

Minutes

Columbia County Redevelopment Authority

August 24, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority met virtually at 8:00 a.m. on the above date.

Chairman Richard Megargell called the meeting to order. Present were Board Members Paul Reichart, Fran Seward, and Kathy Lynn, Solicitor Rob Davidson, Assistant Executive Director Matt Hess, and Housing Authority Deputy Director Wendy Baker.

Also in attendance were CSG staff members Rich Kisner and Ken Mueller.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Lynn, seconded by Reichart, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2021, was approved pending audit on a motion by Lynn, seconded by Reichart, and passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

None.

Status and Business

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held from 8:08 to 8:14 to discuss personnel issues.

New Hire

On a motion by Megargell, seconded by Seward and approved unanimously, the Board agreed to hire Nyky Crabb as the full time ERAP Program Coordinator beginning September 1, 2021. Her full salary package will be less than \$67,000 (includes health insurance, workmen's compensation, office materials, and taxes.)

Board Member

Discussion was held on Board member Nicholas Whitbeck. Hess reminded the Board that Whitbeck has not attended the last 3 meetings and did not respond or communicate that he would not be in attendance. Hess also informed the Board that Whitbeck did not provide his identification to First Columbia Bank & Trust in order to get his name on the accounts as a signer.

Based on this information, on a motion by Lynn, seconded by Megargell, and approved unanimously, the Board requested Hess to officially inform the County Commissioners of these issues.

By-Laws Update

Davidson reported that he is still working on this.

Public Notices Regulations

Hess discussed changes to the PA Sunshine Act which requires government bodies to post meeting agendas 24 hours in advance. In addition, any topics discussed at the meeting must be added to the Agenda by a vote.

Silk Mills Ribbon Cutting/Mulberry Mills Groundbreaking

Hess invited the Board to the Ribbon Cutting/Groundbreaking on August 2, 2021 at the site.

Project Status Report

CDBG

- Main Township/Removal of Architectural Barriers Project: Work complete.
- Columbia County Blight Remediation Program: Four sites identified; Options Agreement with owners for 104 Main St., Catawissa and 31 Old Numidia Drive, Catawissa.
- Catawissa Borough/Historic Preservation-Quaker Meeting House: Bid awarded.
- Briar Creek Borough's Health and Fitness Summer Splash Program: Passes submitted for payment.
- West Street Church: Construction underway; CSG working with Gatehouse to identify tenants.
- Hemlock Township Removal of Architectural Barriers: Final Project Design approval from Hemlock 9/14; Bidding process to begin afterwards. Bid award anticipated for 11/21 meeting.
- Columbia County Home Rehabilitation: Estimate received from CSG for first house; coordinating ERR and inspection.

CDBG-DR

Home Buyouts

Pending release from HUD; coordinating with Tom Hughes with PEMA to be ready to start ASAP.

Wells Complaint

Davidson informed the Board that we are in a holding pattern until we hear if we get funding.

Adjournment

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Frances Seward, Secretary