

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 12, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steingart called to order the regular meeting of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency at approximately 11:05 AM, in the Legislative Committee Room at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello, New York.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present-

Ira Steingart
Suzanne Loughlin
Sean Rieber
Charles Barbuti, Jr.
Howard Siegel
Scott Smith
Carol Roig

Members Absent-

Paul Guenther*
Joseph Perrello
**Mr. Guenther phoned in for discussion purposes only*

Staff Present-

Ed Sykes, Executive Director
Jen Flad, VP Govt. Affairs & Bus. Devt.
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager

Staff Absent-

None

Others Present-

Steve White, Agency CEO
Walter Garigliano, Agency Counsel
Tara Lewis, Garigliano Law Offices
Jay Quaintance, Interim President, SUNY Sullivan
Dan Hust, *Sullivan County Democrat*
Amanda Loviza- Vickery, *Times Herald Record*
Star Hesse
Ken Walter

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Loughlin and seconded by Mr. Siegel, the Board voted and the minutes of the November 14th regular meeting and November 28th reconvened meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Garaicoechea handed out a revised schedule of payments. Mr. Siegel made a motion to remove both payments to Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress from the revised schedule of payments, and to approve the revised schedule of payments as amended. Mr. Rieber seconded the motion to approve the amended revised schedule of payments, the Board voted, and the amended revised payment schedule was unanimously approved.

Mr. Siegel made a motion to approve two payments to Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress. Mr. Steingart seconded the motion. The Board voted, and the two payments were approved with Ms. Loughlin abstaining because she is a Board member of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

V. STAFF REPORT

Chairman Steingart asked the Board if there were any questions about the November staff report. There were none.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and discussed a resolution authorizing the 4th Quarter payment to the **Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development**. Ms. Loughlin recused herself from the discussion because of her role as Board member of the Partnership for Economic Development. Mr. Rieber made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Siegel seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the resolution was adopted with Ms. Loughlin abstaining for the reason described above.

Mr. Rieber made a motion to discuss resolutions for extension of the sales tax exemption periods for the following projects: **Metalized Carbon Corp.; Veria Lifestyle, Inc.; Monticello Raceway Management, Inc.** and **Montreign Operating Co. LLC; Rock Meadow Partners, LLC, Great Pine, LLC, NARO Building, LLC, and Indian Fields, LLC; EPT Concord II, LLC; Deb El Food Products, LLC; Catskill Distilling Company, Ltd. and Redford, LLC; and RJ Baker Corp. and Beaverkill Studio, Inc.** Ms. Loughlin seconded the motion. Chairman Steingart asked and Mr. Garaicoechea confirmed that all of these projects have filed all required reports and fees. There being no further discussion, the Board voted and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed and reviewed the proposed resolution creating a **Community Distributed Generation Uniform Tax Abatement Policy**. Ms. Roig stated this is a unique situation in that IDA is restoring tax revenues to Towns that would not be receiving payments because these solar projects would be exempt according to § 487 of the New York State Real Property Law. Ms. Roig is also pleased to be working with the Towns on the effort. She noted that these projects will bring economic benefits to residents of Sullivan County in lowering energy bills. Mr. Barbuti added that IDA is reducing the burden of administration of PILOT agreements on the Towns. Ms. Roig made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Rieber seconded the motion, the Board voted and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Barbuti submitted a letter officially resigning from the **County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency, Sullivan County Funding Corporation, and The Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation** for a variety of personal, practical, and philosophical reasons at the end of 2016. Mr. Barbuti has served on the IDA Board for fourteen years.

Board members briefly discussed some matters pertaining to the **Sullivan County Funding Corporation**. Chairman Steingart advised that the County Legislature is prioritizing the development of a **Visitors Center** near Route 17 Exit 106. He continued that the Sullivan County Funding Corporation could be asked to facilitate this project. Although no action is required at this time, Mr. Steingart expressed his wish to keep the members of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation Board updated.

Mr. White informed the Board that a CFA grant was awarded to the Town of Rockland for their **Riverwalk** project. The grant-writing for the application was partially funded by the Sullivan County Funding Corporation's Cost Share Program.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steingart asked the Board and others present for comment. The Board recognized the comments of Star Hesse, Ken Walter, and Jay Quaintance. On a motion made by Ms. Loughlin and seconded by Mr. Rieber the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jen Flad, VP Govt. Affairs & Business Development

Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager

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