

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
August 28, 2023

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SCLRC CHAIRMAN, Alex Zumbar
2. ROLL CALL – Board Members Present

Roll call found the following Board members in attendance: Alex Zumbar, Janet Creighton and John Arnold. Absent: Chris Hardesty and Bill Smith.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023 MEETING

Arnold moved and Creighton seconded to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Creighton, Arnold.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS
5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Kasie Atkins reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July. Creighton moved and Arnold seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Creighton, Arnold.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT
Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,526
(21 applications were received since July '23 update)

Cities – 2,093
Canton: 1,642, Massillon: 182, Alliance: 269

Other Communities – 433

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 65, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 84, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 6, Lake Twp – 8, Lawrence Twp – 12, Lexington Twp – 59, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Marlboro – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 5, Nimishillen – 6, North Canton – 2; Osnaburg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 18, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 38, Sandy Twp – 41, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 6, Wilmot-1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 10
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 949
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 183
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 16

➤ **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,368**

➤ Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 124

➤ Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 47

➤ **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,197**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 365

(2 Applications received since July '23 update)

Cities – 257: Canton: 210, Alliance: 33, Massillon: 14

Other Communities – 108

Bethlehem Twp – 61, Canton Twp – 11, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 3, Lake – 7, Lexington Twp – 9, Nimishillen – 3, Paris – 1, Perry – 1, Pike – 2, Sandy Twp – 7; Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4,

➤ Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 1

➤ Total Number of Applications Denied: 253

➤ Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 14

➤ Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 1

➤ **Total Number of Approved Applications: 96**

➤ Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 30

➤ Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 12

➤ Total Number Transferred to Date: 54

Arnold moved and Creighton seconded to approve the Side Lot/Vacant Lot Report as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Creighton, Arnold.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Agreement to Convey - City of Alliance - 555 E. Main Street (TAAP Application)

Nau stated this agreement with the city of Alliance is to convey a property located at 555 E. Main Street through the TAAP application process. This is an abandoned gas station that has underground storage tanks. The city had a VAP Phase I assessment conducted for the property, and they have requested assistance from the Land Bank to take ownership for a period of time while they do the clean-up of the property. Alliance has agreed in the application to be the end user. This property has been determined recently as a Class C site, which makes it eligible for the abandoned gas station cleanup program, and Alliance plans on submitting an application for that program. The city is requesting the Land Bank hold this property through the duration of the submittal and clean-up of the

property through the abandoned gas station clean-up grant. In the proposed agreement, the Land Bank is agreeing to temporarily hold title to the property to allow Alliance to submit the applications discussed. While the Land Bank owns this property, they are giving Alliance access to the property. Alliance will indemnify the Land Bank while we own it and they clean it up. The Land Bank will hold title until the city gets a *No Further Action* letter from BUSTR. The Land Bank will then convey a quit-claim deed to them. If they do not or are not able to obtain the *No Further Action* letter, then the property will transfer to the City of Alliance. John Anthony has reviewed the agreement and does recommend approval. Anthony stated those provisions were put into the agreement to protect the Land Bank. Joe Mazzola, city of Alliance, stated this property on Main Street has been blighted for a long time, and the plan is to restore the building to an historic appearance that will enhance downtown. Arnold moved and Creighton seconded to approve the agreement as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Creighton, Arnold.

b. Request for Extension – City of Alliance - 403 E. Cambridge Street

Nau stated the city of Alliance has submitted a request for an extension of an agreement for a demolition project at 403 E. Cambridge Street. The original deadline to complete the project is September 1st. The city is now requesting a 30-day extension to October 2nd. The challenge they had was their abatement contractor was tied up, which set them back. Creighton moved and Arnold seconded to grant the extension as requested. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Creighton, Arnold.

9. NEXT MEETING - Monday, September 18, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNED - The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.