

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2014
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mike Mahoney, Joan Harris, Fred Matrulli, Mayor Palmieri, Samantha Colosimo-Testa

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Gene Allen, Andy Brindisi, Joe Hobika, Sr.

EXCUSED: Phil Montana

ABSENT: Ed Bucciero

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:42 AM

ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Fred Matrulli made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 10 Oswego Street

An offer was received from Sabitha Sinanovic in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the property located at 10 Oswego Street. The bidder plans to create parking for her property. This property was tabled at the last meeting. The Board asked that the bidder bring in proof of all properties that she held an interest in and a plan for the use of the lot. Bidder supplied all requested information.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to remove the table of this property so it can be considered for sale. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Sabitha Sinanovic as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 10 Oswego Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also that all back taxes are satisfied and codes complied with. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 Irish Cultural Center Resolution

A Resolution was submitted to the Board members for their approval. The Resolution outlines the new project dates and stipulations. The Resolution is on file in the Urban Renewal Agency Office.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to approve the Irish Cultural Center Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 1120 & 318.23-3-78 Parker Street

An offer was received from Ilya Boyko in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the property located at 1120 & 318.23-3-78 Parker Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property and maintain the lot for green space.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Ilya Boyko as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1120 & 318.23-3-78 Parker Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 1704 Whitesboro Street

An offer was received from Jose Cuevas in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the property located at 1704 Whitesboro Street. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Jose Cuevas as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1704 Whitesboro Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 1039 Hope Street

An offer was received from Robert E. Albin, Jr. in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the property located at 1039 Hope Street. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. The bidders parents lost the property for back taxes (both are deceased).

The Board asked that Mr. Albin increase his offer to 7,200.00 to cover the amount of the taxes that his family lost it for as well as interest and fees. Also, that he was able to provide additional financing to cover the increase in price.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to designate Robert E. Albin, Jr. as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1039 Hope Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The bidder must also provide more financing to cover the new asking price of \$7,200.00. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 803 John Street

An offer was received from Payne's Temple COGIC in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 803 John Street. The bidder plans to fence, landscape and create parking for their adjacent property.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Payne's Temple COGIC as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 803 John Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also, that the bidder consolidate all properties after closing and keep the lot clean and maintained at all times. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #8 302 & 304 Mortimer Street

An offer was received from Lacey Goff in the amount of \$500.00 for the property located at 302 & 304 Mortimer Street. The bidder plans to fence for her adjacent property.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Lacey Goff as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 302 & 304 Mortimer Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. Also, that the bidder consolidate all lots after closing. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #9 1315 Taylor Avenue

An offer was received from Christopher Jones & Roseann Jones in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 1315 Taylor Avenue. The bidder plans to maintain as green space as a fence already exists around the property. The bidders mother lost this property for back taxes (approx. \$750.00).

Mike Mahoney made a motion to table the property to give the bidders a chance to get all the back taxes current, as they were not aware that there were any due and that a foreclosure had started on part of the amount owed. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 Adjournment

Fred Matrulli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20a.m. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April, 2014
Cathy Mack