

CITY OF GERMANTOWN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ELECTRONIC MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2021
3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Henry Evans called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Cameron Ross called the roll and established a quorum.

Members Present: Chairman Henry Evans; Janet Geyer; Juliet Klein; Mike Harless; Dick Vosburg; Steven Levy; and Michael McLaughlin.

Staff Present: Cameron Ross, Economic and Community Development Director; Marie Lisco Economic Development Manager, and Andy Jones, IDB Attorney.

3. Establishment of Necessity to Conduct IDB Meeting Electronically

Mike Harless moved to conduct the Industrial Development Board meeting for January 21, 2021 electronically, seconded by Michael McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Yes
Klein – Yes
Geyer – Yes
McLaughlin – Yes
Levy – Yes
Vosburg – Yes
Evans - Yes

MOTION PASSED 7-0-0

4. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Evans informed the board that the approval of the minutes for the November 19, 2020 as well as the minutes for this meeting January 21, 2021, would be voted on at the next scheduled Industrial Development Board meeting.

5. Election of Officers

Mike Harless moved to nominate Henry Evans as Chairman, seconded by Michael McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Yes
Klein – Yes
Geyer – Yes
McLaughlin – Yes
Levy – Yes
Vosburg – Yes
Evans – Abstained

MOTION PASSED 7-0-1

Julie Klein moved to nominate Dick Vosburg for Vice Chairman. Dick Vosburg declined this nomination due to health.

Michael McLaughlin moved to nominate Mike Harless for Vice Chairman, seconded by Janet Geyer.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Recused

Klein – Yes

Geyer – Yes

McLaughlin – Yes

Levy – Yes

Vosburg – Yes

Evans – Yes

MOTION PASSED 6-0-0

Vice Chairman Mike Harless moved to nominate Juliet Klein as Secretary Treasurer, seconded by Dick Vosburg.

Roll Call:

Harless – Yes

Klein – Recused

Geyer – Yes

McLaughlin – Yes

Levy – Yes

Vosburg – Yes

Evans - Yes

MOTION PASSED 6-0-0

6. Consideration of PILOT manual updates

IDB Attorney Andy Jones made a presentation.

The Board discussed this item with staff.

Chairman Evans closed the floor and called for a motion.

MOTION:

Janet Geyer moved that the IDB should consider that a claw back policy be added to the PILOT policy, seconded Steven Levy.

Janet Geyer withdrew her previous motion, seconded by Steven Levy.

Vice Chairman Mike Harless moved to cap the ramp up period to two years subject to the discretion of the board, seconded by Janet Geyer.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Yes
Klein – Yes
Geyer – Yes
McLaughlin – Yes
Levy – Yes
Vosburg – Yes
Evans - Yes

MOTION PASSED 7-0-0

Steven Levy made a motion that there be a mandatory audit at the end of the ramp up period, seconded by Dick Vosburg.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – No, having the language that says we can perform an audit at any time is sufficient.
Klein – No
Geyer – No
McLaughlin – No
Levy – Yes
Vosburg – Yes
Evans - No

MOTION FAILED 2-5-0

Steven Levy made a motion to establish a minimum number of 15 jobs be a requirement on all PILOT Applications, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Juliet Klein. After discussion, it was decided to strike the language in the policy that states, “Projects that only generate contract jobs will not be considered” which removed the need for action to be taken on the motion.

Michael McLaughlin left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Janet Geyer moved to accept Andy Jones’ recommendation for calculation of PILOT benefits that would extend the percentage of PILOT benefits that applies to the building would also apply to any common open space and parking areas as well, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Harless.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Yes
Klein – Yes
Geyer – Yes
Levy – Yes
Vosburg – Yes
Evans – Yes

MOTION PASSED 6-0-0

7. Old Business:

Chairman Evans asked if there was any old business and there was none.

8. New Business:

Chairman Evans asked if there was any new business and there was none. Chairman Evans said that the next IDB Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, comments, or questions by the Commission, Chairman Henry Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Henry Evans, Chairman
Industrial Development Board
