

**Babylon IDA Board Meeting - December 18, 2024**

Meeting Participants and List of Acronyms (in alphabetical order by first initial):

CQ = Carol Quirk  
JB = Justin Belkin  
PL = Paulette LaBorne  
RD = Rosemarie Dearing  
TD = Tom Dolan  
TG = Tom Gaulrapp

**Transcription:**

**TG:** Good morning, everybody

**All:** Good morning.

**TG:** I'd like to call the December 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 Babylon IDA meeting to order at 10, 8:10 a.m. Right now we will do roll call of officers, shows:

Tom Gaulrapp, Present;  
Justin Belkin, Present;  
Paulette LaBorne, Secretary, Present;  
Rosemarie Dearing, Present;  
Carol Quirk, Present;  
William Bogardt, Absent;  
William Celona, Absent  
Vincent Piccoli, Absent.  
Marcus Duffin, Absent but present via phone, non-voting.

At this time, I will ask everyone to stand for the pledge.

**ALL:** \*Pledge of Allegiance recited\*

**TG:** We will move to our agenda. Number 4 on the agenda is Resolution Number 1. At this time, I will take a motion to accept the minutes.

**PL:** I'll make a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**TG:** Second?

**CQ:** Second.

**TG:** All in favor?

**ALL:** Aye.

**TG:** Opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Next is Resolution #2. Can I get a motion?

**RD:** I'll make a motion to accept.

**TG:** Second?

**JB:** I'll second.

**TG:** All in favor?

**ALL:** Aye.

**TG:** Opposed? The ayes have it. Next, we will move on to the CEO Report by Tom Dolan.

**TD:** Good morning, everyone.

**ALL:** Good morning, Tom.

**TD:** Just a few items, earlier this month we joined with Councilman Antony Manetta and Deputy Supervisor Tony Martinez for the third annual Access to Capital event. This year's event was held at Root and Branch Brewery in Copiague and we had a great turn out and I'd like to thank the panel that we had for sharing valuable resources for small business owners. We had Kevin Gremse, who we know from Grow America Fund, Luis Montes from Long Island Small Government Relations, Angeli O'Connell from Empire State Development and Leo Zhang from Pursuit. Again, they did a great job. A lot of that information can be found on

the website. Another recent event I attended was Vision Long Island for Smart Growth Summit at Crest Hollow. We were a sponsor. I also was proud to participate on a panel discussion with fellow IDA officials about the role IDA plays on Long Island and some of the myths and the things we work... good work that we do... And on a different topic, the IDA has teamed up with Cops N' Kids Long Island for its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Giveback toy drive, we are collecting a good amount of toys. I want to thank staff, especially Bill Lindsay who is here with us today. He did a great job going out and getting a lot of unwrapped toys. I have to mention my wife she did a good job too...

**PL:** Well thank her

**TD:** I'm kidding. If you have any unwrapped toys that you would like to donate, please drop it off at either the IDA office or at Old Town Hall. Lastly, as we end the year I would like to thank all of you for your support and service for the IDA and Babylon Business Community. As we do every year, we have breakfast, for appreciation, so please feel free to grab something. With that I want to wish everyone a happy holiday Season and looking forward to 2025. With that I will turn it back to you. Thank you.

**ALL:** Thank you very much

**TG:** Moving on to old business, is there any old business?

**TG:** There being none, is there any new business? Wishing everyone a happy holidays, I'll take a motion to close.

**PL:** I'll make a motion to close.

**TG:** Second?

**CQ:** Second.

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

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