

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 22, 2016
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mayor Palmieri, Councilwoman Samantha Colosimo-Testa, Dave Farina, Councilman Bill Phillips, Robin Harris

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Joe Hobika, Sr., Cathy Mack, Gene Allen, Andrew Brindisi, Derek Crossman

EXCUSED: Fred Matrulli, Michael Mahoney

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:38 A.M.

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Dave Farina made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bill Phillips and passed unanimously.

New Business

ITEM #2 201 Leland Avenue

An offer was received from Empire Recycling Logistics, represented by Stephen Kowalsky and Chuck Tomaselli in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the property located at 201 Leland Avenue. The applicant intends to create a consolidated drop yard for trailers and roll off containers. Empire Recycling has approximately 130 dry van trailers and 200 roll off containers and Empire Recycling Logistics has 97 chassis trailers. The applicant plans on leveling the site, putting millings down, installing a concrete pad to drop the trailer's landing legs on and installing lighting on the site.

A second offer was received from Adirondack Railway Preservation Society, represented by Bethan Maher in the amount of \$35,000.00. The applicant intends to establish a permanent repair facility. The proposed facility would allow the Railroad to meet present demands while allowing room for potential upgrades and expansion. The applicant also plans on extending the railroad tracks onto the site from the track located directly south of the parcel. Additionally, a storage track will be constructed for static displays of historic railroad equipment for ongoing community outreach, education and private parties and gatherings.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to table the application for property located at 201 Leland Avenue indefinitely for the purpose of allowing the Urban Renewal Agency board time to review both applications in-depth. Mayor Palmieri also requested that the Adirondack Railway Preservation Society provide the board with renderings on their potential development to the best of their ability. The motion was seconded by Robin Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 Executive Session

The board did not go into Executive Session

ITEM #4 Adjournment

Dave Farina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 A.M. The motion was seconded by Robin Harris and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of January, 2017
Derek Crossman