

Northampton County General Purpose Authority Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2015

A meeting of the Northampton County General Purpose Authority was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Northampton County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, County Council Chambers, Room #3116, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA.

ITEM #1 –CALL TO ORDER-ATTENDANCE

Mr. Dowd called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

J. Michael Dowd, Neal Koplín, Margaret Ferraro

Shawn M. Donahue and Helene M. Whitaker were in attendance via teleconference.

Solicitor:

None present.

Staff:

Diane Donaher, Director, DCED
Mark Hartney, DCED Administrator

David Hughes, DCED Finance Specialist

Absent:

Shawn Langen, Mark Schiavone, John F. Lushis, Jr., Esq., Nina McCarthy

ITEM #2- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2015

The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Koplín. Mr. Dowd abstained. The minutes were approved.

ITEM #3 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Hughes reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Koplín made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ms. Whitaker seconded. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM #5 – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM #6 – NEW BUSINESS6.1 Moravian College – Application for the Boyd Theatre

Gary Carney, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Moravian College, addressed the Authority. He is requesting \$30,000 for an architectural study and cost analysis of renovating the Boyd Theatre (as well as properties that are part of the parcel). The total cost of the study is \$50,000, therefore they are also seeking an additional \$20,000 from a local foundation. The college also needs to do a Fundraising Feasibility Study to determine if local support is available for the project.

MOTION: To approve the requested grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Mr. Koplin made a motion to approve the grant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whitaker. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 – STAFF REPORT7.1 Project Updates:

Project updates were provided by Mr. Hartney.

7.1.1 Glendon Hotel:

Nothing new to report.

7.1.2 GPA RLF:

The contract was fully executed by the County Executive. The funds were deposited and a separate account will be set up to administer those funds.

7.1.3 General Updates:

- 118 – 120 Northampton Street has gotten a bank commitment letter.
- Hope Uniform: Mr. Hughes advised that official documents have not been signed because the company is in the process of moving from New Jersey to Roseto. Time will be scheduled to get the documents signed.
- KIZ: Currently reviewing the agreement.
- 3rd Street, Rising Tide, and Touchstone Theatre: Documents have been sent to the organizations for their review. Once reviewed they will get together to sign the documents.

7.2 Prospect Report:


Mr. Hartney advised that requests have come in for the County's Job Creation Grants through CIPP.

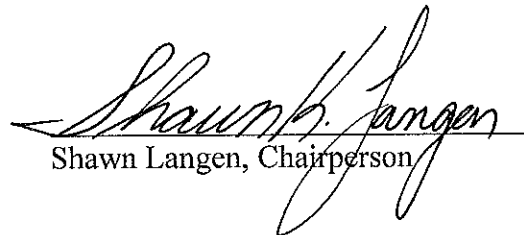
ITEM #8 – NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2015, 8AM

ITEM #9 – ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Koplín made a motion to adjourn.

ATTEST:


Nina McCarthy, DCED Executive Secretary


Shawn Langen, Chairperson