

### Regular Meeting #3

A Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloan was held on August 11, 2020, 7:00pm at the Sloan Municipal Building, 425 Reiman Street, Village of Sloan, County of Erie, and State of New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, meeting was not open to the public but video recorded and posted on Facebook Live.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Mayor Thomas Ferrucci  
Trustee Eric Czubaj- Absent  
Trustee Paula Bruscani  
Trustee Linda Ostempowski  
Trustee Jennifer Kregg

#### Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020, and Audit Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2020, as submitted.

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Bruscani  
Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg  
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Czubaj

#### Approval of Abstract 006, vouchers 82 through 102, of the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget for a total payment of \$83,350.24.

Motion by Trustee Kregg, Second by Mayor Ferrucci  
Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg  
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Czubaj

#### Department Reports

Fire- Mayor Ferrucci: Two mutual aid fires with Town Districts, updated equipment, new member  
Highway- Mayor Ferrucci: New front loader received, backflows at splash pad completed, training on 811 DigSafely, plow/salter repair, 5 storm DI replacement underway and a spot sanitary repair on Lackawanna

Code Enforcement- Mayor Ferrucci: 8 Storm inspections in last 2 weeks, DEC Order on Consent Board: Ostempowski: Trash violations, waiting for Crime meetings to begin again  
Bruscani: Hazardous Waste voucher system by Erie County, Village wide garage sale 8/22/2020  
Kregg: Mayor Ferrucci attended William St. Taxpayers meeting and explanation of Austerity Budget

#### Fire Hall Requests

Debra Smith 9/13/2020

Kyle Zawadzki 9/27/2020

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Kregg  
Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg  
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Czubaj

#### Appointment

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Ostempowski to appoint Chad Berst as a member of the Sloan Active Hose Co. No. 1, effective immediately.  
Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg  
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Czubaj

#### Resolution

##### *2021-3 BENLIC Referrals*

WHEREAS, in July 2011 in recognition of the growing problem of distressed, vacant, abandoned and tax delinquent properties, New York State passed the Land Bank Act, as Article 16 of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, which authorizes any Foreclosing Governmental Unit (FGU) to create a land bank to strategically acquire, improve, assemble, and sell these properties; and

WHEREAS, under the New York State Land Bank Act, Article 16 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (BENLIC) was formed in May 2012 via an intermunicipal agreement among the county's four FGUs: Erie County and the Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, county-wide land banks have proven highly successful in regions experiencing growing numbers of problem properties by supporting municipal and regional revitalization efforts by strategically acquiring, improving, assembling, and selling these properties; and WHEREAS, BENLIC (the land bank) seeks to work collaboratively with the cities, towns, and villages within Erie County to address the problem of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloan, Erie County, has recognized the need to address the issues of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties and is desirous of continuing partnership with BENLIC to address this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Village of Sloan hereby officially requests that BENLIC acquire the following properties:

11 Halstead Avenue	112.44-3-11 (lot)
144 Rutland Avenue	102.78-2-10
131 Wagner Avenue	112.43-2-19

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan has completed the Acquisition Applications for the properties listed above and has attached the Acquisition Applications to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan agrees to reimburse Erie County for the costs associated with foreclosure of these properties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan agrees to maintain each property selected by BENLIC during the time in which BENLIC holds title to the property including removal of motor vehicles upon BENLIC property by use of municipal emergency services (i.e. police and fire department); and be it further

RESOLVED, in the event that after a period of one year from the date of BENLIC acquisition, BENLIC is unable to dispose of vacant lots which do not contain structures and which are identified herein, BENLIC retains option to transfer to the Village of Sloan and the Village of Sloan agrees to accept transfer of title of all non-disposed vacant lots which do not contain structures by quit claim deed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be sent to the Executive Director of the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation; the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning; the Director of the City of Buffalo's Office of Strategic Planning; and the Mayors of the cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda.

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bruscani

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Czubaj

#### Public Correspondence

Greg Szarpa

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Kregg to adjourn meeting at 7:14pm.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Czubaj

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Smith  
Village Clerk/Treasurer