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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF
LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 8:30 AM

HELD AT
LANCASTER TOWN HALL
21 CENTRAL AVENUE, LANCASTER, NY 14086

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to order by Chair Coleman at

Roll Call: Present: Frank Fialkiewicz
 Steven Hoffman
 Alan Kurtzman
 Jesse Nikonowicz
 Kenneth O'Brien
 David Visone
 Chair Coleman

Excused:

Absent:

Also Present: Richard Grimm, General Counsel/Bond Counsel
 Robert Benzel, Chief Executive Officer
 David J. Brown, Chief Financial Officer
 Paul Leone, Consultant

Presentation of Minutes from January 10, 2017 meeting: Motion by Member _____,
seconded by Member _____, and approved, corrected or denied.

Presentation of Financial Statement for period of January 10, 2017 to February 14, 2017:
Motion by Member _____, seconded by Member _____, and approved,
corrected or denied.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION OF THE LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (LIDA) OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL 1833

Whereas, the LIDA has been an active and productive force in spurring economic development, job creation and job retention in the Town of Lancaster, and

Whereas, the LIDA, by being led by local community and business leaders allows the Town to design its economic development strategy and programs in a way which best meets the unique character, environment and need of the Town of Lancaster, and

Whereas, based on a recent audit by the New York State Comptroller evaluating the cost effectiveness of all Industrial Development Agencies in New York State, the LIDA excels in the area of controlling the cost of creating new jobs, and the expenses of the agency associated with those efforts, making the LIDA one of the most efficient and cost effective Industrial Development Agencies in New York State, and

Whereas, recent legislation filed in the New York State Senate (SB.1833) would allow only the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) to exempt state and county taxes without first approval, and

Whereas, this legislation would also require the LIDA to seek the approval of all taxing jurisdictions before any tax abatement, except town taxes, could be offered, thus adding delays to the approval process, and

Whereas, by denying local Industrial Development Agencies the use of these tools, this bill, if it were to become law, would set into motion the decline and eventual disappearance of all local Industrial Development Agencies and create a situation in Erie County of just one Industrial Development Agency, the ECIDA, controlling all economic development activities for all cities, towns and villages throughout the county, and

Whereas, this “one size fits all” approach to economic development would not be in the best interests of the Town of Lancaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lancaster Industrial Development Agency does hereby go on record as opposed to the passage of SB.1833, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Senate delegation from Western New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

MEMBER FIALKIEWICZ	VOTED
MEMBER HOFFMAN	VOTED
MEMBER KURTMAN	VOTED
MEMBER NIKONOWICZ	VOTED
MEMBER O'BRIEN	VOTED
MEMBER VISIONE	VOTED
CHAIR COLEMAN	VOTED

OLD BUSINESS:

CURRENT BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT LIDA MEETING – MARCH 14, 2017 AT 8:30 AM –
Public Hearing – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: _____