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**MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 AT 8:30 AM

**HELD AT
LANCASTER TOWN HALL
21 CENTRAL AVENUE, LANCASTER, NY 14086
VIA TELECONFERENCE BRIDGE**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAIR RUFFINO

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to order by Chair Ruffino at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Frank Fialkiewicz
 Steve Hoffman
 Alan Kurtzman
 Jesse Nikonowicz
 Chair Ruffino
 Excused: Kenneth O'Brien
 Absent:
 Also present: Richard Grimm, General Counsel/Bond Counsel
 Pamela CuvIELlo, Chief Financial Officer
 Paul Leone, Consultant

REGULAR MEETING

Presentation of Minutes from March 10, 2020 meeting: Motion by Member Nikonowicz, seconded by Member Kurtzman and unanimously approved.

Member Fialkiewicz Yes
Member Hoffman Yes
Member Kurtzman Yes
Member Nikonowicz Yes

Member O'Brien	Excused
Chair Ruffino	Yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Kurtzman to accept the audit as presented by Luke Malecki and Charles Trottier of Drescher & Malecki, LLP, Audit. Seconded by Member Hoffman.

Member Fialkiewicz	Yes
Member Hoffman	Yes
Member Kurtzman	Yes
Member Nikonowicz	Yes
Member O'Brien	Excused
Chair Ruffino	Yes

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consultant Paul Leone has requested a reduction in pay for the month of May 2020 from \$2500.00 to \$1000.00. Town Board approval is not necessary for this action and no resolution is needed.

Paul Leone has been working with the SBA on loans for local businesses. Transit Rd. hotel has applied for assistance and Mr. Leone will begin calling Lancaster and Depew businesses to provide assistance. Buffalo Filter has closed and the PILOT was pulled in December of 2019. The County may not have been able to act fast enough to adjust the tax bill. If benefits are owed Richard Grimm will deal with Con Med. The PILOT was pulled when the number of employees fell below the standards set.

The Plum Creek Properties project is on hold during the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Daniel Amatura, Highway Superintendent will write up a proposal for a strip of land to be granted an easement between Casey Machine on Ward Rd. and the Town of Lancaster ball fields. A swale will be installed for drainage and the only

issue to this is if it would have a negative effect on the Town use or value of the property in the future.

Chair Ruffino expressed his concern over the loss of revenue due to the pandemic. Currently we are expecting a \$2,000,000.00 + loss from the sales tax revenue. Expenses are being reduced when possible but for the most part they are already set. Some businesses will not be able to recover after the pandemic and the IDA will need to play a vital role in the recovery and rebuilding of our economy. Member Fialkiewicz questioned if the IDA funds can be loaned or used to help the Town. Richard Grimm explained that the use of IDA funds is restricted and to create a loan fund is costly and counter-productive. If members are questioned on the LIDA funds they are now better able to respond to requests from businesses and the public on this subject.

Member Hoffman requested an update on the Paul Bliss project. The project was withdrawn until further notice and Mr. Grimm will reach out to the attorney for Paul Bliss and get an update.

Construction has stopped at local projects such as the Premier Dog Park.

Member Fialkiewicz requested clarification on the mailing of tax bills for the Village IDA projects. Due to a retirement the work has been redistributed.

Congratulations to Member Fialkiewicz who is now an employee of the Evans Bank.

NEXT LIDA MEETING – JUNE 9, 2020 AT 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Member Kurtzman and seconded by Member Nikonowicz to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.