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Joshua Potosek, Treasurer
Terri Ward, Secretary



Nancy Buck
Pete Gozza
George Nikolados
Alan Sorensen
Ira Steingart

MINUTES

Board Meeting October 11, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE: Freda Eisenberg, Nancy Buck, Jacquie Leventoff, Josh Potosek, Terri Ward, George Nikolados, Pete Gozza, Ira Steingart

ABSENT: Alan Sorensen

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Weyer, Helen Budrock, and Juan Journet

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Freda Eisenberg, Chair at 8:30am.

II. Approval of Bills to Pay

Paid:

Jacobowitz & Gubits (August '18)	\$ 978.02
DeFilippi's Bakery	\$ 454.25

To Be Paid:

Jacobowitz & Gubits (Sept. '18)	\$ 1,188.93
Center for Community Progress	\$ 3,500.00
New Hope Community, Inc.	\$ 635.00
Acorn Plumbing & Heating	\$ 1,280.00
Gorick Construction Co., Inc.	\$102,287.50*

*approved but pending curb replacement for payment

A motion was made by Leventoff, seconded by Gozza, all present approved the bills to be paid listed above.

III. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2018

A motion was made by Buck, seconded by Leventoff, all present approved minutes from September 18, 2018 meeting.

IV. Status Report & Resolutions

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION NYS HOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, NYS Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation has announced the availability of \$8 million dollars through the NYS HOME Program; and

WHEREAS, an application would be submitted for a Homebuyer Development program to continue the efforts of the Land Bank with the maximum funding request of \$750,000 with no match requirement from the Land Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation that:

1. Freda Eisenberg, Chairman, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation NYS HOME Program and, if awarded, such grant is accepted.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Ward, seconded by Steingart, put to a vote with Sorensen absent, carried and declared duly adopted on a vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays.

V. Old Business

The Housing Roundtable took place on Tuesday September 25th from 9-12. Andy Masters from Enterprise presented on Opportunity 360 and the importance of collaboration. Over thirty participants from over 20 organizations took part in the event, paving the way for additional housing discussions and opportunities to be explored.

VI. New Business

Weyer reviewed the Status report and updated the Board on work done since the last meeting. Two applications were received for properties owned by the Land Bank and it was recommended that a Disposition Advisory Group be created to review and vet applications. The group will be made up of Leventoff, Eisenberg and Gozza and a meeting will be scheduled to review the applications prior to the next meeting.

The letter to the County for 2019 funding is being reviewed by Eisenberg and will be sent requesting \$100,000.

Additional outreach is needed for transferring properties and formalizing the process as well as discussing the unpaid taxes issue.

A handout discussing the proposed Painting Program to incentive homeowners to beautify their properties was discussed, however the board felt this was not the time to proceed with starting a new program but to possibly work with Sullivan Renaissance who has a handle on this type of program to see if there could be collaboration.

The Land Bank is partnering with the Board of Realtors and others on a forum for people investing in the Sullivan County Real Estate to be held on October 17th in Callicoon.

Weyer reported that she had met with both Liberty and Monticello to discuss the progress made on their Zombie Grants and to offer help as needed. Additional meetings will be needed with Monticello to revise the budget and complete their project. Liberty is nearing completion on theirs and is willing to share data to coordinate efforts.

VII. Public Comment

No Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24am upon a motion by Ward, seconded by Nikolados, with all present approving.