



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

November 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on November 21, 2019 in the Jordan Room; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, Mr. Paris, and Mr. Sample. Mr. Lee, Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2019

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Barney seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. DiPaolo: I just want to bring something up. Naturally, these meetings are set aside every month, so we know when we have to be here. The Strategic Planning Committee meetings naturally vary. Unfortunately, the last few I couldn't make; I don't know whether or not I'm going to be able to make this one. Is there any way we could schedule these meetings right after our regular monthly meetings? That way, we have everybody here. If we run from 8:30 to 9:30 with our regular meeting and we run 9:30 to 10:30 with the Strategic meeting; that would give us an hour or so and at least we'd get everything accomplished in one day. That's just a suggestion. I think that in order to get a better attendance, and I don't know if everybody does make these meetings or not because I

unfortunately couldn't make a few of them, I just wanted to bring that up and maybe we could kick that around. I mean, we're here. Tammi has already sent out the notice for the next one, so she or you must be ready for it so there's no reason we couldn't have it at the end of this particular meeting. I just wanted to bring that up. If we're going to be here for an hour, we might as well be here for two hours and that way we take care of everything and that way everybody can participate.

Mr. Paris: I know that the staff is still reviewing the grants that we will be looking at.

Dr. Wood: That is true. I think if the Board wanted to do that, we could figure out the logistics behind it. We might have to make grants due at different times. For example, we have about 40 grant applications for Parks, Fields, Trails and Community Centers combined – that's the next round we're going to be reviewing. Those applications just came in on Friday at midnight, so we've only had three working days to review those. But, if the Board wanted to do that, we could figure out the logistics of it.

Mr. DiPaolo: Yeah, maybe you could change it a little bit as far as the time they're due so that way it would give you a little more time to put everything together.

Dr. Wood: We need at least an hour and a half to review.

Mr. Barney: On that note, Dom, I don't have a problem overall in general but there are a few of us that work, so if the meeting runs an hour and a half and on and then we've got that scheduled afterwards, I don't have three or four hours at one time to give to that. In general, if it's a regular go-through meeting and I know in advance I could accommodate the time, but just saying that I could do that all the time . . .

Mr. DiPaolo: Even if we had it once in a while that you can handle it.

Mr. Paris: I remember meetings when we were first starting out that would be four hours long and it was hard for me because it just took a lot out of the day and it just was like it shot the whole day for me.

Mr. DiPaolo: It was just a suggestion.

Mr. Paris: We even talked about cutting back our Board meetings a bit and not meet every month. I don't know if we could get away with that.

Mr. DiPaolo: Here we are in a situation today where we should breeze right through this so it shouldn't take us; the only time that we're really delayed is when we have speakers because that prolongs us. Other than that, we could be out of here in 45 minutes to an hour at tops and then start the other one and go through it. Thank you.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris: The only thing I have today is that I know Perry is going to present us with his evaluation in just a little bit so we'll handle that today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: Good morning. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the Treasurer's Report. There is nothing substantially out of the ordinary so it shouldn't take that long. The first page is the Profit & Loss where you'll notice that our income is the interest from our savings, the Progress Fund, and EDF Restructured. Under expenses, you'll see \$146,400 – it should be noted that the Community Assets were funded in full which you will notice in the other reports. Multi-Municipal Collaboration at \$21,500, that's the 2020 Census Outreach and Mission Main Street which is Girard, Corry, and Waterford, that's the first payment that they've drawn down. The Summer Jobs Program shows \$6,828.47; it's late in the year for the Summer Jobs Program, but they still have some administrative stuff that they still have to wrap up. Anchor Building shows \$20,000 to Grace Church.

The next page is the Balance Sheet, and everything is standard. Statement of Cash Flow shows a deficit because there was no substantial money coming in.

Dr. Wood: Just one note on that – gaming revenue did come in on October 31, so we will register that on the November financials; it's quarterly. You'll see the letter from the County Director of Finance as well as the Revenue Dashboard update in the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Cleaver: We get that twice a year?

Dr. Wood: Four times a year; it's quarterly.

