

Wayne County Land Reutilization Corporation C/O: Wayne County Commissioners 428 W. Liberty Street Wooster, Ohio 44691

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## WAYNE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION October 28, 2021 meeting minutes

Members Present: Becky Foster, Sue Smail, Jonathan Hofstetter, Melissa Koch, Mayor Bob Breneman, Bobbie Beshara

Guests: Joel Montgomery, Melissa Craemer-Smith, Kristen Endsley

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM.

**Approval of minutes from September 17, 2021:** Motion made by Jonathon and seconded by Melissa to approve the revised minutes. **Motion carried**.

**Treasurer's report:** Melissa reported that we have \$24,410.42 in our account. Motion made by Becky, seconded by Jonathon to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion carried.** 

## **Old Business:**

Lucca Street discussion: This property will go through the BOR process.

**Land Bank Conference**: It was a good conference and looking forward to future events to guide us through our Land Bank process.

**329 College Avenue discussion**: Mr. Thomas who would like to purchase the property thinks it will take approximately \$65,000 to rehab but Stan Popp of the Metropolitan Housing Authority thinks it will be closer to \$100,000 to make it livable. We paid \$10,000, Mr. Thomas offered \$11,000 and then upped it to \$12,000. Sue will reach out to Mr. Popp for his thoughts on this property.

**426 N Grant Street discussion**: The taxable value on this property is \$16,800. The taxes due are \$23,000 and we were offered \$5,000 on the property by the neighbor who currently keeps it mowed. As it's a corner lot, he would like to purchase it to keep vacant. The City of Wooster will send a letter to the prosecutor requesting the property be donated to the Land Bank. Motion made by Becky and seconded by Mayor Breneman to allow Melissa to negotiate a purchase price of \$10,000 with the next-door neighbor, Mr. James Sayre. **Motion carried.** 

## **New Business:**

**Alternate for Mayor Breneman:** Mayor Breneman is looking for an alternate for his place on the Land Reutilization Corporation and for now will have Joel serve as the alternate.

**Other business:** A motion was made by Bobbie and Jonathon seconded the motion to hire Melissa Craemer-Smith of Kropf Wagner Law Firm, LLC at a rate of \$250 an hour as our legal counsel. **Motion carried.** 

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 AM by Mayor Breneman, seconded by Jonathon. Motion carries.