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**Meeting Minutes** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:30 AM, Remote

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Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Contracting Officer 518-487-4679

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Economic Development Coordinator Ext. 1189

**Robin Nagengast** 

Assistant to the Executive Director and Clerk Ext. 1164

A meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee was convened remotely at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

**Committee Members Committee Members** Present Absent

**Counsel Present** 

**Town Staff Present** Tom Connolly Al Maikels

**Auditors Present** Ken Claflin

John Criscone

Robin Nagengast

Chairman Venezia called the meeting to order at 8:30am noting the presence of a quorum.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kotlow, seconded by Mr. Venezia, the minutes of the January 22, 2021 Audit Committee meeting were approved.

#### Draft Audited Financial Statements 12/31/20 & Draft SAS 114 Letter

The Audit Committee reviewed the draft audited financial statements, SAS 114 letter, and Management Discussion and Analysis. Mr. Criscone noted the addition of the COVID grant program/commitment of funds. Mr. Criscone provided unmodified opinions on all financial statements and disclaimed opinion on PARIS report.

Upon motion by Mr. Kotlow seconded by Mr. Venezia, the Audit Committee accepted the Draft Audited Financial Statements and MD&A.

#### **Internal Control Structure and Procedures**

The Committee reviewed documentation and discussed effectiveness of 2020 procedures. The procedure for receiving electronic bank statements will be reviewed and adjusted as needed.

Upon motion by Mr. Kotlow, seconded by Mr. Venezia, with all members in favor, the Audit Committee accepted the Assessment of Effectiveness of 2020 Internal Control Structure and Procedures.

#### **Executive Session with Auditor**

Upon motion by Chairman Venezia, seconded by Mr. Kotlow, the Audit Committee went into executive session at 8:53am. Mr. Connolly, Mr. Maikels, and Ms. Nagengast left the Zoom and John Criscone and Ken Claflin from Cusack & Company, CPAs, P.C. met with the Audit Committee members.

The executive session ended at 9:00am, with no action taken.

## **Review PARIS Report 12/31/20**

The Audit Committee reviewed the PARIS report and discussed project annual reporting compliance. A final reminder/request letter will be sent to any projects that haven't responded.

Upon motion by Mr. Kotlow, seconded by Mr. Venezia, with all members in favor, the Audit Committee accepted the PARIS Report as amended for recommendation to the IDA Board.

## Discuss Process for Tracking Closings, Fees and Sales Tax Exemptions for 2021

Mr. Maikels described the current process, which is performing adequately.

# **Discuss Tracking Sales Tax Exemptions**

Mr. Maikels will provide SR62s and any additional reports to be approved early next week for review.

#### **Annual Review of Charter**

Committee members discussed the Charter and determined no changes are needed.

Upon motion by Mr. Kotlow, seconded by Mr. Venezia, with all members in favor, the Audit Committee approved the Committee Charter.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Kotlow, seconded by Mr. Venezia, at 9:26am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Nagengast