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The Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County Board of Directors held their regular meeting on September 15, 2021, at 3:00 PM, in the Commissioner's Board Meeting Room located on the 5th floor at 300 North Center Avenue, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gregory S. Osikowicz – Chairperson Gary L. Chalk – Vice-Chairperson Nicholas S. Costantino – Secretary Austin Mostoller – Treasurer

Alexander C. Boose - Solicitor

Steven R. Spochart, Executive Director Patricia A. Adamczyk – Deputy Executive Director Walter Walerysiak, Jr. – Public Improvements Director

Mr. Osikowicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 3:08 P.M.

Mr. Osikowicz asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the July 21, 2021, minutes. Mr. Chalk made the motion, Mr. Costantino seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Osikowicz asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the July 21, 2021, board minutes. As there were none, a motion was made by Mr. Costantino to approve the minutes, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Chalk and unanimously approved.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

At this time, the audit report was presented by Ms. Amanda Coleman of Beer, Ream & Co. The Board was informed that there were no findings or concerns, and Ms. Coleman thanked the Authority staff for their assistance with the Audit. Mr. Mostoller made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Mr. Chalk seconded this motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment currently.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Spochart presented his report as contained in the Board's packet.

Items requiring action are as follows:

A lengthy discussion was held with Solicitor Boose regarding the purchase of the Union Street property and issues with the sewage system. At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Costantino and second from Mr. Chalk to offer \$25,000 for the purchase and no more. If they do not accept the offer, the Authority will no longer pursue the purchase. The motion carried.

With regard to the Draketown Water Project, Mr. Spochart advised that the project is still in the Environmental Review phase, and unfortunately, the PNDI search is now requiring a botanical survey because of the "sand grape". The Engineer, CME Engineers, has requested an additional \$3,900 to conduct this survey and assist our consultant with finalizing the Environmental Review. This would be Change Order No. 2 and bring the total Engineering contract to \$71,400. Mr. Mostoller made a motion to authorize this change order and Mr. Costantino seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Adamczyk informed the Board that the HOME Housing Rehab program is 100% complete.

At this time Mr. Spochart presented Mr. Walerysiak's report. Items requiring action are as follows:

Mr. Costantino made a motion to approve a time extension (Change Order No. 1) for the Berlin Borough – Diamond Street Sidewalk Project. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mostoller and passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Chalk and second by Mr. Mostoller to approve a 23-calendar daytime extension to M & B Services, LLC, for the Berlin Borough – Main Street ECMS Project. This motion carried.

Motion to ratify award of the 17th Street Storm Project in Windber Borough to M & B Services, LLC, of Clarion, PA, in the amount of \$196,989.92, was made by Mr. Costantino, seconded by Mr. Chalk, and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business requiring action at this time.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Motion to authorize the necessary staff's attendance at the PA Housing Alliance Conference in December 2021; the National Brownfields Conference in December 2021, and the PAHRA

Conference in February 2022, was made by Mr. Mostoller and seconded by Mr. Costantino. This motion carried.

INVOICES

Mr. Mostoller made a motion to ratify approval of the invoices and contractor payments as presented for August 2021. Mr. Chalk seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Costantino made a motion to approve the invoices and contractor payments as presented for September 2021. Mr. Mostoller seconded, and the motion carried.

TRAVEL

At this time, Mr. Costantino made a motion to ratify payment of the travel expenses for August 2021, in the amount of \$1,060.92. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mostoller and unanimously approved.

The September 2021 travel expenses in the amount of \$724.20 were presented for approval at this time. Mr. Mostoller made the motion to approve these expenses as presented. Mr. Costantino seconded, and the motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Costantino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostoller, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors has been rescheduled for <u>December 8, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.</u> in the Commissioner's Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Adamczyk Deputy Executive Director

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The above minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held

_______ at which a quorum was present.

Nicholas S. Costantino, Secretary