

**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES - April 23, 2009**

***Call to Order:***

A meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on April 23, 2009, in the Erie County Council Caucus Room. Legal notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times News on April 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order at noon by Chairman Ronald Cleaver and following Election of Officers was conducted by Chairperson Jennifer Dobbs Woods.

***Roll Call:***

***ECGRA Voting Members Present:*** Jennifer Dobbs Woods, Stephanie Freeman, Arthur Smaltz and Pasquale Bruno, III.

***ECGRA Non-Voting Members Present:*** Chairman Ronald Cleaver (Exiting Chairman)

***Others Present:*** Also present were Joseph F. Giles, Member, Erie County Council; Robert R. Spaulding, Director of Economic Development; Carolyn E. Gold, Esq., Gaming Revenue Manager; Thomas S. Talarico, Esq., Solicitor for Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority; Andrew M. Schmidt, Esq., from the Marsh Law Firm.

***Hearing of the Public:*** None

***Approval of Minutes:***

A motion to table the approval of minutes from meeting of April 16, 2009 was made and seconded. All were in favor. (Minutes from meetings held January 13 and March 19, 2009 were previously tabled)

***Committee Reports:***

Budget & Finance – Stephanie B. Freeman, ECGRA Treasurer and Secretary, reported that a meeting will be held with representatives from Erie Bank and First National bank to discuss terms and interest rates for accounts of ECGRA and that legal invoices will be presented at the next meeting. She also reported on life to date banking account information for restricted and unrestricted funds; and on ECGRA projected revenue and expense information.

Economic Development Application – Carolyn Gold will request Jake Welsh, Erie County Planning Department, to attend the next ECGRA meeting and to supply the Keystone application and criteria information for ECGRA to consider. Pasquale Bruno, III suggested keeping the criteria for the application process general.

***Report of Gaming Revenue Manager:***

Gaming Revenue Manager, Carolyn E. Gold, Esq., reported that on April 16, 2009 ECGRA issued a check to Millcreek Township (R-2007-7) for the Police Officer funding project (one year) for \$55,052.00. Also, on April 17, 2009 correspondence was received from Summit Township Sewer Authority requesting an initial payment of \$26,218.25 for reimbursement of costs incurred relative to R-2007-21, the Route 97 Interceptor Upgrade project.

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***Old Business:***

The first order of old business, item 7(a) under the Agenda “Resolution to Amend and Adopt By-laws (tabled 4/16/09)” – Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved, the resolution was removed from the table; upon motion made and seconded, the By-laws as revised by Solicitor Talarico were officially amended and adopted.

The second order of old business, item 7(b) under the Agenda “Election of Officers of the Authority (tabled 4/16/09)” - The following action occurred: a motion was made to remove this item from the table and this motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Additionally:

Chairperson of ECGRA – Jennifer Dobbs Woods was elected chairperson, upon motion of Arthur Smaltz, seconded by Stephanie Freeman, and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairperson of ECGRA – Arthur Smaltz was elected vice chair, upon motion of Stephanie Freeman, seconded by Jennifer Dobbs Woods and approved unanimously.

Treasurer of ECGRA – Stephanie Freeman was elected treasurer, upon motion of Arthur Smaltz, seconded by Jennifer Dobbs Woods and approved unanimously.

Secretary of ECGRA – Carolyn Gold, Esq. was elected Secretary, upon motion of Stephanie Freeman, seconded by Jennifer Dobbs Woods and approved unanimously.

The third order of old business, item 7(c) under the Agenda “Resolution to Amend Municipal Grant Application (tabled 4/16/09)” - Upon motion made and seconded, the resolution was removed from the table; upon motion made and duly seconded, the Resolution to Amend Municipal Grant Application (“2009 Application For Municipal Grants of 2008 Restricted Gaming Revenue”) was approved unanimously.

***New Business:***

The first order of new business, item 8(a) under Agenda “Resolution to Advertise Notice of Availability of 2008 Municipal Grant Application Effective May 1, 2009” – Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved unanimously.

The second order of new business, item 8(b) under Agenda “Other” - Carolyn Gold reported that the work continued on the ECGRA website, and that the municipal grant application would be posted there in two formats, along with the evaluation criteria and the funding resolution. A hard copy of the application will be mailed to the municipalities and to the County of Erie, and the Director of Communications & Public Relations will handle notice to the print and electronic media of the availability of the grant application.

***Time Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.***

***Next Meeting: May 7, 2009***

***Minutes submitted by: Carolyn E. Gold, Esq.***

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*NOTE: These minutes were approved at the July 9, 2009, meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. s/Carolyn E. Gold, Esquire; October 16, 2009.*