

BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM: Brendan Mehaffy, Vice Chairperson
SUBJECT: Resolution #: 2015-13
Authorization for BENLIC Executive Director to Bid at In Rem 163
DATE: September 18th, 2015

DISCUSSION

Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (BENLIC) Staff conduct an annual Request for Foreclosure (RFF) process. As part of the process, representatives from all County municipalities review eligible tax-delinquent parcels and are invited to present candidates to the BENLIC Board for acquisition. The RFF process is outlined in the Rules and Procedures of the Corporation. As part of a grant award made by the New York State Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Community Revitalization Initiative, BENLIC engaged in the RFF process with the intent to obtain an inventory of properties for the purpose of achieving the deliverables outlined in the grant award contract – in particular, rehabilitation of residential property.

In January of 2015, the BENLIC Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Property Selection Subcommittee to acquire the following properties in towns and villages at the Erie County In Rem 163 Tax Foreclosure Auction:

- 0 Buffalo St. (SBL# 196.09-1-28.1), Village of Hamburg
- 332 Wabash Ave. (SBL# 65.84-4-20), Village of Kenmore
- 0 Harlem Rd. (SBL# 113.22-4-9), Village of Sloan
- 310 Wagner Ave. (SBL# 112.27-1-15), Village of Sloan
- 50 Aurora Ave. (SBL# 124.77-2-27.1), Town of West Seneca
- 316 Doris Ave. (SBL# 124.14-4-4), Town of West Seneca

These properties have not been redeemed as of September 18th, 2015.

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 the Erie County In Rem 163 Tax Foreclosure Auction and bid the amount of the back taxes on the slate of approved properties; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Jocelyn Gordon is authorized to take whatever actions are necessary subsequent to In Rem 163 to execute an agreement with the County, close on the properties, and ensure that BENLIC holds clear title to the properties.