

CCIDA MEETING Minutes
August 15, 2018
8:00 a.m.

Present: E. Larsen, B. Burton, P. Raymond, R. Gibbon, W. Outwater

Absent:

Contract Staff: S. Craig, A. Larsen

Finance: S. Cwynar

Guest: S. Palmatier, S. Butler

I. Roll Call

Board Chair E. Larsen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Upon review motion to approve the July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes by B. Burton, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes all. Approved.

III. Bills & Invoices

Upon review motion to approve the bills and invoices by B. Burton, seconded by W. Outwater. Ayes all. Approved.

IV. Old Business

S. Craig said he has been working on arranging a meeting to review the Eaton Center PILOT application, but has not been able to find a workable date yet.

R. Gibbon asked whether the IDA had been approached about the ongoing windmill project. S. Craig said he had not. S. Butler said there will be a public hearing in Guilford soon, and that there would be between 20 and 30 windmills. They would also reach the upper limits of currently available windmill height.

A. Larsen said that M. Wells of Bond, Schoeneck & King advised the IDA not to immediately file a quitclaim deed on the Eaton Center, as it would generate unnecessary paperwork if a new PILOT was to go forward.

A Larsen said that EDA representative Ed Hummel and Jen Gregory of Southern Tier 8 visited the IDA the previous week. The meeting was informal and intended to provide the EDA with a general overview of current and prospective economic development projects in Chenango County.

S. Palmatier said he was working with the County Planning Department and IDA staff to find feasible sites for a softwood lumber mill in the county. The railroad would be an asset for any prospective site.

E. Larsen said that the IDA may be an eligible lead agency for an ongoing “Friends of the Museum District” initiative. The project would involve street-scaping to create a cohesive museum district in the Rexford Street area of Norwich.

V. Treasurer’s Report

B. Burton reviewed the July 31, 2018 Financial Statements with the board.

Upon review motion to approve the July 31, 2018 Treasurer’s Report by B. Burton, seconded by W. Outwater. Ayes all. Approved.

VI. New Business

W. Outwater discussed the IDA's PILOT policies. W. Outwater said that he would be in favor of revising the IDA's policies to state that tax grievances (i.e. appeals for lower or maintained assessments) be explicitly barred for companies with PILOT agreements.

The board discussed the relative advantages and disadvantages of such a policy, as well as its legality. State or federal law may prohibit the placement of such restrictions on any company. IDA staff will contact their legal counsel for guidance regarding changes to policy along these lines.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by B. Burton, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes All. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.