

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency
Special Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021

A special meeting of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 via Zoom Teleconference.

Patrick Hogan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following:

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Patrick Hogan
Janice Herzog
Victor Ianno
Sue Stanczyk
Kevin Ryan
Fanny Villarreal

ABSENT:

Steve Morgan

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert M. Petrovich, Executive Director
Nancy Lowery, Secretary
Nate Stevens, Treasurer
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary, Agency
Carolyn Evans-Dean, Onondaga County Economic Development
Amanda Fitzgerald, Barclay Damon Law Firm
Jeff Davis, Barclay Damon Law Firm

(Patrick Hogan shared information as to how the meeting will be conducted in light of COVID-19 at the start of the Special Committee Meeting.)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

The Conflict of Interest was emailed to Board Members present to sign off.

OCIDA COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Robert Petrovich stated the resolution is to approve the round of grants that is before the Board today totaling about \$38,953. He stated the applications have been reviewed with counsel to make sure they comport with the statute as prescribed. He stated all of that has passed muster and these expenses have been deemed appropriate. He stated the grant amounts have been put forward to the Board for consideration and approval.

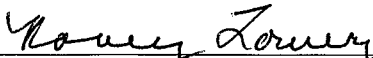
Victor Ianno asked why one applicant is requesting about \$8,000 and another is for only \$1,300. Patrick Hogan stated a lot of restaurants have to get air purifiers, dividers and things like that that are fairly expensive in order to open.

Victor Ianno asked how do people hear about this grant and why don't we have more applicants. Sue Stanczyk stated the County Executive pushes this at his press briefings to let people know. She stated any time a business has been affirmed, has a complaint against or some kind of investigation, one of the first things done is we allow them the opportunity to apply for these grants to help fix some of their issues. She stated they are urged to apply for a grant to help pay for some of the items or equipment they need. She stated it is advertised through the press briefing, it is on the website and any time they call the County Executive's office. She stated they did a break down on the number of calls and they have done 10,000 emails since March on how to open and affirm. She stated Carolyn Evans-Dean, Len Rauch and Karen Doster have handled about the same number in their office. Carolyn Evans-Dean stated when the program was first rolled out the City of Syracuse had a similar program so businesses that may have been located in the City were eligible to apply for their program. She stated the way the legislation was written no one business can accept funds from more than one IDA and as these are IDA funds someone who received City of Syracuse funds was not able to receive County funds.

Upon a motion by Victor Ianno, seconded by Fanny Villarreal, the OCIDA Board approved a resolution authorizing grants to qualified applicants pursuant to the COVID-19 Grant Legislation for authorized use up to the amount of \$10,000. Motion was carried.

Patrick Hogan stated he would like to thank the staff who put this special meeting together and the board members who took time out of their busy day to attend this meeting. He stated this money is desperately needed by all small businesses. He stated he specifically would like to thank the county executive's office for promoting and pushing this forward. He stated a lot of people in the county appreciate these efforts.

Upon a motion by Victor Ianno, seconded by Susan Stanczyk, the OCIDA Board adjourned the meeting at 9:07 am. Motion was carried.



Nancy Lowery, Secretary