

MINUTES OF THE CIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Present for the meeting were President Jim LaBarbara, Vice-President Tom James, Secretary Tom Weidman, Treasurer Rob Porter, Executive Director Ray Warrick, Tracy Kellums and Skylor Miller.

Approval of the September 21, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to approve the September 21, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Mr. Warrick called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Warrick reported the CIC was funded with \$100,000.00 in 2021 to fund grant requests from Sycamore Township residents working in a JEDZ district. He said \$95,631.00 in grants have been paid so far in 2021. He said the small balance left of \$4,369.00 should be sufficient to cover grant applications for the next few weeks until the end of the year.

Resolution Grant Program:

Mr. Warrick reported the resolution establishing the Grant Program for 2022 has been modified to clearly state the three-year rule for applying for grants.

Mr. Weidman stated when he arrived for the meeting, he found there was a check issued for a grant application for tax year 2017. He said refunds outside of the three years are in violation of the resolution the Township passed as well as State statute, ORC 715.691 which states that there is a three-year limit on refunds. He stated Debbie Campbell had told him grant money was paid going out six and seven years to two residents. Mr. Weidman noted the Township should not be going back six to seven years when paying grant money. He said he requested Ms. Campbell hold the check until the Board could have a discussion.

Mr. Warrick answered when this issue came to his attention, he consulted Law Director Desai who had a problem with the language and instructed him to honor the requests until the language could be clarified.

Mr. Weidman stated this sets a bad precedent and reiterated the three-year rule is noted in ORC 715-691. He said to suggest we were not following the rules or were not clear is incorrect.

Mr. James stated he went back and looked at the resolutions and they were not as clear after the initial ones.

Mr. Weidman stated the decision should not have been made by Mr. Desai; the issue should have been reviewed by this Board before any decision was made.

Mr. Warrick answered he understands.

The resolution "Establishing a Grant Program for Sycamore Township Residents Who Reside in Sycamore Township and Work in Sycamore Township Joint Economic Development Zones" was read by Mr. Warrick. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. James. Mr. Warrick called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution 2021-01 adopted the 7th day of December, 2021.

Resolution Setting Meeting Dates and Times:

The resolution "Setting the Meeting Dates and Times of Sycamore Township CIC, Inc." was read by Mr. Warrick. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Warrick called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution 2021-02 adopted the 7th day of December, 2021.

Mr. James asked Mr. Weidman what resolution he referenced earlier.

Mr. Weidman answered it was a resolution passed in 2013 which references ORC 715.691.

Mr. James pointed out the statute refers to tax refunds and the CIC grants are not legally tax refunds.

Mr. Weidman answered that is correct, but we adopted the tax code of our partner municipalities and all three of those have a three-year limit. He said he would share that resolution number with Mr. James.

Mr. LaBarbara said he hopes the Township does a good job of letting people know about this.

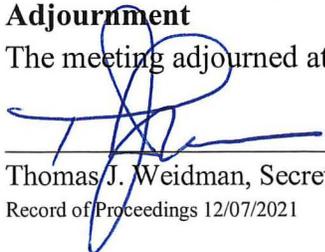
Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. James made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Warrick. All voted yes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Thomas J. Weidman, Secretary

Record of Proceedings 12/07/2021