

**MINUTES** of a Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held Monday, March 2, 2009 at 12:00 PM, Village Hall, 111 Elm Street, Room 202, Penn Yan, NY 14527

**PRESENT** : Trustees W. Allison; R. Church; N. Taylor; M. D’Abbracci; R. Stewart; Clerk/Treasurer S. Wilber; Director of Public Works E. Balsley; Assistant Director of Public Works R. Osgood; Parks Director D. Doyle

**ABSENT**: Mayor D. Marchionda Jr.; Trustee B. Hoban; Attorney Ed Brockman; CEO B. Lyon; Police Chief Mitchell; Cemetery Superintendent L. Axtell; Fire Chief B. Winslow

News Media present: Amanda Folts – Finger Lakes Times, Peg Thompson - Dundee Observer

**PUBLIC:**

Steve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer of the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center (FLEDC); Carolyn Schaffer

Deputy Mayor Allison called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Deputy Mayor Allison turned the floor over to Steve Griffin to discuss the revitalization project.

Steve Griffin discussed the Restore NY revitalization proposal the FLEDC would like to submit an application for. The FLEDC is asking the Village of Penn Yan to be the actual applicant. The FLEDC will prepare 99% of the application and all the Village needs to do at this point is sign the intent to apply. This letter is due to the State by March 9<sup>th</sup> in order for the State to determine how many interested applicants exist and decipher which projects submitted meet the qualifications. If the project qualifies then the next step would be to submit the full application that is due to the State by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Steve briefly described the projects that the FLEDC might be submitting to the State under this Restore NY proposal which consist of the following:

Garrett Winery – This building is on the corner of Liberty and Water Street. The intent is to make this building in to a mixed use development to include retail, office and restaurant space.

Water Street Warehouses – This is 2 buildings residing on Water Street for which a developer would like to renovate to possibly include a hotel, upscale apartments, retail space and commercial offices

Strubel Arcade – This is the building on the corner of Main Street and Maiden Lane which would be renovated to accommodate retail space and senior apartments.

These projects would take more than 80,000 sq. feet of unutilized space in the Village of Penn Yan and enhance the façade as well as the internal components of the properties. The estimated total for these capital investment projects is close to \$7 million.

According to Steve, the Village is eligible to apply for one project up to \$2.5 million in grant funding with a 90/10 match. Cash is not necessary for match and this match would be the responsibility of the developers involved in each project. As part of the application process, the various building projects need to be prioritized in case grant award received is less than that applied for or needed by individual property owners. He also added that some of the criteria for acceptance are distress level, which Penn Yan is considered slightly distresses by the State. The Village of Penn Yan is within an Empire Zone and considered an urban center which is also included in the criteria.

MOTION by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee D’Abbracci to allow the FLEDC to fill out the application for Round 3 of the Restore NY revitalization on behalf of the Village of Penn Yan and have the Deputy Mayor Allison sign the Letter of Intent.

Mayor Marchionda	Absent	Trustee Hoban	Absent	
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee D’Abbracci	Aye	
Trustee Church	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Aye	
Trustee Taylor	Aye			Carried

A comment was made by Carolyn Schaffer that she was just telephoned by Senator Massa’s Office to notify the Village Of Penn Yan that President Obama was going to announce on television at 1 PM this afternoon that the Village will be granted \$1.7 million award for the Health Center. Steve Griffin added that he received a call from Empire State Development Corporation who requested any projects that he was aware of in his area that are shovel ready and at the time of the request the Yates Cultural and Recreational Resources (**YCRR**) had submitted for \$2.0 million. After the meeting the Village Of Penn Yan was made aware that this was only a statement by Senator Massa’s office to let the Village know that we was submitting the request it is yet to be awarded.

MOTION by Trustee Allison, seconded by Trustee Church to allow up to 10 employees attends the Hard Hat Expo in Syracuse, NY on March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Taylor mentioned that she spoke with Peter Landre regarding the LULA agreement. He said he could attend the next Village Board Meeting at 6:30 to answer any questions that the Board may have. Clerk-Treasurer Brennan will get in contact with Attorney Ed Brockman and discuss what the reservations were at the last meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Stewart for an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Mayor Marchionda	Absent	Trustee Hoban	Absent	
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee D'Abbracci	Aye	
Trustee Church	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Aye	
Trustee Taylor	Aye			Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 12:20 PM, MOTION by Trustee Allison, seconded by Trustee Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session.

Mayor Marchionda	Absent	Trustee Hoban	Absent	
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee D'Abbracci	Aye	
Trustee Church	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Aye	
Trustee Taylor	Aye			Carried

**ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 1:23 PM, MOTION by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee D'Abbracci to leave Executive Session and return to regular Village Meeting.

Mayor Marchionda	Absent	Trustee Hoban	Absent	
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee D'Abbracci	Aye	
Trustee Church	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Aye	
Trustee Taylor	Aye			Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 1:25 PM MOTION by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Church to adjourn the regular meeting.

Mayor Marchionda	Absent	Trustee Hoban	Absent	
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee D'Abbracci	Aye	
Trustee Church	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Aye	
Trustee Taylor	Aye			Carried

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Shawna Wilber, Clerk-Treasurer