

MINUTES

For the December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Erie Land Bank, held at City Hall, 626 State Street, Room 500, Erie, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors:	Trevor Thompson	T.J. Sandell
	Darlene Feeney	Chris Groner

ERA Staff:	Scott Henry	Kelly Neville
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Visitors:	Eugene Sundberg	Liz Allen
	Jeremy Bloeser	Michael Peres
	Andy Zimmerman	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Sandell called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and noted that the meeting will be audio taped to facilitate preparation of the written Minutes which will serve as the official public record.

CONSENT AGENDA & PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Feeney and a second by Mr. Groner the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

There were no citizens to be heard.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Henry gave an update on the properties that are involved in the Erie County Land Bank Work Plan. This update is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eugene Sundberg provided an update re the properties acquired from the 2019 Judicial Tax Sale. A copy of his report is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Mr. Groner, the board unanimously approved to table the proposal for the property located at 422 Poplar Street until further review.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Mr. Groner, the board unanimously approved to table the proposal for the property located at 2501 Brandes Street until further review.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Ms. Feeney, the board unanimously approved to table the proposal for the property located at 3031 Pine Avenue.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the board unanimously approved to table the proposal for the property located at 741 East 12th Street.

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sandell, the board unanimously approved to counter the offer in the amount of \$630.00 for the property located at 1135 East 11th Street.

Upon a motion by Mr. Groner, seconded by Mr. Sandell, the board unanimously approved to the conveyance of 123 Sobieski Street to the Bayfront Eastside Task Force (BEST).

Mr. Henry reported that he attended the December meeting of the Erie County Land Bank and presented a list of 25 blighted properties which would constitute Work Plan II. The ECLB agreed to provide funding in an amount up to \$322,000 for the acquisition and demolition (or other disposition) of the properties.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Ms. Feeney, the Board unanimously approved to empower the Erie Redevelopment Authority to acquire the 25 properties on behalf of the ELB.

Mr. Henry initiated a discussion with the Board concerning ELB's policy re abatement of real estate taxes for properties under ELB's ownership. Factors to be considered include the timing of tax exemptions and assessment reductions when structures are removed from properties. The Board requested that Mr. Henry compile some examples for further consideration.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell, seconded by Mr. Groner, the board unanimously approved the 2020 meeting schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Feeney commented that she was approached by a City of Erie resident regarding the demolition at 608 East 7th Street. The resident was concerned that the debris was not hauled away properly. Mr. Henry and other Board members assured her that the demolition was done properly under a City permit and was subject to on-going inspections by City of Erie Code Enforcement.

The Board discussed that they reserve the right to deny any proposal for the purchase of property from the Land Bank and requested that Mr. Henry and the Solicitor review the current Policies & Procedures and make recommendations for any revisions to that effect.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erie Land Bank

Darlene Feeney, Secretary