Mr. Barney: Budget vs. Actual for October shows \$4,000 for Ridge Policy Group, Professional Services is Parker Philips for \$2,490 and graphic design for \$300. Everything else is basic like legal fees and payroll. Going farther down you'll see Books, Subscriptions and Dues – that's Times News at \$35.97. Office Supplies and everything else is standard. Farther down you see Outreach at \$1,000 – we sponsored a diversity and inclusion session that was held, and Travel shows the quarterly amount for Board and staff.

Schedule of Grant Reserve – you can see the Community Assets checks that were made to the 15 organizations totaling the \$146,400 that I had mentioned and at the top you'll see the Committed Funds and Uncommitted Funds. The next thing you see is the \$21,500 for the Census Outreach and that it's the second payment to them. Grace Church payment for \$20,000 but it should be noted that the total amount for Grace Church is \$100,000 so they still have \$80,000 to draw down.

Dr. Wood: Just one reminder on the Grace Church application, that's not for a church; it's for a community center. It's preservation of a historic structure which is over on Sassafras Street

(the old Lake Erie Ballet building) that they're turning into a community center and leadership conference building for the community.

Mr. Barney: The reason the drawdown is late is because the title was just transferred over to them by Erie Insurance.

Dr. Wood: Erie Insurance donated it to them.

Mr. Cleaver: I'm just noticing under Municipalities and I know it's by law, but Summit ends up with \$189,000 plus the one million for their budget under the law?

Dr. Wood: You're referring to Summit Township?

Mr. Cleaver: Right.

Dr. Wood: Yes, Summit Township gets the \$1 million automatically.

Mr. Cleaver: I know they get the \$1 million, but . . .

Mr. Sample: . . . plus the 45% of the quarterly revenue.

Mr. Wachter: That was set forth in the 2010 Settlement Agreement from Judge Dunlavey.

Dr. Wood: In fact, Mike is signing the checks right here for the municipalities.

Mr. Cleaver: I understood the others, but I didn't realize Summit was included in there because they get the 1% of the budget on the other.

Mr. Wachter: They get a double hit.

Mr. Paris: It's a great place to live!

Mr. Barney: Moving along, you can also see under the Schedule of Grant Reserve the Summer Jobs payment of \$6,828.47. The Check Detail just shows where all the checks have been written. Next is the Visa statements and you'll see Perry's only has the Phone payment of \$356.86 and then you'll see Tammi's that just shows the Office Supplies and things of that nature. Are there any questions? If not, that concludes my report.

There is no further discussion of the Treasurers Report. Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Paris: The only thing to report is that we will be having a meeting December 4th – Wednesday.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Leone is not present so there is nothing to report.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to give the Board an update as far as the community college. Some of you probably have read in

the paper what has been transpiring but let me just briefly give you an update on what happened last Wednesday and Thursday, November 13th and 14th down in Harrisburg. The Special Review Committee had their meeting on Wednesday the 13th at 11:00am; the County Executive and I traveled down there. We were not there in time for that meeting but the feedback from that meeting was that they had recommended that a public hearing be held in reference to the community college. We were hoping that they were going to vote on it, but they decided that they wanted to have another public hearing. When we arrived shortly after noon, the feedback we received from our constituents down there was that we could go home and there was no reason to stay for the 14th because this decision was a type of final deal. We didn't appreciate that simply we had just driven 4 ½ hours and we weren't just going to turn back around.

In addition to that, Empower Erie organized buses to go down. It was a great turn out with students, with community leaders, individuals from the community that are interested in the initiative and some of them had an opportunity to speak at that meeting on Wednesday. We ended up staying for the full Board hearing on the 14th and that's where we had already had our line up where the County Executive was going to speak. The Mayor, unfortunately, couldn't make it but Rene Lamis – his Chief of Staff – was going to read a letter of support. We had several others speak like James Grunke, Mike Batchelor, Joe Maloney, and myself; we had a star line-up of speakers in support of the community college.

