

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2007 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS

Chairman Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:30 PM on December 18, 2007, in the Neversink Room, 14th Floor of the Berks County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present:

Glenn Yeager
Eileen Kastura,
Shirley Ludwig, and
Pellegrino Orlando

The Chairman, Glenn Yeager, 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
Dawn Iezzi, Office Support of the Authority

Upon motion by Eileen Kastura, seconded by Pellegrino Orlando, all members of the Board present voted to approve the November 27, 2007 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Kathy Miller presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2007. Mrs. Miller informed the Board that the National Penn Bank account that was established for the purpose of paying relocation payments to the former residents of the Penn View Motel will be closed and the money transferred to the existing Fulton Bank account for the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area. Mrs. Miller stated that

all relocation payments have been made. Upon motion by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Eileen Kastura, 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 December 18, 2007. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. It was moved by Chairman Yeager, 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 Authority has acquired all properties that were available for sale on Benner's Court. Mr. Pick stated that he will be forwarding a letter to the Reading School District for the purpose of updating the District on the status of these acquisitions. As a result of the recent acquisition of 1042 Benner's Court, Mr. Pick requested approval for Change Order #1 to Demolition Contract #19 for the purpose of adding the demolition of said property at an additional cost of \$7,500.00. Upon motion by Shirley Ludwig, seconded by Eileen Kastura, it was moved that the Board of this Authority authorize and approve Change Order #1 to Demolition Contract #19. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative.

Ken Pick presented an update on the West Reading Elm Street Program. Mr. Pick informed the Board that this Authority received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Federal HOME Program. A recommendation was made by Mr. Pick to apply for a \$125,000.00 state grant from the State Residential Reinvestment Program for continued support of "green housing" (environmentally friendly projects). Upon motion by Shirley Ludwig, seconded by Glenn Yeager, it was moved that the Board of this Authority authorize and

approve said application. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative.

David Hummel presented a brief report on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area. Mr. Hummel reported that an application could be made to the Pennsylvania Opportunity Grant Program for a \$500,000.00 grant for the Grand Street extension project. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura, seconded by Shirley Ludwig, it was moved that the Board of this Authority authorize and approve said application. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative.

Kathy Miller then made a brief presentation about the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area and reported that a public hearing for the approval of the Redevelopment Plan was held on December 10, 2007, at which time the Borough Council of the Borough of Fleetwood approved said Plan. Mrs. Miller made a recommendation to the Board to apply for a \$150,000.00 grant from the Pennsylvania Housing & Redevelopment Assistance Program for this project. Upon motion by Pellegrino Orlando, seconded by Eileen Kastura, it was moved that the Board of this Authority authorize and approve said application. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative.

Ken Pick proceeded to report on the progress of the Birdsboro/Union Redevelopment Area (also referred to as the Armorcast Redevelopment Area) and stated that there is a broker of scrap steel interested in purchasing the former Armorcast site. Both municipalities are continuing to discuss plans for redevelopment, which discussions have included meetings with PennDot.

Mr. Pick reported that the work on Franklin Street in the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area continues and is currently about 50% complete. Mr. Pick then

recommended to the Board to authorize and approve an amendment to the existing Agreement with the County of Berks for a \$16,250.00 increase in the recreation grant for the purpose of acquiring additional lands along the Schuylkill River for the Riverplace project. Upon motion by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Pellegrino Orlando, it was moved that the Board of this Authority authorize and approve the execution of said amendment. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative.

Lastly, Mr. Pick presented to the Board the proposed 2008 meeting dates for the Board of this Authority. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura, seconded by Shirley Ludwig, all members of the Board present voted in the affirmative to approve the schedule of meeting dates as presented.

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

Eileen Kastura, Asst. Secretary