

ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Friday June 15, 2018

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona held their regular monthly meeting on Friday June 15, 2018 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Board Members Present: Ron Beatty, Frank Wiley, Louisa Lobre-Riley, and Attorney Elizabeth Benjamin.

Staff Present: Lee Slusser, Nick Ardizzone and Jean Cupp

Guests Present: Bill Kibler – Altoona Mirror

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Frank Wiley at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Friday, April 20, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Louisa Lobre-Riley and seconded by Ron Beatty, which passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Financial Reports

Jean Cupp presented the April and May 2018 Financial Reports. Ron Beatty made the motion to approve the financials as presented. Louisa Lobre-Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None at this time.

5. Solicitor's Report

None at this time.

6. Other Business

a. PENNDOT "Notice of Intent to Enter" – Nick Ardizzone presented a notice that was received from PennDot informing the Redevelopment Authority that they may need to enter land owned by the RA to conduct surveys, engineering studies, soil exploration, or tests to gather information. They are also authorized by the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code and may include the use of core drilling rigs and/or other equipment. Mr. Ardizzone explained that this is just a notice and does not require any action on the part of the RA.

b. RA Grass Cutting Program – Bennetti Contract is for properties that the RA owns. We contacted eight (8) companies, we received two (2) responses. The properties that the RA owns are along 17th Street, and Robertson Park, with a few scattered sites throughout the city. The low bid for this contract is Bennetti Tree Service, Inc. Attorney Benjamin said that because the RA did not meet in May the motion for approval of this contract needs to be made retro-active. The motion to approve the Bennetti Tree Service, Inc., contract for the RA Grass Cutting Program as the low bid effective retro-active to April 28, 2018 was made by Ron Beatty. Louisa Lobre-Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Mow & Lien Program – JJ Sinisi Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc. contract is for mowing and trimming parcels designated by the Director of the Altoona Redevelopment Authority. The City will notify the owners that the contractor will mow the property if the owners do not. Subsequently a lien will be placed on the property for the costs incurred. A motion was made to approve the JJ Sinisi Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc. contract as the low bid retro-active to May 16, 2018 by Louisa Lobre-Riley. Motion was seconded by Ron Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Ron Beatty. Motion seconded by Louisa Lobre-Riley. Motion passed at 9:00 a.m.

Approved by Frank Wiley, (Secretary/Treasurer)