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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 23, 2005

The meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at the Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

Board Members Present

George Leveille, Chairman
Frank Venezia
Sam Messina
Robert Ward

Board Members Absent

Judith Kehoe
Pam Robbins
David Petraglia

Others

Sheila Krauss
Theresa Egan
Marie Capone
Robert Jasinski

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

The first item was the CEG Marketing & Fund Raising Proposal. This is a regional marketing plan that would include the Town of Bethlehem for a contribution of \$16,000.00. There is no opposition from the Town Board. It is a joint effort by CEG and the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

Resolution 14-2005 Mr. Venezia made a motion that the IDA move forward with the \$16,000.00 contribution to the CEG marketing and fund raising campaign subject to the discretion of the executive director to make sure that the campaign is advancing on a regional basis and other communities are participating. This was seconded by Ms. Robbins 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	None	Judith Kehoe Pam Robbins Mr. Petraglia	None

The next item was a discussion of a full page ad in the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce "Images of New York's Tech Valley" brochure. A full page ad cost \$2,750.00 which would come from the marketing budget. Last year about 30,000 issues of the brochure were distributed.

Resolution 15-2005 A motion was made by Mr. Messina that the ad in the “Images of New York’s Tech Valley” be supported by the IDA. This was seconded by Mr. Ward 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	None	Judith Kehoe Pam Robbins Mr. Petraglia	None

The next item was a discussion about strategic planning for the BIDA led by Mr. Leveille. The first stage would be to review current conditions, recommendations from the comp plan and town priorities. Some relevant focus areas are the Vista Tech Park, the Route 9W study involving infrastructure and long term growth plans, the riverside revitalization plans, the LWRP, community infrastructure issues related to water and sewer, the hamlet issue, and quality of life issues. The second stage would be to develop an implementation plan to become more action oriented rather than planning oriented while insuring that the IDA remains self-sustaining.

The next item was an update on the Comp Plan. The Town Board will be considering resolutions tomorrow night to:

- Complete the SEQR process associated with the development of the Comp Plan and zoning amendments
- Adopt the Comprehensive Plan
- Adopt the amended zoning and subdivision regulations

If the plan is adopted, the documents will be filed with the Secretary of State the first week in September which will make them effective and the moratorium on building will end in early October.

There will be a meeting on September 7th with several counterparts in the region to discuss “best practices” for the IDA.

Ms. Egan suggested inviting Lamar Hill to give an overview on the status of the area’s high tech initiative.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 AM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ward, 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	None	Judith Kehoe Pam Robbins Mr. Petraglia	None

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Krauss