties while rehabilitation is being done. The Allegany Area Foundation is a broad-based community fund that no longer wants to hold title to properties. This program is a strong community service project and highly endorsed by Attorney Daniel Spitzer and Bud Allen. The Bolivar-Richburg school purchases the materials and the school program rehabilitates the properties. The IDA would hold title only and would be a pass through agency for expense reimbursement. This inducement would be a temporary “one-time” adjunct until a 501(c)3 is established. The IDA will not be disbursing funds.

Chairman Jessup entertained a motion to accept the agreement and authorize John Foels to sign the agreement. Motioned by K. LaForge; seconded by T. Hopkins. Motion passed 3-0; 2 absent.

Updates – John Foels

- Centerville Windmill Project – Attorney Spitzer reports that the project is progressing well and hopeful to close on the project in June/July, 2007.
- Former Belmont School - J. Foels reported on his tour of the property with Mayor Terry Schmelzer; Ray DeTine, Community Member; and Kevin LaForge. The building will be put up for taxes in March with the possibility of going to auction in May, 2007. Steuben Trust will no longer pay the taxes on the property. From their inspection, the original school structure is beyond repair due to extensive water damage, vandalism, collapsed ceilings and buckled floors. The new addition, however, has possibility to be restored. Plaster samples were taken to test for asbestos content. K. LaForge reported on the pros and cons of demolition of the original structure and cost factors in relation to asbestos content or not. R. Iszard suggested the next round of “Restore New York” funding may be a source if it can be determined there is an adaptive need for the building and/or adaptive re-use of the building. It was noted there is a second separate heating system on the second floor for possible new addition. R. Iszard suggested getting the YMCA or Steuben Trust Bank to apply for the Restore New York grant for rehabilitation. Discussion pursued regarding determining what the actual cost may be to rehab before applying for grant. T. Hopkins noted that MRB

Engineering has done a study on the building. Chairman Jessup suggested the IDA provide an outline on how to proceed and present it to the County Legislature in phases. It was decided that a meeting should be held between John Foels, John Margeson, County Administrator; Terri Ross, Treasurer; and Curt Crandall, Legislative Chairman to prevent the property going to auction.

- Grant Writer – Stuart Brown will be attending the next county budget meeting (1/17/07) to discuss the needs of a county grantwriter.

Old Business

- CPA firm – J. Foels noted we do not have to an RFP and the IDA can appoint a firm to do our annual report. Chairman Jessup would like to have a group meeting with the partners of the new firm to include Cathleen Whitfield and Kevin LaForge. J. Foels will contact two firms as previously discussed.
- The public hearing for Alstom Power has been scheduled for Monday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Town of Wellsville Municipal Building, 156 N. Main Street, Wellsville, New York.

New Business

- None

Next Meeting
February 15, 2007
3:00 p.m. - Crossroads

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. by D. Crowley; seconded by C. Jessup.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen L. Whitfield
Recording Secretary