

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

March 24, 2009

Chairman 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 March 24, 2009, 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
Barry Rohrbach, Secretary
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

Upon motion made by Shirley Ludwig and seconded by Barry Rohrbach, all members of the Board present voted to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Kathy Miller presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009. A copy of this Report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Chairman Glenn Yeager, seconded by Shirley Ludwig, all Board members present voted to approve the said Financial Report.

Kathy Miller reviewed with the Board the invoices for payments to creditors for the period through March 24, 2009. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Barry Rohrbach and seconded by Shirley Ludwig 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 this Board that one (1) property was purchased and one (1) property was sold since his last report. Mr. Hummel also presented to this Board Resolution No. 57-09 passed by the Commissioners of the County of Berks on March 12, 2009, which Resolution provides for the enlargement of the scope of the ADD Program. A copy of said Resolution is attached to these minutes.

David Hummel presented a brief report on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area (also known as the Second Street Redevelopment Area), including the project involving the extension of Grand Street. Mr. Hummel informed the Board that the Borough of Hamburg is still waiting on the approval of a Highway Occupancy Permit for the connection of Grand Street to State Route No. 61. Mr. Hummel then presented to this Board an application for funding certain costs associated with the extension of Grand Street through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Development Program. Said application represents a request of \$1,250,000.00 from the Infrastructure Development Fund. Upon motion by Barry Rohrbach, seconded by Glenn Yeager, the members of the Board present, by roll call vote, approved the execution and submission of the application for funding through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Development Program .

Mr. Pick then presented a brief report on the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area. He advised this Board that he met with the Borough of West Reading traffic committee to continue discussions regarding the Cherry Street parking lot.

Kenneth Pick then presented an update on the West Reading Elm Street Program. Mr. Pick advised this Board that closing on the sale of 100 Yarnell Street to Reading-Berks Habitat

for Humanity, Inc. was consummated and rehabilitation of this property will commence in the near future.

Kathy Miller presented a report on the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area (also known as the Tannery Redevelopment Area). Mrs. Miller reported to this Board that she met with representatives of Olsen Design Group at the workshop meeting of the Borough of Fleetwood to continue discussions regarding developing a plan of redevelopment to present to the developer of the former tannery site. Mrs. Miller advised this Board that she is investigating opportunities for grant money for the renovation of the facades of the buildings along Main Street as a part of the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area.

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 informed the Board that he is attempting to set up a meeting with the consultant to continue discussions regarding the redevelopment plan for the Armorcast Redevelopment Area.

Kenneth Pick then reported to the Board that the Borough of Sinking Spring Planning Commission will be meeting on this date to discuss a proposed redevelopment plan. Once a plan is approved by the Borough of Sinking Spring, this Board would then discuss and develop a proposal for redevelopment. Mr. Pick also advised this Board that he will be introducing the idea of Tax Incremental Financing to the Borough for the purpose of financing the costs associated with the acquisition of properties and relocation of property owners and tenants.

Mr. Pick advised this Board that he is still waiting to receive information on what funds the City of Reading will be allocated from 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 applied for funds from the NSP for a variety of activities and included a request for the sum of Six Hundred Thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) for demolition purposes for the ADD Program of this Authority.

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 5:00 p.m.

Barry Rohrbach, Secretary