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GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK - GMVLB Minutes from: Monday, August 20, 2018 @ 12:30 PM

In Attendance:

Karl Gustafson – Chair, Margaret “Meg” Kennedy – Vice Chair, Brian Thomas - Secretary, Joe Marino – Treasurer, Mark Domenico – Director, Judy Pangman – Director, John Piseck – Director, Christina Brown - Community Advisory Board, Tolga Morawski - Interim Executive Director, Robert Albrecht – Community Outreach Coordinator, John Mazzarella – Project Manager, David Dardzinski – Little Falls Main Street First, Jocelyn Mosher – Admin. Assistant, Shane Nickel – Called-In

Karl Gustafson called the meeting to order @ 1:09 PM.

Adopt Meeting Agenda:

****Brian T. made a motion to adopt the agenda, Joe M. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously****

Old Business:

- Montgomery County
 - Reviewed John Mazzarella’s presentation
 - Stone Lodge, Palatine Bridge
 - To acquire for the amount of \$34,500.00
 - To stabilize and sell with scope
- **Brian T. made a motion to acquire the Stone Lodge from Montgomery County for \$34,500.00, Meg K. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously****
- Discussion:
 - Potential to sub-divide 12 acres of land that accompanies the structure
 - There is an alternate rear entrance to the property
 - Conveyance properties from Montgomery County
 - It is recommended that the board entertain and accept the conveyance properties from the County for \$3,500.00 plus fees.
 - These properties include:
 - 224 W. Main St., Fort Plain
 - 219 Canal St., Fort Plain
 - 3 W. Main St., St. Johnsville
 - 13 Lower Prospect St., Fonda
 - 63 Center St., Fort Plain
 - 21 Lydius St., Fort Plain
 - 39 Monroe St., St. Johnsville
- **Brian T. made a motion to accept these properties from Montgomery County, Meg K. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously****
- \$30K cap to purchase additional properties of interest at the auction

****Brian T. made a motion to authorize Tolga to spend up to \$30K on properties of interest at the Montgomery County Tax Foreclosure Auction, Joe M. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously****

- Discussion:
 - It was asked if the land bank was taking on too much work that would not be completed in a reasonable amount of time.
 - The land bank needs a project pipeline to show work and progress to grantors
 - Need shovel-ready projects for the CRI III grant
 - Application due September 7th
 - The county cannot dictate timeline of work for properties purchased from the auction
 - This only applies to properties transferred prior to the auction
 - It is the goal of the land bank and Project Selection Committee to have projects completed within a year.
 - It was then asked if we would have an adequate number of contractors to help us meet our goals with the growing number of properties in our inventory
 - It was noted that this could pose a potential problem, but the goal is to have contractors vetted and lined-up in the near future so we have a list that we can choose from

The board entered into executive session at 1:20 PM on a motion made by Meg K. and seconded by Mark D. and left executive session at ??PM

Respectively submitted by:
Jocelyn Mosher