

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK  
RESCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2023**

Due to scheduling conflict, the regularly 11:00AM scheduled meeting of the Lackawanna County Land Bank was rescheduled for 9:00AM and held virtually on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The meeting was held via ZOOM and broadcast live on the Electric City Television (ECTV) YouTube channel and can be accessed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZoXhHauHQQ&list=PL-S-tgLFhQqfhRFZG2EwP1b44EA\\_k6U-7&index=](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZoXhHauHQQ&list=PL-S-tgLFhQqfhRFZG2EwP1b44EA_k6U-7&index=) Members of the public were requested to submit any comments to Ralph Pappas at [pappasr@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:pappasr@lackawannacounty.org) by 3:30PM the day before the meeting.

At 9:00 AM, Chairwoman Domenick called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken by Ralph Pappas, Staff  
Commissioner Debi Domenick – Present  
Commissioner Chris Chermak- Present  
Al Chelik - Present  
Marion Gatto – Present  
Brenda Sacco – Present  
Patrick Tobin- Present  
Mitesh Patel- Excused

Also, present were Atty. Joseph Colbassani, Land Bank Legal Counsel, Ralph Pappas, Business Relations Manager.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

Mrs. Sacco made the motion to keep the officers in the same positions as the year 2022. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chelik

**All Voted in Favor**

Mrs. Gatto, as Board Secretary, then cast the vote for all officers to remain in the same positions as the year 2023. Office Holders for 2023 are as follows:

Commissioner Debi Domenick – Chairman  
Commissioner Chris Chermak-Vice Chairman  
Marion Gatto – Secretary  
Brenda Sacco – Treasurer

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Mr. Pappas reported he had not received any comments or questions prior to the meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

A Motion was made by Mr. Tobin and seconded by Mr. Chelik to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting. Since she was not present for the meeting, Commissioner Domenick abstained from the vote.

**All Voted in Favor**

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS FOR EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL**

Mr. Pappas reviewed the vouchers with the Board.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sacco and seconded by Mr. Tobin to approve the voucher expenditures of December 14, 2022, through January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented.

**All Voted in Favor**

## **BID OPENING/IF NECESSARY**

Mr. Pappas stated there were no bids to be opened at this meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Land Bank General Update**

Mr. Pappas reported the following:

To date, the Land Bank has conveyed 255 properties County-wide.

City of Scranton, the Land Bank has conveyed 190 properties, 1 property to be acted upon at this meeting.

- West Scranton (18504) -67 Properties conveyed.
- South Scranton (18505)-43 Properties conveyed.
- North Scranton (18508) -40 Properties conveyed.
- Green Ridge (18509)-20 Properties conveyed.
- East Scranton (18510)-9 Properties conveyed.
- City of Scranton -3 Properties conveyed to the City.
- United Neighborhood Community Development Corp.-2 Properties, 1 Property pending.
- Scranton Lackawanna Resource Develop Corp.-5 Properties.
- Ronald McDonald House-1 Property
- Covington Twp-37 Properties conveyed, 2 properties pending.
- Carbondale City-15 Properties conveyed.
- Vandling Borough-1 Property conveyed.
- Fell Township-1 Property conveyed.
- Throop Borough-1 Property conveyed.
- Scott Township-4 Properties conveyed, 1 property pending.
- Thornhurst Township-3 properties conveyed.
- Jefferson Township-1 property conveyed.
- Dunmore Borough-2 properties conveyed.

### **Blight Task Force Update**

Mr. Pappas stated there are no new updates to report.

### **Advisory Committee Discussion**

Mr. Pappas reviewed the property to be acted upon at this meeting.

Mr. Pappas also reported that with only one property to be discussed at today's meeting, the Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled. The property to be acted upon at today's meeting was already owned by the Land Bank.

