

RESOLUTION NO. 81

TITLE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK CORPORATION AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK BOARD

OFFERED BY: Sandra Manko *Sandra Manko* Who moved its adoption

SECONDED BY: Larry Bradt *Larry Bradt* Chairman Rules & Regulation Committee

WHEREAS, New York State has recognized the need to provide new tools and innovative solutions to address deteriorated, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties and the blight they inflict upon communities; and

WHEREAS, New York State acknowledges the risks to public health and safety caused by seriously derelict properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks allow and provide a mechanism for the re-development, repair, improvement, or, in appropriate situations, deconstruction of blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks have now been firmly established nationally, with a success record in helping to ameliorate the above negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of same and in order to revitalize and strengthen local communities and economies New York State has adopted a Land Bank Act ["Not-for-Profit" Corporation Law, Article 16]; and

WHEREAS, a number of communities in the Greater Mohawk Valley with the direction and encouragement of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District ["MVEDD"], desire to create a regional land bank in order to efficiently and effectively address blight across the Greater Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Bank Act, it is necessary to adopt a resolution establishing the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation ["GMVLB"] on behalf of the County of Schoharie and the other signatories, and addressing certain requirements relating to the structure and function of the GMVLB; therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes and authorizes the creation of a regional land bank, as follows:

1. Name of the land bank: Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation
2. Number of initial members of the Board of Directors: 9
3. The initial representative to serve on the GMVLB board and their initial terms of office are:

[a] Appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature, confirmed by the Herkimer County Legislature:

Raymond Johnson [County Legislator], initial term of 2-years;
Kurt Ackerman [County Legislator], initial term of 1-year;

[b] Appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County:

Karl Gustafson [Office of the Executive], initial term of 2-years;

[c] Appointed by Chairman of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, confirmed by Resolution of the Board:

Margaret M. Kennedy [County Representative], initial term of 2-years;
Craig Gelbsman [County Representative], initial term of 1-year;

[d] Appointed by Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, confirmed by Resolution of the Board of Schoharie County:

Steven Wilson [County Administrator], initial term of 2-years;

[e] Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rome, confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Rome:

Mark Domenico [Chief Code Enforcement Officer] initial term of 1-year;

[f] Apointed by the Mayor of the City of Utica:

Brian Thomas [Commissioner, Urban & Economic Development]; initial term of 2-years;

[g] Appointed by the Common Council of the City of Utica:

Joseph A. Marino [Chair, Economic Development Committee], initial term of 1-year;

4. Board members must be a resident of the county or city from which they are appointed. Each of the adjoining counties and the adjoining cities will be entitled to have the number of members on the board of directors as listed above. The regular terms of office of members of the board shall be 2 years, in addition to any partial term for which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy.


5. The proposed articles of incorporation of the GMVLB, which are attached hereto and made part hereof, are approved for inclusion in the application for the GMVLB which is to be sent to Empire State Development.

6. The County of Schoharie together with the other joining counties and cities will enter into and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement for the creation of GMVLB, and is authorized to execute such other documents as may be necessary to establish the GMVLB, subject to the approval of the Schoharie County Attorney.

Dated: October 20, 2016
Filed: October 20, 2016


Clerk-Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.

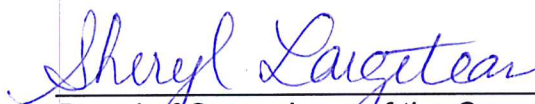

County Attorney

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE ss:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Schoharie, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the above copy of a resolution with the original resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County on the 21 day of October, 2016, at a regular meeting of said Board and said copy is a true copy of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

I, FURTHER CERTIFY, that at the time said resolution was adopted said Board was comprised of 16 members, with total weighted vote of 2974 and votes were cast as follows: Yes 2974, No, 0, Absent 0,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board this 21 day of October, 2016.


Clerk,
Board of Supervisors of the County of Schoharie