

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS**

April 23, 2019

Chairman Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:30 P.M. on April 23, 2019 at the offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks, 606 Court Street, 3rd Floor, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Glenn Yeager
Diodato Bassano (also known as Theodore Bassano)
Pellegrino Orlando
Thomas Ruth (also known as Rudy Ruth)
Eileen Kastura (via teleconference call)

Chairman Yeager declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

Joan E. London, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor
Kenneth L. Pick, Executive Director
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer
Kathy Heckman, Executive Assistant

The Board recessed into Executive Session on a real estate acquisition matter at 4:35 p.m., and resumed the public meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion made by Thomas Ruth and seconded by Diodato Bassano, all members of the Board present voted to approve the March 26, 2019 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Chairman Yeager then requested a nomination to reappoint the Treasurer of this Authority as Diodato Bassano, also known and previously referred to in prior minutes as

Theodore Bassano, he being one and the same person. Thomas Ruth nominated Diodato Bassano and upon motion by Glenn Yeager, second by Thomas Ruth, all remaining Board members present voted to approve the nomination and appointment of Diodato Bassano as Treasurer of this Authority.

Chairman Yeager then requested a new nomination for Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer. Eileen Kastura nominated Thomas Ruth and upon motion by Diodato Bassano, second by Glenn Yeager, all remaining Board members present voted to approve the nomination and appointment of Thomas Ruth as Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer of this Corporation.

Diodato Bassano, Treasurer of this Authority, presented the Profit & Loss Statement for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 and the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2019. A copy of said report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Thomas Ruth and seconded by Glenn Yeager, all Board members present voted to accept the report of the Treasurer, including said Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet, subject to audit.

Diodato Bassano then presented the list of payments to creditors representing the period of April 1, 2019 through April 23, 2019. A copy of said report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Glenn Yeager and seconded by Thomas Ruth, all Board members present voted to approve the list of payments to creditors.

There were no communications presented.

There were no committee reports presented.

Kathy Heckman then gave a brief report on the "Next Step Program." Mrs. Heckman advised the Board that there were twenty two (22) active contracts, which reflects no change from the prior month.

Mr. Pick gave a brief update on the Colebrookdale Railroad. Mr. Pick advised the Board that work has commenced on the Pottstown Station. Millcreek Construction is the general contractor. Also, the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program application has been submitted, and the application has been assigned a consultant to assist the Commonwealth in evaluating the application and ensuring its completeness. The Transload Facility subdivision plan will be in front of the Borough of Boyertown Planning Commission on Thursday night, April 25. Also, settlement has been scheduled for the two properties being purchased from the Boyertown Library to accommodate the Transload Facility.

Mr. Pick gave a status report on the fire damage at 525 East Lancaster Avenue, Shillington. The insurance company had paid the claim for loss of rental income for the months of February, March, and April of 2019. We will bill the insurance company for May 2019 loss of rental income as well. Berks Fire Water Restoration has remediated the smoke damage and is in the process of cleanup, and we have a rehabilitation proposal. Mr. Pick requested authorization to sign the rehabilitation contract with Berks Fire Water Restoration. Upon motion by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Diodato Bassano, all Board members present voted to approve Mr. Pick to sign the Rehabilitation Agreement on behalf of the Board prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Pick and Ms. London then gave an update on the Armorcast Redevelopment Area and stated that acquisition of land for the intersection, as well as intersection design review, are still in progress.

Under Miscellaneous Items, Ken Pick reported that the Authority had received seven (7) new resumes for the Deputy Executive Director position. The position is currently being advertised in trade journals, as well as in the newspaper. An important requirement for the job is being a part of the Berks community, and establishment of Berks County residency within six (6) months of commencing work is required.

Under New Business, Ken Pick presented the following:

Resolution No. 2019-5 providing for the confirmation and ratification of any and all actions that have been taken by "Theodore Bassano" and/or "Diodato Bassano", as being one and the same person, acting as either the Treasurer or Assistant Secretary of this Authority. The confirmed and ratified actions include the execution of all contracts, affidavits, checks and other documentation delivered on behalf of this Authority. A copy of said Resolution is attached to these minutes. A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2019-5 by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Eileen Kastura. All Board members present voted to approve the Resolution.

Agreement with the Wyomissing Foundation for the Administration of the South Third Street Façade Program. This agreement would authorize the Authority to administer the West Reading Façade Improvement Program, acting as a conduit for monies from the Foundation, and hiring Andrew Moletress on a contract basis as a project manager. The program had previously been administered by the late Dean Rohrbach,

and program requirements mandate administrative oversight. A motion was made to approve the Agreement by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Eileen Kastura. All Board Members present voted to sign the agreement.

There being no further business of this Authority, a motion was made by Glenn Yeager to adjourn the meeting of this Authority. The motion was seconded by Diodato Bassano and all members of this Authority present voted in the affirmative. The next meeting of the Authority will be May 28, 2019. This meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Pellegrino Orlando, Secretary