

ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Friday September 21, 2018

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona held their regular monthly meeting on Friday September 21, 2018 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Board Members Present: Richard Fiore, Ron Beatty, Mayor Matt Pacifico, Frank Wiley, Attorney Elizabeth Benjamin.

Staff Present: Lee Slusser, Jean Cupp, Mary Johnson

Guests Present: Dan Bradley – Young, Oaks, Brown & Co. (YOBCO)
Bill Kibler – Altoona Mirror

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Richard Fiore, at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Friday, August 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Frank Wiley and seconded by Matt Pacifico, which passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Financial Reports

a. Dan Bradley of YOBCO presented the report on the Annual Audit. Motion to accept the Audit was made by Frank Wiley and seconded by Matt Pacifico, which passed unanimously.

b. Jean Cupp presented the August 2018 Financial Report. Motion to approve the financial statement was made by Frank Wiley and seconded by Matt Pacifico, which passed unanously.

4. Public Comment

None at this time.

5. Solicitor's Report

None at this time.

6. Other Business

Mr. Slusser presented a report on the Transportation Center – Elevator Repair. The AMTRAK track side elevator is not working and needs to be replaced. We have always been under the assumption that the elevators

were AMTRAK's responsibility. AMTRAK has always paid the Maintenance Agreement, paid for any repairs and updated signage on the buttons as needed. The only access to the platform is the cross over. AMTRAK is the only ones that would use the elevators. In July the elevator failed a pressure test. AMTRAK of course new about it immediately and called in a repairman to fix it. We were not notified until a passenger called to let us know that the elevator was not in service. Mr. Slusser said he called Paul and was told that, yes, that elevator is out and they are working on getting it repaired. On or around September 15, 2018 AMTRAK sent us a bid from Eastern Elevator Service for the replacement of the Hydraulic Jack. AMTRAK at that time said that they think that since the elevator is part of the building their lease states it is our responsibility. Mr. Slusser asked Attorney Elizabeth Benjamin to take a look at the lease. According to Elizabeth she has determined that we are in fact responsible for the repairs. Mr. Slusser explained to AMTRAK that we cannot just pay the bid that was received from Eastern Elevator, as the City, we must get more than one bid and then go with the lower bid. We have to a source to pay this bid as it is \$35,000. He told AMTRAK that this is going to slow their repair down significantly and that they should have notified us immediately.

The first thing Eastern Elevator did was send us the bid, the same one they submitted to AMTRAK, they just put our name on it. We are also waiting for a bid to come in from Otis Elevator. In terms of finding a funding source, we could ask the City to pay for it out of the general funds. Mary Johnson, CDBG Manager, suggested that we could apply for funding through CDBG because it is an accessibility issue. Anyone riding the train who cannot use the stairs cannot get off a train in Blair County. We are looking at upgrading the entire Transportation Center to bring it into ADA Compliance. We will be working on getting the application ready, securing bids, etc. in order to apply for the funds from CDBG. The question came up as to whether or not we would want to put this out as one contract or do two contracts, as there is some urgency for getting the elevator installed first. Richard Fiore said that there are actually three proprietary elevator companies internationally, ThyssenKrupp, Schindler, Otis. Eastern Elevator is local and uses off the shelf parts that are nonproprietary pieces. Mr. Slusser said that we have a call into Keller Engineers to have a design professional meet with us. A discussion ensued and at the present time, there is no action to be taken. This will be brought back to the Authority when we have gotten all the information together.

Mr. Fiore asked if there is any update on the Land Bank. Mayor Pacifico said that the ordinance was introduced to City Council at the last meeting.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Frank Wiley. Motion seconded by Ron Beatty. Motion passed at 9:20 a.m.

Approved by Frank Wiley, (Secretary/Treasurer)