

St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency

Town of Louisville Municipal Offices

Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Mr. Strait.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum: In attendance at the Town of Louisville Municipal Offices are Messrs. Kramer, Strait, and Clark. Mr. Forsythe joins the meeting via teleconference. Kimberly Gilbert is in attendance from the St. Lawrence County IDA. Vice Chairman Strait announces there is a quorum.

Public Notice: Public notifications were sent on August 1, 2022, at a minimum: St. Lawrence County's newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published. Notification also sent to other local media sources and websites.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Kramer/Clark motion/second to approve the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report: None:

Committee Reports: None

Executive Session: At 2:08 PM, Clark/Kramer motion/second to go into executive session to discuss the financials of particular companies. Motion passes unanimously.

At 2:14 PM Mr. Forsythe joins the meeting via teleconference. At 2:58 PM, Clark/Kramer motion/second to return to regular session. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

Resolution RVR-22-07-09 Authorizing Funds through the 2022 CDEIP program. Kramer/Clark motion/second. Exhibit A to the resolution is completed with awards totaling \$70,000. Motion passes unanimously.

IDA Staff Report: None

Mr. Kramer states that he is enjoying being a member of the board and emphasizes how impressed he is with the amount of involvement from each board member. The discussions are very informative and show just how much time and effort this board puts into making an impact in our county.

Mr. Clark mentions that he has received a few phone calls recently from small business owners, and as he speaks to them, they seem to not have a lot of information about the SLCIDA and what they do. He always refers them to the IDA office and is impressed with how fast the staff reaches out to assist. He wishes that we could somehow make residents of the county more aware of what we can do to assist them. Ms. Gilbert states that the staff is always very reactive to phone calls and inquiries and does their best to make sure that the businesses get the assistance they need, whether that is directly through the IDA office or by referring them to a partner. For example, most small businesses that call are first directed to the SUNY Canton Small Business Development Center for free guidance and services to get the business owner information on what they need and how to proceed. We undertake a number of outreach initiatives to inform local businesses of our services and programs, including advertising, hosting networking events, making site visits, and partnering with local communities and developers.

Adjournment: At 3:04 PM, Vice – Chairman Strait declares the meeting adjourned.