



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Middletown, NY and Zoom**  
**January 18, 2022 | 4 pm**

**Present:** Michael Gilfeather, Melissa Cobuzzi, Susan Dean, Daniel Depew, Todd Diorio, Andrew Fetherston, Brian Flynn, Robert Kaehler, Robert Sanchez, James Smith, Mark Stellwag, Gary Tetz, Charles Utschig

**Absent:** Mary Beth Bianconi, David Campbell, Alan Seidman, Michael Turturro, Derrik Wynkoop

**Staff Present:** Maureen Halahan, Megan Matthews

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The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

**Michael Gilfeather**

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**Approval of Minutes:**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- The minutes of the November 2021 board meeting were presented and accepted on a motion made by Robert Kaehler, seconded by Mark Stellwag and unanimously carried.

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**Financials:**

**Maureen Halahan**

- The financials were presented and approved on a motion made by Dan Depew, seconded by Robert Sanchez, financials were unanimously carried.

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**President's Report:**

**Maureen Halahan**

- Invoices due for the first half of the year have all been sent out.
- Governor Hochul's first State of the State was Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Partnership was asked to make a statement and post on social media by the Governor's Regional Representative.
- First OCP Newsletter of 2022 was sent January 13.
- OCP was invited to meet with the City of Newburgh officials including Todd Venning, Anthony Grice and Torrance Harvey. The purpose was to talk about projects in the city and the IDA.
- Round 4 of CFAs have been submitted. The new rolling application process put forward by MHREDC was explained.
- Maureen will be attending the NYS EDC Conference February 28-March 1, followed by the Site Selectors Guild conference March 2-5 in San Diego.
- Project updates included: Project Nucleus, Humble Acres, Project Horse and Dino Park. Other project updates can be found in the board reports in each packet.
- Annual Event: OCP requested a recap meeting with the owner of The Barn at Villa Venezia. Tuesday, December 6, 2022 is on hold for the next annual event.
- Golf Outing: Otterkill and Stony Ford are both reserved for Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Save the date was sent January 12<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship opportunities will be sent at the end of January.
- Two open positions at the Partnership – part time bookkeeper, full time sales/business development associate.
- Chamber of Commerce annual gala is Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at City Winery. Alan Seidman will be honored.
- Board member, Mark Wienberg passed away on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Chairman's Report**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- There will be a discussion at a later date regarding investment opportunities for the Partnership.
- Chairman Gilfeather reminded the group that board suggestions are always welcome.

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**Old/New Business:**

**Michael Gilfeather**

- Discussions surrounded Governor Hochul and her vision for business growth, workforce issues and the deep river port in Newburgh.
- Robert Kaehler discussed general guidelines to be on the Board. Nominating Committee is actively searching for potential candidates.
- A motion to adjourn was made by James Smith, seconded by Melissa Cobuzzi and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Cobuzzi*

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