



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 22nd – 11:00 AM  
Brisbane Building Conference Room 521  
403 Main St. Suite 602  
Buffalo, New York 14203

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Call to Order by Brendan Mehaffy

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Brendan Mehaffy, Frank E. Krakowski, Joseph L. Maciejewski, Timothy Ball, Donna J. Estrich, Joseph Hogenkamp, Thomas Hersey, OJ McFoy

Board Members Excused: James Comerford, Jr., Joseph Hogenkamp, Christopher J. Schoepflin, Michael Siragusa

Fiscal Agent Present: Robert Keating

BENLIC Counsel Present: Martin Polowy

Executive Director: Jocelyn Gordon

Program Coordinator: Alex Carducci

Guests:

HAND OUTS:

Agenda; Minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 Board Meeting; Treasurer's Report; Bid Approvals; **Resolution #2017-6**: 1040 Backus, Evans; **Resolution #2017-7**: 69 Ross Ave.; **Resolution #2017-8**: **365 Northumberland**; Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2017

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 Board of Directors Meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Frank E. Krakowski to amend date of the February meeting to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, Seconded by Timothy Ball. A motion was made by Frank E. Krakowski, to approve as amended, seconded by Timothy Ball and unanimously carried as approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joseph Maciejewski presented a Treasurer's Report as of January, 31 2017 with a balance of (M&T Bank) \$ 1,872,417.82. A motion was made by Joseph

L. Maciejewski, to approve, seconded by Donna J. Estrich and unanimously carried as approved.

4. APPROVAL OF 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Dates:

A motion was made by Donna J. Estrich, to approve as submitted, seconded by Timothy Ball and unanimously carried as approved.

5. Bid Approvals:

• **Resolution #2017-6 1040 Backus, Evans Approval of Bid**

**Resolution #2017-6** The BENLIC Corporation Procurement Policy bid the desired services for rehabilitation of the 2400 Sq. ft. ranch. The bid was put out to bid January 24, 2017 with a deadline for February 21, 2017. Sunset Custom Homes was the only bidder to submit bid for complete project. Bid was for \$126,934 with BENLIC Estimated Sale price from between \$130,000 & \$140,000. A motion was made by Joseph L. Maciejewski to approve, seconded by OJ McFoy, and unanimously carried as approved.

**Resolution #2017-6 ATTACHED.**

6. Dispositions:

• **Resolution #2017-7 Disposition of 69 Ross, Buffalo**

**Resolution #2017-7** BENLIC acquired the property of 69 Ross Avenue, City of Buffalo via donation from Wells Fargo Bank in 2015, along with a cash concession of \$15,000. BENLIC used funding from the New York OAG Office of Community Revitalization grant to rehabilitate the home. BENLIC listed the property for sale in October 2016 for \$74,500.00. The second highest bidder was selected although there are two other bids; one for \$74,501.00 and one for \$77,000. Khan Pan & Cing Nuam had 5% in cash up front. They also proposed a conventional mortgage sale, and meet all qualifications under BENLIC Disposition guidelines. A motion was made by OJ McFoy to approve, seconded by Joseph L. Maciejewski, and unanimously carried as approved.

**Resolution #2017-7 ATTACHED.**

• **Resolution #2017-8 Disposition of 365 Northumberland City of Buffalo**

**Resolution #2017-8** BENLIC acquired 365 Northumberland at the City of Buffalo tax foreclosure auction on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. BENLIC explored several options before it was concluded that demolition was as the best solution for the property. The resulting vacant parcel was listed for sale according to the BENLIC side lot program. Mr. Montague, the owner of the adjacent property located at 371 Northumberland, applied with an offer of \$150, and the intent of using the lot as a garden. A motion to approve was made by Donna J. Estrich, seconded by Frank E. Krakowski, and unanimously carried as approved.

**Resolution #2017-8 ATTACHED.**

7. Executive Directors Report:

- Jocelyn Gordon updated the Board of a request by Niagara County's interest in a Metropolitan Land Bank. The request would be to have a meeting with all City and County Officials to Merge BENLIC with Niagara County with a goal of ascertaining the feasibility of such a merger. The Board's opinion, because of the complexity of the current charter and legal ramifications, remains that Niagara County should apply for their Land status with help and guidance from BENLIC.
- Presentation to Erie County
- Media Strategy – Community Outreach to introduce the new programs available thru BENLIC and also showing our latest success stories.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Timothy Ball, seconded by Thomas Hersey, and unanimously carried as adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Board of Directors – 11 a.m. March 28, 2017  
Location: Brisbane Building Conference Room 521 (403 Main St)

Recorded by: Frank E Krakowski  
Submitted for Approval: Frank E Krakowski  
Adopted by BENLIC Board Members on \_\_\_\_\_