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**Hamburg Industrial Development Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
August 14, 2024, 7:30am
Blasdell Village Hall, 121 Miriam Avenue**

Present

Janet Plarr
Davis Podkulski
Bob Reynolds
Bob Hutchison
Cam Hall
Tom Moses

Excused

Jamel Perkins
Wence Valentin
Andy Palmer

Guests

Jennifer Strong, Neill & Strong
Mary Doran, HIDA
Caitlyn Stair, SUN NEWS, via Zoom

Executive Director

Sean Doyle

Pledge of Allegiance

-Roll Call

-Motion to open the board meeting at 7:34am

Moved: Tom Moses **Seconded:** Bob Hutchison

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none

Carried

-Motion to approve the July 2024 board meeting minutes

Moved: Davis Podkulski **Seconded:** Janet Plarr

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays:

Carried

Treasurer, Bob Reynolds, gave an update on the financials. July had income of \$4,385.31 and expenses included \$219.76 for mileage/meeting, \$18,965.33 payroll and \$126.38 in general office costs. The balance on the accounts is \$766,541.58. Bob noted expenses for the year are currently at a negative \$167,000 however that number should get back in line with budget projections and change to positive after several projects close this month.

-Motion to approve the July 2024 Treasurer Report

Moved: Davis Podkulski **Seconded:** Cam Hall

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none

Carried

Executive Director Update:

- K&H and Staub closed last week. Mission Hills will close after the board meeting today generating \$210,000 in receivables.
- There has been limited commercial real estate activity due to the economy and interest rates, optimistic for movement.
- Crossroads site waiting to hear on submitted grant application.
- HDC closed two loans approximately 6 jobs were created.
- Doyle attended information session on Lakeshore Road project, not a lot of feedback from the public.
- Save the Date – August 21st, Code Review Meeting (Camp Road interchange).
- Doyle met with Liberatore management on 39 Buffalo Street as well as a landowner of property near the new Bills Stadium regarding future development.

The board further discussed the Camp Road interchange/entertainment district plan. Doyle stated the current plan did not include hotels. The board discussed at length and agreed as an “entertainment” district hotel(s) should be a component. Reynolds suggested the board take an active approach and write a letter supporting the development with a hotel(s) component. Retail projects are not eligible for IDA incentives hotels are if it promotes tourism from out of the county. The board was in agreement the IDA would help make the entertainment district succeed if there is a hotel component.

-Motion by Janet Plarr to send a letter supporting the entertainment district with a hotel component

Moved: Janet Plarr **Seconded:** Bob Reynolds

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none

Carried

Additionally, the board agreed to send a copy of the certified unanimous resolution supporting the hotel component along with the letter.

- New Business:

-Old Business - none

-Privilege of the Floor – no comments

-Motion to adjourn at 7:59am

Moved: Davis Podkulski **Seconded:** Janet Plarr

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none

Carried

Sincerely,



Sean Doyle, Executive Director

**Next meeting: September 11, 2024 7:30am
Blasdell Village Hall, 121 Miriam Avenue**