

WAYNE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION

January 21, 2022 meeting minutes

**Members Present:** Sue Smail, Joel Montgomery, Steve Wheeler, Bobbie Beshara, Jonathon Hofstetter and Melissa Koch

**Guests:** Kristen Endsley

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Melissa reported that our ending balance in December was \$50,602.81. Melissa will provide the DTAC estimate at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**426 N Grant Street discussion:** Melissa sent out a letter to the auditor requesting the property and deed. Value of the property is \$16,080. The LRC decided not to accept the \$5,000 offered to us by the neighbor.

**BOR Update:** Melissa had a very productive meeting with the auditor, clerk of courts and Barbara Biro. They discussed how to track these properties that may come to the LRC. The expedited process through the BOR should take approximately two months with each case.

**Revitalization Funds:** We will work with the owner of 353 E. Bowman to demo the home. We had hoped to use the funds for 325 E Jones but the home sold in sheriff's sale.

**New Business:** Kristen Endsley, Planning and Community Development Manager for the City of Orrville spoke on the fate of the Manhattan Restaurant building, 142 Depot Street, currently occupied by the Orrville Historical Society. The city would like it demoed and turn the property into greenspace or possibly a park. The approximate cost of the demo (including asbestos removal), is \$65,000. We discussed using ARPA funds for this demo. Joel made a motion and Jon made a second to give Sue the authority to work on an MOU with Kristen for use of these funds for this project. **Motion carried with Steve abstaining.**

**Letter of Necessity:** This letter is required to send to the auditor's office asking for the removal of taxes when the LRC purchases properties for demo, resale, etc. Melissa is working on this.

**Website update:** Dan Starcher will work on our new website with Crossbridge Marketing and Media out of Orrville to obtain a quote. Sue suggested we have them offer logo options, as well.

**Other Business:** Melissa will look at reappraisals of certain abandoned properties that might be of interest to the LCR.

Bobbie made a motion to adjourn with a second by Steve at 10:22 AM. Next meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Beshara