

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Minutes for February 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cleaver at 11:50 a.m. in the Caucus Room of Erie County Council. Present were Board Members Kathy DeSante, Jennifer Dobbs Woods, David Sample, Pat Bruno via telephone, Mike Paris, Arthur Smaltz, Board Solicitor Thomas Talarico, as well as others including Councilman Giles, County Director of Economic Development Robert Spaulding, and Gaming Revenue Manager Carolyn Gold.

The first matter on the agenda under new business was to continue the presentation of projects by Ms. Dobbs-Woods and Mr. Sample. A motion was made by Ms. Dobbs-Woods to remove Projects R 2007-6 and R 2007-21 from the table; seconded by Mr. Sample and approved unanimously.

Project R-2007-06 Millcreek Pumping Station was first and Ms. Dobbs-Woods indicated that it met the standing requirement, qualified as an infrastructure project, and demonstrated a connection to the operations of the licensed facility. Mr. Sample indicated some information, such as flow rates, was missing from the application but he made a motion that the project go forward to the ranking process. It was approved unanimously with the understanding that missing information would be provided by the Millcreek Sewer Authority.

David Sample presented R-2007-21 the Route 97 Interceptor Upgrade noting that it had standing (Summit Township), qualified as an infrastructure project, and demonstrated a connection to the operation of the licensed facility. He then made a motion to declare the project application eligible to move forward to the ranking phase, seconded by Ms. Dobbs-Woods and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Freeman & Mr. Paris then began their presentation of projects:

R-2007-1 McKean Sewer had standing and qualified as an infrastructure project, but failed to show a connection to the effects of the licensed facility. Motion to reject the project made by Ms. Freeman; seconded by Mr. Paris and approved unanimously.

R-2007-4 Greene Township Sewer had standing and qualified as an infrastructure project, but failed to show a connection to the operation of the licensed facility. Ms. DeSante made the motion to reject the application, seconded by Ms. Dobbs-Woods and approved unanimously.

R-2007-7 funding for a new Millcreek Township Police Officer had standing and qualified as a public safety project. Mrs. Freeman stated that she thought the application was well done and had good data. Ms. Dobbs-Woods moved that the application move forward to the ranking phase, seconded by Mr. Sample and approved unanimously.

R-2007-14 Waterford Moore Road Project had standing, qualified as infrastructure, but failed to demonstrate a connection to the operation of the licensed facility. Mrs. Freeman moved to reject the application, seconded by Mr. Smaltz and approved unanimously.

R-2007-16 Summit Ladder Truck Project met standing requirement, qualified as public safety, and did demonstrate a connection to the operation of the licensed facility. The truck has specialized equipment for fire and rescue efforts at the Downs and will go there for all calls. Mr. Sample made a motion that the project move forward into the ranking phase, seconded by Ms. Dobbs-Woods and approved unanimously.

R-2007-18 Summit Pump Station Project met standing requirement, qualified as an infrastructure project and did show a connection to the operation of the licensed facility. Third party letters and other sources confirmed the need for more capacity so Mrs. Freeman made a motion that the project move forward into the ranking phase, seconded by Mr. Paris and approved unanimously.

R-2007-19 Summit Sewer Cleaner Project met standing requirement, qualified as an infrastructure project, but lacked a definitive connection to the operation of the licensed facility. Mrs. Freeman cited the lack of third party confirmation then made a motion to reject the application, seconded by Ms. DeSante and approved unanimously.

R-2007-23 Langdon Road Cul de-sac Project met standing requirement, qualified as an infrastructure project, but lacked several important things. There was no project schedule as requested on the application, no third party confirmation of project need or traffic studies, and no nexus shown to the operation of the licensed facility. Mr. Paris moved to reject the application, seconded by Mrs. Freeman and approved unanimously.

A discussion about funding ensued in which Ms. DeSante commented that projects which the Authority voted to fund must demonstrate an ability go to completion by attracting other funding. It was decided that discussions about funding criteria would take place at the next meeting.

It was stated by Mrs. Gold that the following projects had been approved to move into the ranking and funding phase:

R-2007-6 Millcreek Pumping Station, R-2007-7 Millcreek Police Officer, R-2007-16 Summit Ladder Truck, R-2007-17 Summit Water System, R-2007-18 Summit Pump Station, and R-2007-21 Route 97 Interceptor Upgrade.

Mr. Smaltz then made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. and it was unanimously seconded and approved.

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the March 19, 2009, meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. s/Carolyn E. Gold, Esquire; October 16, 2009.