

TOWN OF LOCKPORT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Governance Committee

Meeting Minutes April 13th, 2023

Roll Call: Todd Fragale Chairman, Governance Committee Members Robert Runk, Jeanine Chatt, Terry Kuczka, Kristin Anderson. Administrative Director – Tom Sy.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Town of Lockport IDA Governance Committee was called to order at 7:30 am.

Board Self Evaluation Survey Tool – Governance Committee members reviewed the Board’s Annual Self Evaluation Survey tool. After brief discussion there was agreement to keep the tool as is.

Legislation Impacting IDA’s from 2022-23 Legislative Session – Mr. Sy reviewed for the Governance Committee an update on the Prevailing Wage law and 3 pieces of legislation. He noted a new change to General Municipal Law requires the use of certified mail to alert Affected Taxing Jurisdictions (AJT’s) on deviations from the UTEP and that inducement resolutions also be shared. Further, AJT’s are to be notified of early PILOT terminations and 2 years prior to the end of the PILOT. Mr. Sy noted he will have Council review these rules. Lastly, it was noted that a new law allows for Video Conferencing of IDA Board meetings but the circumstances and requirements are too restrictive.

2023-24 NYS Budget and Legislation – Mr. Sy reviewed for the committee details on laws proposed in the current legislative session that could impact IDA’s. Mr. Sy noted there is a proposal to add language to allow IDA’s to induce housing vs having to treat it as a deviation. There is also a proposal to update elements of the PARIS reporting. Of greatest concern are proposals to eliminate IDA’s ability to include school taxes in their inducements, prohibit IDA’s incentivizing e-commerce projects and the repeal of the ability to induce retail in highly distressed areas. The Committee discussed the many key negatives associated with the school tax and e-commerce proposals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sy
Administrative Director