

**ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of Friday, January 15, 2016**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona held their regular monthly meeting on Friday, January 15, 2016 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

**Board Members Present:** Don Devorris, Richard Fiore, Mayor Matt Pacifico, Louisa Lobre-Riley, Attorney Elizabeth Benjamin.

**Staff Present:** Lee Slusser, Nick Ardizzone, Jean Cupp, Bette Fischer

**Guests Present:** Rocco Scalzi

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Don Devorris at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the Friday, December 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Louisa Lobre-Riley and seconded by Richard Fiore, which passed unanimously.

**3. Finance**

The financial report for the month of December 2015 for the Altoona Redevelopment Authority and the Altoona Transportation Center were presented by Jean Cupp. A motion was made by Mayor Matt Pacifico, to accept the financial reports as presented. Louisa Lobre-Riley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**4. Public Comment**

None at this time.

**5. Solicitor's Report**

Attorney Benjamin said that she had prepared a new lease agreement for Greyhound but is still waiting to finalize it.

**6. Other Business**

**Vacant Property**

Mr. Ardizzone presented vacant land for sale, 2612-20 & 2622-30 15th Avenue. These are two (2) lots, 125' x 120.30' lots acquired in 1975. The applicants Vincent C. Durbin and Teresa M. Durbin, husband and wife, of 1501 26<sup>th</sup> Street, desire to acquire this property for "Suburban Residential,

Open Space and Side Yard Beautification" use. This property is not suitable for building because it lacks public utilities. A motion was made to sell the properties to Mr. & Mrs. Durbin for \$608.00 by Richard Fiore, seconded by Louisa Lobre-Riley and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Robertson Park**

Mr. Rocco Scalzi presented to the Authority, a group of citizens wants to place a statue of Johnny Robertson in Robertson Park, to honor him for his commitment to Boxing and the youth of our community. The statue is Bronze, weighs 150 lbs will be anchored on a 3' base and will be placed in an area closest to 8<sup>th</sup> St. Mr. Slusser raised the question as to who will be responsible for maintaining and repair of the statue if there should be any vandalism? Mr. Scalzi said the maintenance will be handled by his group and will consist of (2) two coats of wax per year to keep the bronze from turning green. He is going to check with the insurance company to be sure that the statue will be protected from vandalism. Mr. Scalzi asked if the security cameras in the area are set to view the park. Mr. Slusser told him that the cameras in the area belong to PennDot and are for traffic monitoring only. Mr. Devorris asked Mr. Slusser to review what the cost would be for installing security camera's in the park and bring that back to the next meeting. Mr. Slusser then questioned Mr. Scalzi how they intend to install the statue given the fact the the bricks in the park are hand layed and very expensive. Stating his concern that the equipment used could damage the bricks. Mr. Fiore said that usually laying plywood down over top of the bricks is sufficient in protecting them. A motion was made by Mayor Matt Pacifico to allow this group to place the statue in Robertson Park, seconded by Richard Fiore. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Devorris commended Mr. Scalzi and his group for the effort that they are putting forth for the betterment of our community.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no other business, a motion was made at 8:50 a.m. by Louisa Lobre-Riley to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Richard Fiore. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approved by Louisa Lobre-Riley, Secretary