



# CITY OF UTICA

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**DAVID R. ROEFARO**  
MAYOR

**JOSEPH HOBICA**  
CHAIRMAN

November 12, 2008  
Utica Industrial Development Agency Meeting  
3:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Emmett Martin, Jack Spaeth, John Buffa, Angela VanDerhoof

**Excused:** Joe Hobika, Sr. (via telephone)

**Also Present:** Ken Tompkins (ESDC), Mayor David Roefaro, Commissioner Robert Sullivan, Joe Rossi (Wladis Law Firm)

**Call meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Secretary at 3:12 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** As the Agency ended its last meeting in Recess, meeting minutes will be presented once adjourned.

**Harza Building:** Agency members and others present discussed the current situation of the building and available Agency funding to be used towards its continued operations. Mr. Spaeth informed the Agency that there was no response to the RFP sent out. A suggestion was made that those that responded to the RFP be re-contacted to gather any possible interest. Mr. Sullivan added that many were re-contacted. Mr. Tompkins mentioned that ESDC had originally requested the RFP to be placed in a number of publications besides the *NYS Contract Reporter*. Also, he added, the building should be marketed on a national basis. Mr. Sullivan responded that the cost for insertion would be approximately \$15,000 which the Agency does not have. The building has been on NYS Site Finder for a number of years with no qualifiable leads generated.

Mr. Hobika advised those present that should the Agency be put into a negative cash flow and subsequently have a lien or judgment placed against the Agency, that this action will have significant negative impact on those projects that are in the name of the Agency.

Mayor Roefaro placed a call to a local businessman who expressed some interest in the purchase of the building. The Mayor will follow up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business brought before the Agency, Mr. Emmett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Buffa and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07p.m.