

**DERRY TOWNSHIP
INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
600 CLEARWATER ROAD, HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA 17033
MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Foley called the January 16, 2014 meeting of the Derry Township Industrial & Commercial Development Authority to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Domenick Argento
Justin Engle
James Ingalzo
John Foley, Chairman

Members Absent:

Chris Abruzzo

Also Present:

James Negley, Township Manager, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary
Barbara Zemlock, Solicitor
Marie Sirkot, Administrative Assistant
Ardith Yahner, Stenographer

Public Present:

Bill Napikoski, Mid Atlantic Green Builders, LLC
Diana M. Reed, Diana Reed & Associates
Matt Weir, General Authority Board Member

Chairman Foley advised that it is the policy of the Authority to tape all public meetings for the purpose of providing accurate minutes.

REORGANIZATION

Chairman Foley asked the Board to consider the following slate of officers for 2014:

John Foley, Chairman
Justin Engle, 1st Vice Chairman

Domenick Argento, 2nd Vice Chairman
James Ingalzo, Secretary
Chris Abruzzo, Treasurer
James Negley, Manager, Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary
Barbara Zemlock, Solicitor

Mr. Ingalzo moved to accept the slate of officers as named by Mr. Foley. Mr. Argento seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Engle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting. Mr. Argento seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 4-0.

UPDATE AND ACTION ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO DOWNTOWN HERSHEY ASSOCIATION

Solicitor Zemlock has had this matter under review. Mr. Negley explained that the ICDA has \$20,000 in a non-active community action account that the Board wants to transfer to the Downtown Hershey Association. Ms. Reed has confirmed that the ICDA has the authority to transfer this money to another 501C3. Mr. Engle advised the Board that the 501C3 status is presently through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities and that the transfer of funds may have to wait until the by-laws and incorporation are complete. Mr. Negley asked Mr. Engle to provide a letter stating the name and account number of the organization to which the money should be transferred. Chairman Foley tabled this item until the next meeting of the ICDA.

UPDATE ON CAGNOLI PROPERTY

Chairman Foley reported that the Fire Company is still in negotiations for the property at 35 W. Caracas Avenue. A draft contract is in place and counsel has reviewed and made recommendations to the Board. Mr. Foley and Mr. Engle met with the Fire Company today in an effort to advance this project. The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company was also awarded an additional \$1,000,000 through an RACP grant thanks to Representative John Payne.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Napikoski is the owner of Mid-Atlantic Green Builders, LLC, and specializes in the building of facilities using alternative energy products and excess energy. Mr. Napikoski approached the Board regarding the possible construction of a solar energy facility in Derry Township. He advised that the federal government, through Act 39, is allowing the IRS to issue incentives until 2016 for this type of facility. He added that it would be a short term quick revenue stream for a municipality.

His proposal for Derry Township is to build a three mega-watt facility. The site area would need to be about 15 acres with a southern exposure and 96% free of trees. The site that is being discussed and considered is the old landfill property. The project would take approximately one year from beginning to completion and would cost about \$7,200,000. Once operational, PPL will buy back the electricity for approximately 15 cents per kilowatt hour.

Chairman Foley thanked Mr. Napikoski for his presentation. He advised that the ICDA Board will need to discuss this matter before any decisions are made regarding interest in such a project.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Foley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ingalzo made a motion. Mr. Engle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

James N. Negley, Manager/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary