

Babylon IDA Board Meeting – November 16, 2022

Meeting Attendants and List of Acronyms:

TG = Tom Gaulrapp
JB = Justin Belkin
PL= Paulette Laborne
RD = Rosemarie Dearing
TD= Tom Dolan
MD = Marcus Duffin
VP = Vincent Piccoli
WB= William Bogardt
WC= William Celona
CQ= Carol Quirk
WW= William Wexler

Transcription:

TG: Good morning everybody.

All: Good morning.

TG: I'd like to call the November 16, 2022, Babylon IDA meeting to order at 8:07 am. First up is roll call of officers. Tom Gaulrapp present, Justin Belkin present, Paulette Laborne present, Bill Bogardt present, Bill Celona present, Rosemarie Dearing present, Marcus Duffin present, Carol Quirk present and Vincent Piccoli present. At this time I'd like everyone to rise for the Pledge.

All: * Recited the Pledge of Allegiance *

TG: First up on the agenda, I'll take a motion right now to accept resolution number 1.

JB: I'll make a motion.

TG: Second?

VP: I'll second.

TD: *Inaudible.*

TG: Okay. All in favor?

All: Aye.

TG: Opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Next up resolution number 2. Tom?

TD: There was no one in attendance from the public, and we received no written comments, and no requests to speak at the public hearing.

TG: That being said, at this time I'll take a motion for resolution number 2.

MD: Motion.

TG: Second?

WB: Second.

TG: All in favor?

All: Aye.

TG: Opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Next up is number 6 CEO report by Tom.

TD: Okay, good morning everyone.

All: Good morning.

TD: I'm going to give my time to counsel Mr. Wexler would like to address a couple of items *inaudible*. So I turn it over to you, Bill.

WW: Thank you Tom. Very quickly we have two matters the first one I believe you have letters from Counsel in your packet regarding Human First. What we do, since we have over a hundred clients is we monitor. We look for trends and look for problems and the first one that arose was Human First. They haven't been meeting their employment numbers, and Tom and I spoke about it went over it with Su, went through all the numbers. I had a series of conversations with the attorney and Human First is a 501(c)(3) that services the developmentally disabled communities and since COVID their numbers have dropped drastically. Theoretically we can put them in default and then seek recapture. They would have to pay back any benefits that they had. Its prorata since they've been there. I think they only have one more year left so it's a nominal amount, and I discussed it with Tom and we thought it best to bring it before the board. That it's my opinion that we should not place them in default and not seek recapture. Because they're just about down and out and it's a not-for-profit agency. So we would put it before the board, uh... I guess did we prepare a resolution Tom.

TD: Yep.

WW: Yea so, the resolution that we asked you to consider is to waive the default and recapture based on the facts I told you and the letter from *inaudible*. Anybody have any questions?

All: No.

TG: No questions. At this time I'll take a motion to accept the recommendation of the Agency's counsel concerning the Human First Project. Motion?

CQ: Motion.

TG: Second?

PL: I'll second.

TG: All in favor?

All: Aye.

TG: Opposed? The ayes have it.

WW: Okay so the second issue is a little different but we are going to be seeking the same result. 1030 Grand Blvd. Weldbuilt is a company that wasn't meeting their employment for a number of years. We were giving them time and once again staff we kicked it around and I said OK I've got to start that conversation with counsel about where are we going. After a series of phone calls and correspondence back and forth and this is really a mistake on their end but no harm no foul. They were only counting direct employees *inaudible* the lease agreement allow them to count employees of related facilities. And they didn't realize that and I had them send me over all their numbers and I saw *inaudible* and we discovered, I think it was Tom that discovered, wait a while you have affiliates that meet your numbers. And they said we didn't know we could count them. So based on that and at the end of the day there are affiliates are doing very similar, they all support the main business. The affiliates are hiring babylonians and they've been meeting their numbers and doing *inaudible* once again I said we will place it before the board, that we now put them in default, because technically they are not in default and obviously not seek recapture.

TG: At this time I'll take a motion to... a motion to recommendation of the Agency's counsel concerning the Able Weldbuilt Project.

WB: Motion.

WC: I'll second.

TG: All in favor?

All: Aye.

TG: Opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered.

TD: Thank you Bill, and uh just wanted to remind everybody that again we will *inaudible* as we come to the end of the year. We may be hear, we may be at town hall and I just want to take this opportunity again to thank you and I hope that all of you have a great thanksgiving.

All: Thank you, Tom.

VP: Continue to feel better.

TD: Yes, thanks.

TG: Moving on anything for old business? There being none, new business? There being none I will take a motion to close.

WB: Motion to close.

PL: I'll second.

TG: All in favor?

All: Aye.

TG: Opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Thank you everyone.

All: Thank you Tom.