

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

December 18, 2008

Chairman Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:35 P.M. on December 18, 2008, in the Neversink Room, 14th Floor of the County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following Board members were present:

Glenn Yeager, Chairman
Shirley Ludwig, Treasurer
Pellegrino Orlando, Asst. Treasurer

The Chairman declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

Pamela Cala, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, as Solicitor
Kenneth Pick, Executive Director
David Hummel, Housing & Community Development Specialist
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer
Kathy Heckman, Office Support of the Authority

Upon motion made by Glenn Yeager, seconded by Pellegrino Orlando, all members of the Board present, voted to approve the November 20, 2008 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Kenneth Pick presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2008. A copy of this Report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Shirley Ludwig, seconded by Glenn Yeager, all Board members present voted to approve the said Financial Report.

Mr. Kenneth Pick reviewed with the Board the invoices for payments to creditors for the period through December 18, 2008. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Shirley Ludwig and seconded by Pelligrino Orlando that the invoices stated in said

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

Mr. David Hummel presented a brief report to this Board on the ADD Program and advised the Board that Demolition Contract #20 is almost complete.

Mr. Pick then presented a brief report on the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area. He advised this Board that the Borough Council of the Borough of West Reading will revisit discussions regarding the proposed plan to redesign Cherry Street and to create a parking lot along Cherry Street at the January, 2009 meeting of said Borough Council. To date, no vote has been taken on the proposed plan.

Kenneth Pick then presented an update on the West Reading Elm Street Program. Mr. Pick stated that he discussed the 100 Yarnell Street rehabilitation project with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and said organization advised Mr. Pick that it was not interested in pursuing this project. Kenneth Pick then recommended that he discuss the project with Our City of Reading, Inc.

Solicitor Pamela Cala presented an update to this Board regarding the condemnation of the Trident, LLC property for the purpose of extending Grand Street. She advised this Board that the Bankruptcy Court approved an order to proceed with the filing of a Declaration of Taking for the 1.1528 acre parcel of land that will allow for the extension of Grand Street. Mrs. Cala stated that all necessary documentation was being prepared to proceed with the condemnation.

David Hummel presented a brief report on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area (also known as the Second Street Redevelopment Area). Mr. Hummel stated that he met with DCNR on the proposed layout of the promenade project of the Hamburg Redevelopment Area. He

advised this Board that Olsen Design Group and Stackhouse Bensingler, Inc. will be submitting bids for work to be done in connection with the plan.

Kathy Miller presented a report on the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area (also known as the Tannery Redevelopment Area). Mrs. Miller presented to this Board a written proposal from Olsen Design Group to prepare a plan for the widening of the alley located in front of the former foundry site for a fee not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,550.00). Upon motion by Chairman Glenn Yeager, seconded by Shirley Ludwig, all Board members present voted to approve the acceptance and execution of said written proposal for professional services from Olsen Design Group.

Ken Pick reported on the progress of the Armorcast Redevelopment Area located partially in the Borough of Birdsboro and partially in the Township of Union. Mr. Pick stated that the Borough of Birdsboro and Union Township have approved the revised Armorcast Redevelopment Area Plan and that the Borough has expressed an interest in revitalizing the Furnace Street portion of the Plan.

Kenneth Pick then made a brief presentation of a plan to realign the intersection at State Route No. 724, Penn Avenue, Cacoosing Avenue and Columbia Avenue in the Borough of Sinking Spring. This project is known as the Borough of Sinking Spring (BOSS) 2020 and is being further developed for the purpose of eliminating the present awkward alignment of this intersection. The proposed plan would involve the acquisition of property and any residue property would be transferred to a private developer for redevelopment. Mr. Pick advised the Board that the proposed plan is currently under review by PennDot.

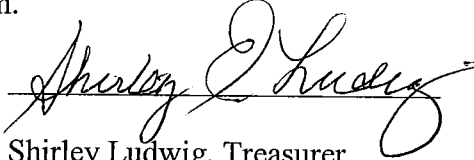
Mr. Ken Pick and Solicitor Cala presented an update on the development of the Permanent Supportive Housing Reinvestment Plan initiated by the MH/MR Health Choices

Program of the County of Berks. They advised the Board that the necessary documentation was currently under review by the County of Berks and various consultants for OMHSAS. They stated that further updates will follow at future meetings of this Board.

Mr. Pick presented a brief report on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) which was established under and pursuant to the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and which is to be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Reading will be applying for funds from the NSP for a variety of activities. Mr. Pick has requested, on behalf of this Authority, that the City include in its application a request for the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for demolition purposes for the Buttonwood Gateway project.

Mr. Pick also reported that the United States Congress is still considering a second Stimulus Package which would be made available through HUD for the purpose of providing funds at a county level for short-term projects to create jobs. At the present time, Congress is discussing an additional \$10 billion for Community Development Block Grant Program. If granted, these funds could be used for projects within the Hamburg Redevelopment Area, the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area and the Amorcast Redevelopment Area.

There being no further business, Shirley Ludwig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Glenn Yeager and all members of this Authority voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.


Shirley Ludwig, Treasurer