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GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK - GMVLB minutes from: Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

In Attendance:

*** Attended via Conference Call**

Tolga Morawski, Chair
Dan Sullivan, KMVB Chair
Karl Gustafson, Montgomery County
Dennis Gillen, City of Rome
Sam Russo, City of Utica
*Steve Wilson, Schoharie County
*Christina Brown, KMVB
Sean P. Jordan, Executive Director
Janine Thompson, Administrative Director

Tolga Morawski called the meeting to order @ 12:04 am followed by an introduction of those present.

1. The documents provided for the meeting were;
 - ❖ Agenda
 - ❖ Land Bank Approval Guidelines dated November 2011, from Empire State Development
 - ❖ NYS Land Bank Program Application
 - ❖ Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Application descriptions
 - ❖ Intermunicipal Agreement between the counties of Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego & Schoharie, all of NY AND the cities of Johnstown, Rome & Utica, all of NY for the creation of the GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK
 - ❖ Articles of incorporation of the GMVLB
 - ❖ BY-LAWS of the GMVLB Corp.
 - ❖ Resolution for the establishment of the GMVLB Corp.
 - ❖ Proposed Non-Discrimination and Affirmation Action Plan

2. Discussion then proceeded on the progress of the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB) and the effort to date.
 - legal documents are ready to be submitted & ratified
 - Christina Brown & Tolga have been working with other Land Banks to get information to assist with our land bank process.
 - we currently have Caroga, Gloversville, City of Johnstown
 - waiting on Fulton, Oneida & Oneonta

3. Next step in the process via NYS ESD, grant funding, etc.

4. Document review and discussion
 - Application is complete

- NYS does not grant application for a Land Bank until application is submitted with signatures
 - MVEDD is not a FGU so they cannot sign the documents
 - Schoharie County has a meeting this Friday, May 25th and there is a strong possibility that they will vote to allow the Chairman to sign the resolution at that time.
 - then we can submit the application to NYS
 - it then takes approx. 1 to 1-1/2 months for them to review and advise if there needs to be revisions or if they approve
 - we then have 30 – 90 days to go out and get the application ratified & signed by each area
 - ESD has to approve and have calendared it for their June meeting
 - Department of State with the Charter and apply to create this corporation of the Land Bank
 - Attorney General deals with funding, 17.3 mil from settlements of foreclosure process
 - 1st cycle of the State funds is \$150,000 for ramping & staffing in the next 2-3 months but the application needs to be filed by May 26th. We have asked for an extension.
 - the next round is for 1 to 2 million which we would apply for in August and receive in the 4th quarter of 2016 if awarded
 - We already have the support of Montgomery County
 - Dennis Gillen will talk with Mayor Jacqueline Izzo, for recommendation in approval for the resolution.
 - Steve Wilson brought up the idea that when we speak at the governmental meetings to highlight certain areas of that county/town/city/municipalities properties to get the legislations attention
 - We will be looking at attending each of the Boards, Legislatures & City Council meetings over the next month to present our information on the Land Bank effort.
 - If anyone has any questions or feedback the sooner they could get this information back to Tolga or Sean then they can get responses returned.
5. Establish a plan for reporting back to Legislative Bodies of Foreclosing Governmental Units (FGUs)
- Janine will create a distribution list for correspondence so that everyone will be kept in the loop. This list will include members of GMVLB, Chief Elected Officials and their Clerks. If anyone feels that we need to include anyone in particular, please forward the information to Janine at the MVEDD office.
6. Discussion on meetings for the GMVLB was decided to be held every three weeks. The next meeting date & time and was decided to be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 @ 1:00 pm at the MVEDD district office or via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at pm.