

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

November 19, 2009

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 November 19, 2009, 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
Pellegrino Orlando, Asst. Treasurer

The Chair declared a quorum of Board members present.

Also in attendance were:

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

Upon motion made by Glenn Yeager and seconded by Barry Rohrbach, all members of the Board present, voted to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes of the Board of this Authority.

Kathy Miller presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2009. A copy of this Report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion by Barry Rohrbach and seconded by Glenn Yeager, all Board members present voted to approve the said Financial Report. Mrs. Miller also advised the Board that the QuickBooks purchased by the Authority was installed under the supervision of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner and will be retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Kathy Miller then advised the Board that the Berks County Commissioners approved a resolution appointing this Authority to administer the Next Step Program. The said Next Step

Program is a rental subsidy program which has formerly been operated by the Berks County Housing Authority. This will be a project under the County's 2010 HOME Program. The Berks County Commissioners have requested that the Authority commence the administration of the Next Step Program as of January 1, 2010. Upon motion made by Glenn Yeager and seconded by Barry Rohrbach, all Board members present voted to approve the Authority's administration of the Next Step Program and the execution of any contracts or other agreements necessary or appropriate to memorialize the Authority's authorization by the Berks County Commissioners.

Kathy Miller then reviewed with the Board the invoices for payments to creditors for the period through November 19, 2009. 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. He advised the Board that this Authority purchased the properties located at 1330 N. 10th Street, 403 W. Windsor Street and 324 S. 8th Street from Our City-Reading, Inc. . A property located at 112 Mulberry Street was transferred to the African-American Museum.

Mr. Pick then presented a brief report on the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area. Attorney Cala advised the Board that the deed from the Reading Company, a railroad entity that survived the various railroad mergers and located in California, was delivered to Solicitor Cala and has now been recorded with the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Berks County. The property described in the Deed is the additional strip of land located along the Schuylkill River that will be used for the Promenade for River Place. Ownership of the said property will allow the Borough of West Reading to proceed with its Redevelopment Plan. .

Mr. Hummel then presented an update on the Hamburg Redevelopment Area (also known as the Second Street Redevelopment Area). He informed the Board that the Grand Street emergency exit has been completed and that work continues on the water main and widening of the Grand Street/ Second Street radius. Mr. Hummel also advised the Board that the Borough of Hamburg has requested PENN DOT to correct the elevation on Grand Street during the paving of State Street.

Kathy Miller then gave a brief report on the Fleetwood Redevelopment Area (also known as the Tannery Redevelopment Area). Mrs. Miller informed the Board that she met with members of the Borough Council and the bid for the project for the widening of Foundry Alley will be advertised on December 16, 2009, with the bid opening on January 11, 2010.

Ken Pick then gave a progress report on the Armorcast Redevelopment Area located partially in the Borough of Birdsboro and partially in the Township of Union. Mr. Pick advised the Board that Environmental Standards, Inc., the Authority's environmental contractor, completed the Phase I Report and copies of said Report will be distributed to the Borough of Birdsboro, the Township of Union and the current owner of the subject property.

Kenneth Pick then gave a brief report to the Board on the Health Choices Program of the Berks County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office. The Authority is working with Opportunity House, a Berks County homeless shelter, for the purchase of the Beacon House property from the Berks County Transitional Housing Partners, LTD. Closing is tentatively scheduled to occur before the year end.

Mr. Pick gave a brief report on status of the Sinking Spring Redevelopment Area and the creation of a Tax Increment Financing District (the "TIF"). Mr. Pick advised this Board that the Berks County Commisioners did not approve the creation of the TIF, however, the

Commissioners are attempting to secure other funds to cover some of the preliminary engineering fees for re-designing the Sinking Spring intersection.

The next meeting of the Authority will be December 17, 2009 due to the Christmas holiday. There being no further business, Pellegrino Orlando 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 4:50 p.m.

Barry Rohrbach, Secretary