

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2007 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS

Vice Chair Eileen Kastura called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:30 PM on November 27, 2007, in the Neversink Room, 14th Floor of the Berks County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present:

Eileen Kastura,  
Barry Rohrbach,  
Shirley Ludwig, and  
Pellegrino Orlando

The Vice Chair, Eileen Kastura, declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

Kenneth Pick, Executive Director  
Pamela J. Cala, Esquire, Authority Solicitor of Kozloff Stoudt, P.C.  
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer  
David Hummel, CD & Housing Specialist

Upon motion by Shirley Ludwig, seconded by Pellegrino Orlando, all members of the Board present voted to approve the October 23, 2007 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Ken Pick presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2007. Upon motion by Barry Rohrbach, seconded by Shirley Ludwig, all Board members present voted to approve the said Financial Report.

Ken Pick reviewed with the Board the invoices for payments to creditors as stated as of November 27, 2007. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. It was moved by Barry Rohrbach, seconded by Shirley Ludwig that the invoices stated in the

said report be approved for payment. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present, voted in the affirmative.

Ken Pick gave a brief review of the ADD Program. To date, the Program includes 58 properties with 1 being sold and 1 being purchased. Mr. Pick stated that closing for another Benner's Court property will occur later this month. This will conclude the number of properties that the Authority will acquire for Benner's Court unless the remaining owners of properties on Benner's Court reconsider selling their respective properties.

Ken Pick presented an update on the West Reading Elm Street Program which included recent discussions with the West Reading Elm Street Manager to apply for another \$100,000.00 state grant for "green housing" (environmentally friendly projects). Certain housing in the West Reading Elm Street Program will be converted from multi-unit buildings to single-family structures. As a part of Mr. Pick's presentation he explained that the bids were received for sidewalk and curbing work under Contract # 6 and that the lowest responsible bidder was Austill Construction in the amount of \$8,092.00. Upon motion made by Eileen Kastura, seconded by Barry Rohrbach, all Board members present voted to approve the award of Contract #6 to Austill Construction for \$8,092.00.

David Hummel presented a brief report on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area which will include certain road improvements for the extension of Grand Street and its connection with the northbound lane of State Rt. 61. The owner of the property which is subject to phase I of the extension project has agreed to convey the necessary property for

such extension of Grand Street. Appropriate documentation is currently being drafted to memorialize the transfer of said property to the Borough of Hamburg.

Kathy Miller then made a brief presentation about the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area and reported that a public hearing will be held on December 10, 2007 for the purpose of discussing and approving the Redevelopment Plan.

Ken Pick proceeded to report on the progress of the Birdsboro/Union Redevelopment Area and stated that there are approximately six parties interested in evaluating and discussing the redevelopment of the former Armorcast property. Both municipalities are continuing to discuss plans for redevelopment and both are considering the adoption of new zoning ordinances. The municipalities are also discussing possible road improvements with PennDot, including the realignment of Chestnut Street and a portion of State Route 724 and the construction of a new bridge.

Lastly, Mr. Pick commented to the Board that work continues to be done to Franklin Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the Penn View Motel site, in the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area.

There being no further business, the meeting of this Authority was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Barry E. Rohrbach