

Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 14, 2020

3:00 PM, Mayor's Conference Room

Attending: R. David, K. Frank, A. Friedman, J. Paddock, S. Resciniti, C. Shager, R. Standish

Staff: J. Boyd

Mayor David called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. He asked for approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2020 Special Meeting. C. Shager motioned, K. Frank seconded and the minutes were approved (7-0-0).

Reports:

C. Shager presented the 1st Quarter Financial Report. He said the only thing different from usual for the quarter was a payment to the lessee Binghamton Rumble Ponies for expenses incurred in 2017-19. City Council had acted to move funds from the City to BURA to pay the bills and they are caught up through the end of 2020. K. Frank explained for the benefit of the new Council Members that the City owns the stadium but it is leased to BURA which in turn has the Rumble Ponies baseball team as a sub-lessee. Under the lease agreement, BURA is responsible for certain normal and extraordinary maintenance. He said Comptroller Shager had been going through expenses and had been working with the administration to determine which expenses were ordinary and those that were outside the scope of ordinary.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Appointment of Members to ABO Required Committees: J. Boyd said the agency was required by the State Authorities Budget Office to staff various Board committees to carry out its functions in the areas of Governance, Audit, Finance & Strategic Priorities and the proposed slate was:

Governance Committee:

Chair: K. Frank

Members: S. Resciniti, R. David

Audit Committee:

Chair: C. Shager

Members: A. Friedman, J. Paddock

Finance Committee:

Chair: C. Shager

Members: S. Resciniti, J. Paddock

Strategic Priorities:

Chair: R. David

Members: K. Frank, C. Shager, R. Standish

Mayor David asked for a motion to approve the Required Committees. C. Shager motioned, K. Frank seconded and the motion was approved (7-0-0).

Mayor David provided a quick update on the 7 Hawley Street parking garage inasmuch as the property is owned by BURA. He said site work began almost two weeks prior, that the site was becoming an active construction site with a lot of heavy equipment, a lot of digging, a lot of prep. He said steel beams were being driven into the ground. City Engineer Ray Standish explained the contractor was removing poor quality soils at a lower level and replacing it with sub-base material in order to build the footings, that the beams were intended to keep unwanted soils from reentering the excavated area. Mayor David said it was a nice to sight to see a project that was a long time in the making happening with the backdrop of COVID-19 and encouraged everyone to stop or drive by. K. Frank noted that BURA was the original recipient of the \$2.1 million NY State grant that made the project possible.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor David asked for a motion to adjourn. C. Shager motioned, J. Paddock seconded and the motion carried (7-0-0). The meeting ended at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully certified,

Ken Frank, Interim Secretary