

## **ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY MEETING**

**October 23, 2008**

A meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on October 23, 2008 in the Erie County Council Caucus Room. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Giles, Chairman, at 12:05 p.m. Other board members present were Jim Mikovch, Pat Bruno, Joseph Kujawa, Kathy DeSante, Jennifer Dobbs Woods, Stephanie Freeman, and Dave Sample. Mark A. DiVecchio was absent. Also present were Robert Spaulding, Doug Smith, Joseph P. Maloney, Sue Ellen Pasquale, and Attorney Tom Talarico, Authority Solicitor.

Discussion opened on the subject of a letter received from the Summit Township Economic and Industrial Development Authority concerning the County's grant application. Mr. Spaulding indicated that changes were being implemented so that applicants could fill out their form online before downloading it and/or printing it. Mr. Spaulding further indicated that the position of gaming revenue officer would be posted the next day. Lengthy discussion followed about the position itself with Mr. Spaulding stating that the person should be in place by the end of November 2008.

CPA Joseph Maloney presented a short informational about the Authority utilizing a trust and agency account with Erie County. In this scenario, the funds would be controlled by ECGRA, but the accounting and/or auditing would be handled by Erie County which would save money for the Authority. Elected agents on the Authority would be the only individuals to have the power to write checks for Authority grants. Mr. Sample asked how much in 2007 gaming funds had been collected. Mrs. Pasquale placed the figure at \$5,138,962 for 2007 and \$7.2 million total for 2007 and part of 2008. Mr. Giles then discussed the need for secretarial help for the gaming revenue officer once they are hired noting that the County was expending significant time handling the associated paperwork for gaming. Mrs. DeSante then reasoned that the County should be reimbursed for some of these costs. Mr. Giles pointed out that the gaming ordinance allows for county reimbursement of administrative costs from gaming funds. Mrs. Freeman suggested that a running total of expenditures by the county should be supplied to Authority members so that they are aware of these costs. The discussion concluded with Mr. Bruno making the motion for the Authority to accept and trust and agency account with Erie County, seconded by Mr. Sample and approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Authority was set for November 21, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Final discussions at the meeting centered around a proposed Administrative Code piece for the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Various members expressed concern over some aspects of the document. Mr. Sample made a motion for Attorney Talarico to review the proposed Ordinance 167 and report back to the Authority. Mr. Kujawa seconded and it was approved unanimously. Attorney Talarico agreed to review the document working with the Gaming Revenue Committee, who originally authored it. Mrs. DeSante requested that language for the Authority's review process for uncommitted gaming funds be developed. All members agreed. Mr. Bruno made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.; Mr. Kujawa seconded.