



BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
April 16th, 2020 – 11:00 AM -Via Teleconference  
Buffalo, New York 14203

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Call to Order by Brendan Mehaffy

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Brendan Mehaffy, Michael Siragusa, Scott Bylewski, Timothy Ball, Thomas Hersey, Amanda Mays, Frank Krakowski, Amanda Mays, William Reece

Board Members *Excused*: Donna J. Estrich

Board Members *Absent*: OJ. McFoy, James Comerford Jr., Frank Krakowski

Fiscal Agent Present: Robert Keating

BENLIC Counsel Present: Martin Polowy

BENLIC Staff: Jocelyn Gordon, Ben Brown, Andrea Folgherait, Marjorie McAllister

HAND OUTS:

Agenda; Minutes of March 2020 Board Meeting; March 2020 Treasurer's Report; Bid Approvals

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of March 2020 Minutes with Real Estate Committee Minutes:  
The minutes of the March 19th, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Michael Siragusa, seconded by Scott Bylewski and unanimously carried as approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Chairman Mehaffy presented the March 2020 Treasurer's Report as of March 31st, 2020 with a balance of \$3,254,461.29, this includes \$1,500,000.00 in Treasury Bills the Corporation filed for in late December of 2019. A motion was made to approve by William Reece, seconded by Michael Siragusa, and unanimously carried as approved.

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4. *Bid Approval*

**Resolution #2020-13-** 117 Dupont Avenue, Tonawanda – Asbestos Abatement

BENLIC acquired 117 Dupont Avenue at the Erie County In-Rem Auction in 2019. BENLIC has invested \$4,050.00 in funds to stabilize and receive necessary asbestos testing and survey of the property. The plan is to bid out the remaining necessary repairs – around \$120,000.00 remain in repairs and sell the property to a responsible homebuyer. An estimated resale is around \$130,000.00. After obtaining an asbestos pre-renovation survey of the property that revealed the home contained friable asbestos materials throughout. The bid for asbestos abatement was released on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with a submission deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. BENLIC received four (4) bids: Regional Environmental Demolition, Inc. (\$14,800.00), Priority Abatement and Remediation (\$21,300.00), Lee’s Environmental Services, Inc. (NYS MBE - \$24,790.00), and SEG Construction (NYS WBE - \$28,000.00). A motion to approve Regional Environmental Services, Inc for \$14,800.00 was made by Timothy Ball, seconded by William Reece, and unanimously carried out as approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Timothy Ball, and seconded by William Reece, and unanimously carried as adjourned.

5. Executive Director’s Report:

- NY on Pause – Essential BENLIC Activities
- Federal SBA Application – Payroll Protection Program (PPP)
  - BENLIC staff made timely application for the PPP forgivable loan with M&T Bank and was approved on 4/16 for a loan in the amount of \$72,432.50. Board members were supportive of the application and execution of necessary documents.
  
- Compliance Requirements for Land Bank Enterprise CRI Initiative 4.2 Grant

NEXT MEETING: Board of Directors – 11 a.m. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Location: Brisbane Building Conference Room 521 (403 Main St)

Recorded by: Andrea Folgherait, BENLIC Staff  
Submitted for Approval: Jocelyn Gordon, Executive Director  
Adopted by BENLIC Board Members on \_\_\_\_\_