

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2008

A meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on May 1, 2008 in the Erie County Council Caucus Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giles at 12:01 p.m. Other board members present were County Executive Mark A. DiVecchio, Jennifer Dobbs Woods, Jim Mikovch, Kathy DeSante, Stephanie Freeman, Dave Sample, Pat Bruno, and Joseph Kujawa. Also present were Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk, County Solicitor Wally Knox, and Robert Spaulding, Director of Economic Development.

A motion was made by Dave Sample to approve the minutes of March 28, 2008 and April 3, 2008; Ms. DeSante seconded, and the minutes were approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

The first order of business was the examination of draft by-laws prepared by Mrs. Freeman and Ms. DeSante. Members examined all sections of the draft and the following discussion points developed:

What should be the proper procedure for filling vacancies on the Authority? Mr. Knox believed the language should comport to the Erie County Home Rule Charter.

Should voting via telephone be allowed? Mr. Bruno felt it was a useful tool. Mr. Knox questioned its place as it does not exist in other bodies such as County Council. It was decided that members could listen to meetings via telephone, but they had to be present to vote.

Mr. Knox suggested the by-laws should include verbiage regarding an annual meeting requirement. A discussion of Authority officers included the necessity for a vice-chairman and a treasurer. It was decided that the Authority treasurer would provide up-to-date financial information to the Authority, but would not have the ability to write checks. Under the section regarding indemnity, it was noted that Members would be covered under the County's insurance policy.

Also added to the by-laws was a section requiring a super majority (5) for future amendments of by-laws.

It was suggested by Mr. Giles that Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting for Erie County, appear at the next meeting, which was set for May 30, 2008, to discuss County interaction with the Authority and the financial relationship between the two entities. It was also decided that the by-laws would be finalized and officers would be elected at the next meeting.

Members of the Authority expressed gratitude to Mrs. Freeman and Ms. DeSante for their work in preparing the by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

