

**Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes
Courthouse Annex Conference room
01/10/2019**

Meeting was called to order by: Bonnie Summers 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
- Jason Ruggiero-Planning
- 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
- Curtis Greene-City of Oil City
- Andy Weckerly
- Chuck Gibbons

Motion was made by Sheila Boughner to accept last month's 12-13-2018 meeting minutes, 2nd by Warren Thomas, all in favor.

Introduction of any guests: There were no guests present.

Treasurer's report: Given by Diona Brick

Fund 2770 (which is the Register and Recording fees monies) currently has a \$22,000 balance. To date \$40,000 has been collected in revenue and \$18,000 was paid out for demolition.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Old Business:

We still need to find dates that we are available to travel to Indiana to meet with Donald from Bedford County.

Albert Abramovic stated he has not been in contact with Donald as of yet, he is not certain if Jason Ruggiero has made contact.

Albert is going to see if Jason can get information from the Planning directors to see what all information they are needing. Bonnie is going to ask Nancy to get into contact with Donald also to see if she can find out what information they are needing and Albert is thinking they may be able to do a phone conversation, instead of traveling.

PHARE GRANT:

Joshua Sterling stated everything has been filed and they should hear something back by February.

Update on 207 Liberty Street and the burnt house on Eagle Street:

Sheila stated she is waiting to hear back from the US Fish and Boat Commission to give the ok to tear down, therefore she is hoping to demo 207 Liberty Street as soon as the weather breaks. As for the Eagle Street property there is no update at this time.

New Business:

Election of Officers for the year

Warren Thomas made a motion to keep the officers as they are, 2nd by Barb Cisek McGarvey, all in favor.

Judicial Sale purchase of 2 High Street in Oil City:

Julie stated that Bill Moon would like the Land Bank to purchase 2 High Street at the Judicial Sale for Oil City. The house was sold out of repository in 2015 and already has three years back taxes. The house is currently condemned and the City will pay to have it demo'd.

Warren made a motion to add their request to our list of potential properties, 2nd by Sheila Boughner, all in favor.

Sheila made a suggestion to put an article in the Business review section explaining what the Land Bank does and what they have accomplished so far.

Sheila has been asked to write an article and submit it to the paper, stating how the Land Bank works with the municipalities, include the community garden, the rehab in Rouseville and the demolitions that have occurred.

Sheila has agreed to write up an article and submit it.

Albert Abramovic stated he has been contacted by Polk Borough to see if there maybe any help to have a condemned house tore down.

He stated there is a parcel within the borough that is owner occupied and has two houses assessed on it. One that the owner is residing in and one that is condemned. The owner would like it tore down but do not have the funds to do so.

Albert is going to ask someone from the Borough to attend the next meeting to give the members more information on the subject property.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday February 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. Motion was made by Sheila Boughner, 2nd by; Barb Cisek McGarvey, all in favor

Submitted by: Mary Swisher