

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY MEETING

September 25, 2008

A meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on September 25, 2008 in the Erie County Council Caucus Room. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Freeman at 12:07 p.m. Other board members present were County Executive Mark A. DiVecchio, Jim Mikovch, Pat Bruno, and Joseph Kujawa. Also present were Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk, Attorney Tom Talarico, County Solicitor Wally Knox, Rena Moakeh, and Robert Spaulding, Director of Economic Development. Members absent were Chairman Giles, Kathy DeSante, Jennifer Dobbs Woods, and Dave Sample.

A motion was made by Pat Bruno to approve the minutes of July 24, 2008 and August 28, 2008; Jim Mikovch seconded, and the minutes were approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

Attorney Talarico reviewed the status of the lawsuit against Erie County and the Authority. Attorney Knox indicated that the judge's September 8, 2008 order allowed for cross appeal by October 8, 2008. A discussion ensued on how the Authority should move to execute the judge's order of September 8th. Attorney Talarico indicated that the current application would need to be radically simplified and tailored to contiguous municipalities only. Mr. Mikovch asked about the disposition of uncommitted funds to ECGRA at year's end. He questioned whether a second application would need to be created. Mrs. Freeman felt a second application would be needed for uncommitted funds and Attorney Talarico concurred.

A discussion concerning the new gaming officer began:

Mrs. Moakeh reported to the Authority that this would be her last meeting as the Gaming Revenue Officer for the County as she had found new employment with General Electric. All Authority members thanked her for her help and her many contributions to the gaming policy in Erie County.

County Executive Mark DiVecchio announced that 60 day rule holding open vacant county jobs would be waived so that a new gaming officer could be hired as quickly as possible. Members of the board expressed their thanks.

Mr. Bruno stated that the Authority should have its own checking account and that procedures would need to be established for Authority members to take action on uncommitted funds. Attorney Talarico concurred with Mr. Bruno.

The draft application which had been prepared by Mrs. Freeman, with the assistance of Mrs. DeSante, was examined and discussed by the Authority members. Suggested changes were imported into the form during this discussion. Attorney Talarico then moved the discussion to setting application timeline dates.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 23, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. A target date of October 15, 2008 was established for sending out applications to contiguous municipalities with a possible return date of December 1, 2008. Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Talarico were going to review the application and write a letter to accompany it. Attorney Talarico suggested a special meeting before the 15th to finalize the application and the letter.

Mr. Bruno made the motion adjourn at 1:05 p.m.