

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Meeting
February 24, 2014

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of Franklin Township was held at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Gianotto. The Sunshine Law was read and the roll was taken.

Present: Michael F. Gianotto; Carl Wright; Kimberly Francois; Dennis Sanders; Ike Agudosi

Absent: Robert Mettler; Wayne Sellers

Also Present: Leslie London, Attorney; Mark Healey, Executive Director; Vincent Dominach, Secretary

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Agudosi was sworn in as a new member of the Agency by Ms. London

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2014 were approved as submitted, with a motion made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Wright and unanimously approved by a roll call vote with Mr. Agudosi not Voting as he was not yet a member as of the meeting date.

RPM – UPDATE

Mr. Healey briefly discussed the update as provided in the 2/24/14 memorandum from Elizabeth Kulinich of RPM. Mr. Healey also noted that he would be meeting with Mr. McBride from RPM in the beginning of March to discuss properties that RPM may not be developing and if those properties could be removed from the redevelopment area. Ms. London added a synopsis of the Buist negotiations and informed the Agency that Buist has determined, through their LSRP, that additional environmental cleanup is necessary. Ms. London also pointed out that the Agency will be hiring an independent environmental consultant to assess the environmental issues and that request for proposals had been sent out to eight companies. In addition Ms. London informed the Agency that a relocation plan for Buist must be prepared and that a relocation consultant will be hired. All consultants' fees will be paid by RPM.

LEEWOOD UPDATE

Mr. Healey briefly discussed the update as provided in the 1/24/14 email from Michael Fink of Leewood. Ms. London added that the owner of 5 Irving Street continues to ask for \$350,000 but refuses to have an appraisal done to justify that amount. The Agency has hired an appraiser to complete an appraisal and staff will accompany the appraiser on their site inspection. Ms. London also informed the Agency that the Condemnation Complaint for 22 Chester had been filed.

REDEV UPDATE

Charles Avery of Redev was in attendance and he summarized his 2/24/14 update email.

Attorney Invoices #12738, 12739, 12740,

A motion was made by Mr. Wright to approve attorney invoices 12738, 12739 and 12740 seconded by Mr. Sellers and unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Francois to open the public session. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and unanimously carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Alain Noutin of 130 Fuller Street asked the Agency to inquire of RPM as to their plans and timetable for purchasing 130 Fuller Street. Mr. Noutin was informed that the Agency would do so and should have an update by the Agency's March meeting.

There being no further public comments a motion was made by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Sellers to close the public session. Said motion was carried unanimously carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Approved:

Date: