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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2005

The meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at the Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

Board Members Present

George Leveille, Chairman
Frank Venezia
Sam Messina
David Petraglia
Robert Ward
Pam Robbins

Board Members Absent

Judith Kehoe

Others

Tom Connolly, Esq.
Sheila Krauss
Theresa Egan
Marie Capone
Curt Reph
David Rooney
Todd Brian
Marty Delaney

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leveille at 8:00 AM.

The first item was the minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Venezia, seconded by Mr. Petraglia and carried with the following vote:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Leveille Mr. Venezia Mr. Ward Mr. Messina Mr. Petraglia Pam Robbins	None	Judith Kehoe	None

The meeting was turned over to Curt Reph from the Center for Economic Growth to talk about the Advancing Tech Valley Initiative in partnership with the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce. He introduced David Rooney and Todd Brian also from the CEG. Mr. Rooney led a discussion about the Tech Valley Coalition. They are concentrating in five technology sectors

- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- Advanced Materials

- Alternate Energy
- Information Systems

The goal of the initiative is to raise 11 million dollars – 7 ½ million in the private sector, three million in the public sector (the 18 counties involved in the Tech Valley Coalition) and ½ million from Colleges. Locally that means a \$.50 per capita investment or \$16,000.00.

The next item was to acknowledge notification from the State of the Private Activity Bond allocation of \$433,000.00. If necessary, the IDA may apply for an additional allocation.

The recapture payment has been received from Selkirk Ventures and has been distributed to the taxing jurisdictions.

The Delaware Avenue Demonstration program has raised about \$5,500.00. The flags and flowers are up. The next step is to determine how to make this a permanent initiative.

A discussion of IDA best practices was given by Mr. Messina. He suggested several people to meet with and share ideas. He also recommended attending the NYSEDC conference in January. There was discussion of a town wide BID. There is a need to determine what is an appropriate level of incentive to offer to businesses.

VISTA Update.

The next milestone is the passing of the zoning ordinances by the Town Board in August. The road improvement is needed to make the Tech Park work. The By-pass road construction is scheduled to start in the fall 2006 using roundabouts at intersections with completion in 18 months – 2008.

Comp Plan Update.

Zoning hearing Wednesday at 6 PM – interactive conversations
 Final document ready July 29th
 August 10 - completion of the SEQR component
 August 24 – Zoning vote

Resolution 13-2005 A motion was made by Mr. Petraglia to renew membership to the CEG with dues of \$2,500.00. This was seconded by Mr. Venezia and carried with the following vote:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Leveille Mr. Venezia Mr. Ward Mr. Messina Mr. Petraglia Pam Robbins	None	Judith Kehoe	None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried with the following vote:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Leveille Mr. Venezia Mr. Ward Mr. Messina Mr. Petraglia Pam Robbins	None	Judith Kehoe	None

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Krauss