

# ALLEGANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## Board Minutes

January 17, 2008 – 3:00 P.M.

Present: C. Jessup, B. Allen, T. Hopkins, D. Crowley and K. LaForge  
Resource Persons: J. Foels and R. Iszard, ESD

Chairman Jessup opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for December 13, 2007 was postponed. Chairman Jessup entertained a motion to approve the board minutes for November 30, 2007. Motioned by D. Crowley; seconded by B. Allen. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jessup entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with expenditures for the months of December 2007 and January 2008. Motioned by T. Hopkins; seconded by B. Allen. Motion carried 5-0.

### New Business

- Annual Report – The final 2006 Annual Report from BWB was distributed and reviewed for acceptance. All information has been sent to the State Comptroller's Office. **Chairman Jessup entertained a motion to accept the 2006 Annual Report. Motioned by D. Crowley; seconded by B. Allen. Motion carried 5-0.**

### Updates – John Foels

- Legislative Committee of the Whole – There will be an Executive Session meeting held at the Crossroads Center on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. All IDA Board Members are invited to attend. The topic will be the possible purchase of the Crossroads Center and building an addition to house a Senior Center and the Office of the Aging and Veteran's Office. Wally Higgens, Chairman of the Senior Foundation will make a presentation to the committee. The Houghton Foundation has "verbally" agreed to sell the building for \$600,000 with an in-kind of \$200,000 (net \$400,000) to the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency, with the following stipulations:
  1. They have use of all Conference Rooms, schedule permitting.
  2. They will be charged ½% fee on any future bonding projects through the IDA (normally a 1% fee).
  3. Proceeds from the two outer parcels would be split with the Houghton Foundation, should the IDA decide to sell.

The Committee of the Whole meeting will discuss the terms between the County and the IDA with regards to a 10 year lease (for the county agencies housed in the facility) to cover the debt service. The Senior Foundation will be responsible for the cost of building their addition to the current site. Chairman Jessup questioned if the Seniors and Veterans offices would receive state reimbursement. R. Iszard, ESD, commented that he believed the Veterans got reimbursed from either the Federal or State government and T. Hopkins said the Seniors would receive \$50,000 per year for "point of entry."

B. Allen motioned to enter into Executive Session at 3:28; seconded by D. Crowley. Motion carried 5-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Jessup motioned to return to Regular Session at 3:35 p.m.; motioned by B. Allen, seconded by T. Hopkins. Motion carried 5-0 with no action taken as the result of discussion during Executive Session.

### **Updates, cont.**

- Cuba Properties – A meeting was held between Steuben Bank, John Foels, IDA Chairman Charles Jessup, Legislative Chairman Curt Crandall and IDA Board Member Ted Hopkins with regard to the current properties located in Cuba, formally owned by the Allegany Area Economic Development Corporation. Upon discussion, IDA Board members decided not to pursue the purchase of said properties.
- Allegany County Comprehensive Plan – A meeting was held last week and the next meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>. It is hopeful the Plan will be approved in March. L. Gridley and C. Jessup will meet next week to work on the closing paragraph
- 2500 Group – This group was formed to concentrate on job recruitment and retention for Allegany County with the potential of 2500 jobs being vacated within the next 3-5 years due to retirement. To date, there have been three meetings with presidents and CEO's from local industry, medical, education, county and private business. There will be a workshop meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Center for the Human Resource representatives.
- Belmont School - Ray DeTine of the Belmont Betterment Association gave a presentation at the Greater Allegany County Chamber meeting past week regarding their renovation project and goals. The project site has been renamed "One Belmont Square" and Developer Jim Schevette has provided financial support as well. When the Betterment Association took ownership of the property they also incurred the responsibility for any costs involved with possible demolition, remediation, and renovations. There is the possibility that their group may be eligible for the third round of Restore New York Grants. JCC and the YMCA will be leasing space for the areas they occupy.

### **Old Business**

- Tracewell – There are two parties looking at the site with one of them being the Seneca Nation. There is question as to whether or not the site can become sovereign land. The second party is a textile group.
- Belvidere – T. Hopkins requested an update on the status of the infrastructure at the Belvidere site.
- Transportation Task Force – Updated members on this program and their concerns with cost versus ridership not be cost effective.

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**February 21, 2008 – 3:00 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. by B. Allen; seconded by K. LaForge.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen L. Whitfield  
Recording Secretary