

**Town of Amherst
Industrial Development Authority**

A regular meeting of the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Jacob Bailey on October 5, 2020, at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	Richard Wydner	P	Sharon W. Turner
P	Jacob Bailey	P	Kim Stein
A	Gary Jennings	P	Clifford Hart
P	C. Manly Rucker, III		

Town Manager Sara E. Carter, in her capacity as Secretary to the Authority, Deputy Manager Kimball Payne, and Clerk of Council Vicki Hunt, were present.

Mr. Rucker made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Wydner to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020, meeting. There being no discussion, the motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Rucker, Stein and Hart voting “Aye”. Mr. Jennings was absent.

Presentation on Brockman Business and Industrial Park

Revisions to the new marketing materials for Brockman Park were made by George Sandridge, Intern from Liberty University after conferring with and receiving directions from Mr. Payne and Town Manager Carter, copies of which were distributed to the Authority. After discussion, the Authority members, by consensus, determined that the new marking materials for Brockman Park were sufficient for distribution as recommended by staff.

Approval of Amherst LYH Site Readiness Grant by the GO Virginia Board

Deputy Manager Payne gave a report on the GO Virginia Board’s approval of a grant on September 22, 2020, in the amount of \$366,572.00, for improvement of commercial/industrial sites in the County and Town of Amherst that includes development of a master grading plan for 14 lots, totaling 244 acres, in Brockman Park.

COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program for the Town of Amherst

Deputy Manager Payne gave a report on eight grant applications received in response to the \$120,000.00 Town of Amherst COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program designated for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, explaining that the purpose of the grants is to provide support to small businesses that have been negatively impacted either by business interruption causing the loss of revenue or additional expenses to adapt to a Covid-19 environment.

After discussion, the Authority directed staff to obtain more information from three applicants due to incomplete information on the applications. Motions were made as to the other five applications before the Authority as follows:

Mr. Rucker made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Turner to approve the application of Amfit, LLC dba Snap Fitness Amherst, VA in the amount of \$13,467.67. There being no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Rucker, Stein

and Hart voting “Aye”. Mr. Jennings was absent.

Mr. Hart made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Rucker to approve the application of Actual Surveyors, PLLC in the amount of \$9,100.00. After discussion, the motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Rucker, Stein and Hart voting “Aye”. Mr. Jennings was absent.

Mrs. Turner made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Wydner to approve the application of Robin Rowland, DBA Designs by Robin in the amount of \$5,256.11. There being no further discussion, the motion carried 5-1 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Stein, Hart voting “Aye” and Mr. Rucker “Abstain.” Mr. Jennings was absent.

Mr. Rucker made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Turner to approve the application of What a Blessing Bakery & Deli in the amount of \$15,000.00 contingent upon any balances that may be due on Town accounts are brought current. After discussion, the motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Rucker, Stein and Hart voting “Aye”. Mr. Jennings was absent.

Mrs. Turner made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Wydner to approve the application of Amherst Dry Cleaners, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00. After discussion, the motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Bailey, Wydner, Rucker, Stein and Hart voting “Aye”. Mr. Jennings was absent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Jacob Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary