

Northampton County Gaming Revenue & Economic Redevelopment Authority

September 26, 2016
Minutes

A meeting of the Northampton County Gaming Revenue & Economic Redevelopment Authority was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, Northampton County Courthouse, and 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA.

Members of the Authority:

John J. Finnigan, Jr.
Gerald C. Yob
David Willard
Tony Pristash
David Heintzelman

John Dally, Jr.
James Pennington
Thomas J. Nolan
Joseph M. Kelly

Solicitors

S. Graham Simmons, III, Esq.
Scott B. Allinson, Esq.

County Liaisons:

Seth Vaughn, County Council
Tim Herrlinger, County Liaison

Gaming Authority Staff:

Karen Collis, Northampton County DCED
Denise Drake, Northampton County DCED

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call To Order

Mr. Finnigan called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Finnigan led the Authority members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Roll Call

Ms. Collis called the roll of the members that were present and also noted Mr. Herrlinger and Solicitor Graham Simmons. Mr. Heintzelman was in attendance via teleconference.

Mr. Vaughn was in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2016

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pennington; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Courtesy of the Floor – Public Comment

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Nolan provided account information for the Restricted and Uncommitted funds for the month of August 2016.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the August Treasurer’s report. A motion was made by Mr. Pristash, seconded by Mr. Yob; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

In addition, Mr. Nolan reviewed the revised Uncommitted Round Projected Budget provided to members and noted the revision is due to a recent return in unused funds of \$54,453.53. Thus, the Authority has available for award in the Uncommitted Round a total of \$293,011.80.

Ms. Collis confirmed that the unused funds check in the amount of \$54,453.53 was deposited on September 9, 2016 and will be reflected on the September Treasurer’s report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7 – Old Business

7.1. 2016 Uncommitted Round Grant Awards

The Chairman reiterated Mr. Nolan’s statement as to the availability of funds in the amount of \$293,011.80 for award through the 2016 Uncommitted grant round.

A motion was made by Mr. Pristash to award grants listed with the most favorable rankings to include Nazareth Borough through Hanover Township for a total amount of \$288,723.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pennington; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM # 8 – New Business

8.1. 2016 Local Share Municipal Gaming Grant Round 2

Mr. Kelly made a motion to award the grants listed with the most favorable rankings beginning with Bethlehem Township through Freemansburg Borough in the amount of \$188,107.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pristash.

Mr. Nolan requested clarification and solicitor response regarding Hanover Township’s application which involves the Colonial Regional Police Department and two non-contiguous municipalities. Mr. Nolan questioned whether these entities are eligible for the grant and is the Authority being consistent with the requirements of the Act.

Mr. Simmons stated that, in this particular case, because the applicant (Hanover Township) is a contiguous municipality, the purchase(s) would be used for public safety, and items purchased would be owned by the contiguous municipality the application is consistent with the Act. In addition, the Compliance Committee is tasked with reviewing the compliance and use of grant awards to assure funds are used in compliance with the Act.

The motion was unanimously approved.

8.2. 2017 Proposed Meeting Dates Schedule

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Proposed 2017 Calendar Year meeting dates. A motion was made by Mr. Heintzelman, seconded by Mr. Yob; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

8.3. 2017 Proposed Application Timeline

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the 2017 Calendar Year Proposed Application Timeline. A motion was made by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Yob; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

8.4. 2015 Annual Report

The Chairman called for a motion to accept the 2015 Annual Report into the minutes and a notation that the 2015 Audit Report, upon completion by the County, will be included as part of the Annual Report as an Addendum and placed on record. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nolan; all in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM # 9 – Solicitor’s Report

None.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Liaison Report

None.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Staff Report

None.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Courtesy of the Floor – Public Comment

Mr. John Soloe, Stockertown Chief of Police, questioned if there were a list of 2016 Uncommitted Round grant recipients. The Chairman responded that Stockertown Borough received a grant award of \$25,000 for a police vehicle.

Mr. Pennington, as well as others, commended Executive Director Karen Collis for her work with the Authority.

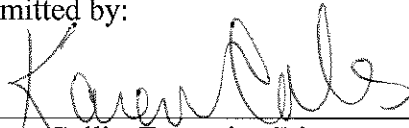
AGENDA ITEM #12 – Adjournment

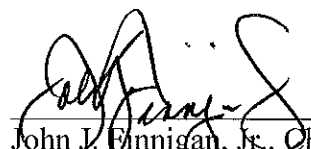
The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Mr. Kelly; seconded by Mr. Nolan. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Next Scheduled Meeting – October 24, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Prepared by:


Karen Collis, Executive Director


John J. Finnigan, Jr., Chairman