

Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes Courthouse Annex Conference room

01/08/2026

Meeting was called to order by: William Moon at 1:30 PM

In attendance:

- ☒ Vince Witherup-Residential Representative
- ☐ Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- ☒ Samuel Breene-Commissioner
- ☒ Ken Bryan-Commissioner
- ☒ Diona Brick-Fiscal
- ☒ Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- ☒ Robert Walter-Assessment
- ☒ Mary Swisher-Assessment
- ☒ William Moon Jr- Chair
- ☐ Warren Thomas-Residential Representative
- ☒ Josh Sterling- VCRPC
- ☐ Amanda Power-City of Franklin
- ☒ Frank Pankratz
- ☐ Trenton Moulin

Motion was made by Samuel Breene as to accept the 12/11/2025 minutes, 2nd by Diona Brick; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests:

Jim Speth-Sugarcreek Borough, Yvonne Greene-Oil City Zoning, Robert Hines-ORR

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report

Diona Brick stated there is currently \$34,292.71 in the Register & Recorder's demo fund, however \$25,000 is encumbered for the possible demo of 1416 Liberty Street and \$1,000 for dumpsters bringing the remaining balance to \$8,292.71.

Vince Witherup made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report 2nd by Samuel Breene; all in favor.

Office Election

Julie Thompson made a motion to keep the officers for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson & Treasurer the same.
Diona Brick made a motion to keep the Secretary the same.

Samuel Breene 2nd these motions, all in favor.

Old Business:

Update on 1416 Liberty Street:

No update at this time

Planning-Grant updates

Josh provided a copy of the Venango County housing rehabilitation program stating there is currently 2 properties in intake phase, two in Inspection Phase, 4 in construction Phase and two projects that have been completed.

New Business

Julie provided a new schedule for 2026

Meeting are scheduled for January, March, April, May, October and November at 1:30.

Commissioners_ Any updates on Act 48 of 2024 that adds an additional fee to every Tax or Sheriff sale for demolition of blighted properties up to \$250.00.

The Commissioners are going to meet with Julie Thompson and the County Solicitor to go over this more and talk about the rules and regulations before making a decision. They are going to look into seeing if this \$250 can only apply to the tax sales and not repository sales. This will be discussed more at the March meeting.

They are also going to look into raising the cost of repository properties. Currently mobile homes are \$300 and all other parcels are \$600. These amounts have not increase in over 15 years. It was suggested to raise it to \$500 for mobile homes and \$1,000 for parcels.

Any updates on 101 East 7th Street deed transfer

Ken stated the owner has been transferred to another facility therefore he will reach out to the new place.

Next Meeting-March 12,2026 at 1:30 PM

Motion to adjourned the meeting at 2:15 was made by Vince Witherup 2nd by Ken Bryan; all in favor

Submitter by
Mary Swisher