

BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM: Maria R. Whyte, Chairperson
SUBJECT: **Resolution #: 2014-6**
Authorization for BENLIC Executive Director to Bid at In Rem 162
DATE: June 20th, 2014

DISCUSSION

BENLIC's mission is to return vacant, abandoned and tax delinquent property to productive use. To promote this mission, BENLIC was awarded \$2,087,500 from the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Community Revitalization Initiative. As part of the grant, BENLIC and Erie County engaged in a Request For Foreclosure (RFF) process in which towns and villages identify those properties which they would like BENLIC to acquire. The staff of Erie County DEP, the BENLIC Working Group, and the BENLIC Property Selection Committee fully vetted the properties submitted through the RFF Process and identified those properties appropriate for acquisition by the Corporation. In January of 2014, the BENLIC Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Property Selection Subcommittee to acquire the following properties in the County's Auction In Rem 162:

- 257 Callodine Avenue, Amherst
- 290 Atlantic Avenue, Sloan
- 3-7 Lerner Court, Tonawanda (Town)
- 28 Browning Avenue, Tonawanda (Town)
- 58-64 Burnett Place, Tonawanda (Town)
- 32 Browning Avenue, Tonawanda (Town)
- 20-26 Wittier Place, Tonawanda (Town)
- 4351 Tonawanda Creek, Amherst
- 5170 Millersport, Amherst
- 5190 Millersport, Amherst; and be it further

These properties have not been redeemed as of June 20, 2014. Therefore, the BENLIC Board of Director's wishes to authorize their Executive Director to bid on these properties at In Rem 162.

ACTION

The Board of Directors is hereby requested to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that BENLIC authorizes Jocelyn Gordon, as BENLIC Executive Director, to attend In Rem 162 and bid the amount of the back taxes on the slate of approved properties.

RESOLVED, that Jocelyn Gordon, BENLIC Executive Director, is authorized to take whatever actions are necessary subsequent to In Rem 162 to execute an agreement with the County, close on the properties, and ensure that BENLIC holds clear title to the properties..