

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

May 25, 2010

Chair 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 May 25, 2010, in the Neversink Room, 14th Floor of the County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Glenn Yeager, Chair
Barry Rohrbach, Secretary
Eileen Kastura, Vice-Chair
Pellegrino Orlando, Asst. Treasurer
Shirley Ludwig, Treasurer

The Secretary declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

Pamela J. Cala, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer
David Hummel, Housing and Community Development Specialist
Kathy Heckman, Office Support

Upon motion made by Shirley Ludwig and seconded by Barry Rohrbach, all members of the Board present, voted to approve the April 27, 2010 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Kathy Miller presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2010. A copy of this Report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura and seconded by Glenn Yeager, all Board members present voted to approve the said Financial Report.

Mrs. Miller then presented to the Board the invoices for payments to creditors for the period through May 25, 2010. A motion was made by Glenn Yeager and seconded by Barry

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

David Hummel presented a brief report on the ADD Program. Mr. Hummel informed the Board that Northeast Industrial has not yet begun the demolition of the fourteen properties located in the City of Reading pursuant to Contract #21. He also advised the Board that the Authority has purchased the property located at 419 Tulpehocken Street, in the City of Reading.

There was nothing to report on the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area at this time.

Mr. Hummel then presented an update on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area (also known as the Second Street Redevelopment Area). Mr. Hummel advised the Board that the Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) has agreed to extend the termination date of the \$1,250,000.00 IDP Grant to June 30, 2011. He presented to the Board a First Amendment to Contract No, C000033511, the purpose of which is to extend said date. A motion was made Shirley Ludwig and seconded by Pellegrino Orlando to execute the said First Amendment. Upon roll call vote, all members of the Authority present voted in the affirmative. In addition, Solicitor Cala reported that Olsen Design Group submitted a proposal for the preparation of a conceptual design for the parking lot to be located between State Street and Schuylkill Avenue. She advised the Board that the proposal was for a fee of \$2,400.00, however, the language in the written proposal would require further modification. A motion was made by Glenn Yeager and seconded by Barry Rohrbach to approve the engagement of Olsen Design Group for \$2,400.00 pending Solicitor Cala’s review and modification of the said proposal. Upon roll call vote, all Board members present voted in the affirmative. Mr. Hummel also reported that the Authority is moving forward with the purchase of 111-113 State Street in the Second Street Redevelopment Area.

Kathy Miller then gave a brief report on the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area (also known as the Tannery Redevelopment Area). She advised the Board that the Borough of Fleetwood has obtained the Highway Occupancy Permit to change the curve on Route 662, which will require the relocation of a certain electric utility pole.

Mrs. Miller stated that there was nothing to report on the Armorcast Redevelopment Area at this time.

Mrs. Miller also remarked that there was nothing to report about the MH/MR Housing Program at this time.

Mrs. Heckman then presented a report on the County of Berks "Next Step Program", which is a tenant-based rental assistance program to provide families who have been determined to be ready to move out of shelters, rehabilitation facilities and similar programs and to receive, temporary financial assistance for independent living and housing. Mrs. Heckman reported that application referrals continue to be accepted for the Program. In addition, Mrs. Heckman advised the Board that there are currently four pending applications, two from Berks Counseling Center, one from Easy Does It, Inc. and one from Family Promise.

The next meeting of the Authority will be June 22, 2010. There being no further business, Glenn Yeager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Rohrbach and all members of this Authority voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman