

SCOHARIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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SCIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 21, 2020

SCIDA Board Minutes

1. **Meeting** called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chairman Chester Burton.
Members: Chairman/Chester Burton, V. Chair/Joseph Trapani, Treasurer/Wanda King, Member/Peter Johnson, Ben Oevering. **Staff:** Chief Exec. Officer/Ron Filmer Jr., Chief Financial Officer/ Jeff Haslun, Secretary/Sarah Nickle.
2. **Present:** IDA Board Members: Chester Burton, Joseph Trapani, Wanda King, Ben Oevering.
Staff: Ron Filmer Jr., Sarah Nickle, Jeff Haslun.
3. **Minutes** from the December 1, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Joe Trapani and seconded by Wand King, All in Favor.
4. **Committees of the Agency – Reports & Current Business -**
 - IDA Audit Committee - (Chester Burton, Wanda King, Peter Johnson)**
 - N/A
 - IDA Finance Committee – (Joseph Trapani, Wanda King)**
 - N/A
5. **Project Update and Review-**

The SCIDA board reviewed and discussed the following PILOT projects that have December 31, 2020 deadline requirements that have not yet been fulfilled.

Middleburgh Meadows has requested a three year extension on the completion date of the housing portion of their investment project. The extension would be from 12/31/2020 to 12/31/2023. The PILOT payment schedule would stay the same with no modification and the Sales Tax Exemption would extend for an additional three year term as a result of extending the completion date. Ron has asked the School, Village and Town for comment on this request. The School and Village has agreed to the three year extension, however the Town would like the extension to be for one year. The developer has stated that they will not have enough time for progress with just a one year extension. The SCIDA attorney, Joe Scott presented a resolution to extend the completion date of the project to 12/31/2023. The PILOT payment schedule would stay the same. The Sales Tax Exemption would be extended for the requested three year term and any clawback provisions would be pushed out to 12/31/2023. Joe Scott gave the SCIDA Board a background summary of the full project before discussion and vote on the resolution terms. The resolution was approved on motion by Joe Trapani and seconded by Wanda King. The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a roll call vote. All in favor except for Peter Johnson who was absent from the meeting.

Sandy MacKay a representative of SSI will present a plan in writing to the SCIDA and each jurisdiction requesting an extension and possible modifications to the PILOT and Sales Tax Exemption benefit. SCIDA has asked for this formal request in writing by 12/31/2020. Ron to keep in touch with SSI to make sure this request is submitted timely to SCIDA and jurisdictions. After SCIDA and the jurisdictions have received the request and plan from SSI, it is hoped that Ron will meet with the jurisdictions at the end of January, 2021 to discuss the proposal from SSI and status of the business. Then the SCIDA Board will discuss comments from the jurisdictions in February, 2021 and decide on whether to extend the timeline of the completion of the project, modify the PILOT or terminate the PILOT. A unanimous decision by the jurisdictions is recommended to either continue with the PILOT and Sales Tax Exemption or terminate. Since the discussions will extend past 12/31/2020 and into late January, 2021, SCIDA will send out the scheduled PILOT Payment Notice as it currently stands for Town and County.

SCIDA's attorney Joe Scott reminded the Board that the State agencies that oversee the SCIDA, the ABO and the NY State Comptroller's Office will review SCIDA's performance for monitoring and administering this project. He advises continued collaboration with the jurisdictions and regular reporting of the project status. He commented that if no progress has been made on behalf of SSI and the jurisdictions in the next few months regarding the extensions, termination of the PILOT is not unreasonable.

6. **SCIDA Solar Policy –**

The County Board is preparing a resolution for their January, 2021 meeting. They had a vote on a per megawatt basis. After the County vote takes place at their next meeting, the SCIDA Board can then take that into consideration for a resolution for the SCIDA Policy.

7. **SCIDA Resolution for COVID 19 Grant Program -**

Two applications were approved for funding. Cobleskill Fire Department received \$2,000.00. The Schoharie Free Library received \$500.00. Approved on motion by Joe Trapani and seconded by Wand King, all in Favor. All of the 10K has been awarded. Ron and Sarah will administer the funds to the awardees per program guidelines and requirements.

8. **Other – N/A**

9. **Set date for next meeting – Thursday, January 28, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.**

10. **Adjournment – On motion duly made and seconded, (Wanda King, seconded by Joe Trapani) meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**