THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING July 7, 2021

The July 2021 Regular Business Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Economic Development Authority was held on July 7, 2021 at the Tobyhanna Township Municipal Office Building in Pocono Pines, PA.

Present are: Adam Kerrick, Brendon Carroll, Rachel Schickling, John Holahan III, Harry Coleman, Esq. (via phone), Daryl Morris.

- 1. Brendon Carroll calls the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. A quorum is present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
- 3. Roll call: Rachel Schickling- present, Adam Kerrick present, John Holahan III present, Brendon Carroll- present, Daryl Morris- present

4. Announcements:

- a. Brendon Carroll announces that there was an Executive Session held on June 2, 2021, from 7:15-7:30pm regarding pending legal action.
- b. Brendon Carroll says that the June 24, 2021 EDA Work Session has been cancelled due to conflicting schedules.
- 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items only: No public comments.

6. Bill Pack

- a. Ratify June 2021 bill pack \$2857.61. John Holahan III motions to approve bill pack; Rachel Schickling seconds pending some questions. Rachel Schickling then asks Gregoire Romulus to clarify the EDA billing from Attorney Coleman, and Gregoire Romulus explains that not everything on the invoice is for the EDA. Rachel Schickling then asks Harry Coleman if the billing could be separate for the EDA, and Harry Coleman says that it would not be a problem. Vote: All in favor; motion carries.
- 7. Solicitor's Report Harry Coleman says that he has three things to report on. First, he has negotiated with Dunne Manning counsel the Memorandum of Understanding, and encourages the EDA to support. John Holahan III motions to approve; Rachel Schickling seconds. Vote: All in favor; motion carries. Second, there is a Hiring Resolution for Special Counsel in front of all of you, and this is for special legal counsel regarding the Kalahari/Tobyhanna Township PIL project, and Harry Coleman recommends Attorney Bob

Kelly for this, who is also on the phone. Rachel Schickling motions to approve; Adam Kerrick seconds. Vote: All in favor; motion carries. Third, Harry Coleman recommends a special meeting or conference call for negotiation strategy, and it would be ill-advised to discuss strategy, negotiations, or our position, publicly. He would advise a conference call or special meeting to do this. Brendon Carroll asks if this could be an Executive Session, and maybe we could do that now.

EDA members go into Executive Session at 6:17pm and return at 6:44pm on special litigation.

8. Old Business:

a. Public Improvement Levy (PIL) discussion: Brendon Carroll says that we would like to give Attorney Kelly time to get up to speed on this, and we will schedule a work session for July 28, 2021 at 5:30pm, so recommend that we table this discussion for now. Motion to table discussion by John Holahan III; Adam Kerrick seconds. Vote: All in favor; motion carries.

9. New Business:

- a. Introduction of Special Counsel by Solicitor Coleman. Motion to approve Resolution appointing Special Counsel: Brendon Carroll states that this was addressed during the Solicitor's Report.
- b. Review of Dunne Manning MOU: Brendon Carroll reports that this was also addressed during the Solicitor's Report.
- 10. Public Comment non-agenda items only: Ralph Gundrum says that he has a conflict with the July 28, 2021 EDA Work Session and is not available for the August EDA Regular Business Meeting, so what is the vision for discussing the PIL percentages? Brendon Carroll says that it would be premature for today, and the EDA needs time for Attorney Kelly to advise us on that. Ralph Gundrum then asks about the path forward since he will not really be available again until the September EDA meeting. Harry Coleman advises that he anticipates after the EDA Work Session on July 28, 2021, Attorney Kelly will be ready to start discussions with Ralph Gundrum.
- 11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by John Holahan III; Daryl Morris seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Minutes recorded by Betsy A. Tiene

Respectfully submitted:

John Holahan III, Secretary