

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY MEETING (ECGRA)

November 21, 2008

A meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on November 21, 2008 in the Erie County Council Caucus Room. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Giles, Chairman, at 12:20 p.m. Other board members present were Kathy DeSante, Jennifer Dobbs Woods, Stephanie Freeman, and Dave Sample. Jim Mikovch, Pat Bruno, Joseph Kujawa had excused absences; Mark A. DiVecchio was also absent. Also present were Doug Smith and Attorney Tom Talarico, Authority Solicitor.

Jennifer Dobbs-Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, September 25, October 10 and October 23, 2008. It was seconded by Mr. Sample and passed unanimously. Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting for Erie County, made a presentation regarding costs incurred by the County which might be appropriate for reimbursement by ECGRA. Mrs. Pasquale stated that there was \$122,594.39 in such expenses. A discussion about reimbursements of various types ensued. Solicitor Tom Talarico suggested that the Authority begin paying the County for its share of expenses in the area of legal fees, secretarial services, and for a portion of the Gaming Revenue Manager's salary.

Members decided that Stephanie Freeman should meet with Sue Ellen Pasquale to discuss a 2009 budget. Mrs. DeSante stated that it was very important that expenses be properly segregated so that the Authority could pay its bills. Attorney Talarico also noted that a legal brief related to the lawsuit by Summit, et al, was due from the County on December 22, 2008. Attorney Talarico further stated that appeals on the case would likely take at least another year to resolve the matter.

Chairman Giles updated the members on the hiring status of a new Gaming Revenue Manager. He had been informed by Economic Development Director Bob Spaulding that the interview process was nearly complete, and that a candidate would likely be selected after the First of December.

Chairman Giles informed fellow members that Attorney Tom Talarico would be meeting with the Gaming Revenue Policy Committee to work on a new gaming ordinance which was more reflective of Judge Dunlavey's recent decisions, as well as an updated ECGRA entry in the Administrative Code for Erie County. Mrs. DeSante suggested that applicants should have face to face meetings with the Authority to answer questions that might arise from the applications. An alternative was suggested in which member questions would be submitted back to the applicant with a specific time frame for their response. Mr. Giles asked that members of the Planning Department attend Authority meetings on December 1 and 15, 2008.

Chairman Giles and members set a meeting for December 1, 2008 to discuss a scoring document for use by members when examining project funding applications, and a work session on December 15, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.