There was a lot of confusion among the Board members, and Mr. Wachter – you would appreciate this, the Solicitor unfortunately was not prepared. He appeared to be new to that position. While the meeting was going on, he was checking things on his notebook as far as the process – “yes, I think we can do this. It is my understanding that we can do that” and it just wasn't good and there were people relying on this individual to give guidance and he just really wasn't prepared. I had never witnessed anything like that at the State level because typically, the State is a little more organized than that. So, that was very disappointing.

Dr. James Barker spoke very highly of the community college and he was very strong in his comments. There was a lady from Philadelphia, Sandra Dungee Glenn, who spoke very favorable of the community college. She was very supportive, she had her facts, and she really wanted to move to a vote for yes or no.

Let me back up. The County Executive, myself, Ron DiNicola, and Carl Anderson had an opportunity to meet with a representative from the Governor's Office the afternoon of the 13th just to try and get a better idea of where the Governor was on this and what he was prepared to do and not do. It was clear that the Governor has kind of taken a hands-off approach to this whole process. We are going to need him to get involved in this more; what that looks like, we don't know. I can share this; the feedback is that we need to engage the Governor more in this process to assist us because it is such a big deal. It was recommended that the Governor should consider reaching out to his appointees to share his views firsthand. So, hopefully that will transpire, but I can tell you right now that it is very important to engage the Governor into this process. I'm not saying that he's not engaged, it's just that we would like to see him become more engaged.

A vote was taken, and it was decided to have another public hearing; ideally within six months. The sooner the better because Senator Scarnati, and I'm not telling anyone any secrets, he is adamantly against the community college, he is extremely powerful, he has made that known in many cases, he did not even show up to the meeting. Now I'm saying this, he probably didn't feel he had to because he knew which way he was going to go.

Where we are currently, the Administration has offered the Hirt Auditorium, which is where the hearing was held before, we will clear the schedule for whenever they want to come up. The College Committee, consisting of the County Executive, myself, James Sparber, Joe

Maloney, Carl Anderson, Andre Horton, and Ron DiNicola, we are requesting that the full Board come up and be a part of this because it was the full Board that had some concerns. There was a disconnect with the Special Review Committee because they were tasked with reviewing the plan and coming up with a recommendation; there were three of them. We were told that two of them would support going to a vote but that wasn't the case. There was only one that said they were open to a vote and two of them said no and they were then able to persuade the one who initially said they would vote to side with them. It was just very interesting how the dynamics changed with that and it was just very political as far as those changes.

The Department of Education has come back and shared with the Special Review Committee that Erie County meets the three requirements, which are: 1) they have the population to support a community college, 2) they have the wealth financially to support a community college, and 3) these types of courses are not currently being offered in the landscape of the programs currently in Erie County. So, we met the criteria and it was the Department of Education who recommended that we proceed. The findings were positive that yes, we meet it, yes, there is a need for the community college. The Special Review Committee from the State Board of Education is the one who said we need to have a hearing.

Stay tuned. We've been told that the hearing will probably take place in March. That is not the best time because as you know, the Governor presents his budget in February. Could he put in a 15th community college? Sure, he can do whatever he likes but we don't know whether that will transpire since the State Board has not recommended that a community college be approved for Erie County. So, this may delay us by up to a year, maybe a year and a half. This is one of those situations where we have not given up.

My hat goes off to Empower Erie because they did a fantastic job with arranging for a bus with individuals from the community, County Council was on board as far as making sure they reach out to their constituents and others in the community, and the Administration was on board as far as making sure we submitted all the required information to the State Board of Education because they came back with another request and we got that in within a timely manner. We're optimistic, but we'll see what happens. Are there any questions?

Dr. Wood: You did mention that their Solicitor wasn't prepared. What was the main justification that the Committee gave for not holding the vote?

Mr. Lee: That's a good question, Dr. Wood. The main reason was that there was some confusion among the Board members as far as the information dealing with the plan. That's very interesting because the full Board was not voting on what they brought up; they were voting on whether or not we met the criteria. That's where Ms. Glenn was clarifying for them by saying that if there were some confusion and any questions, but they were diving into things that they probably shouldn't have been, and it should've been either a yes or no to that. That was the main reason.

It was also brought up that the full Board, that's where you have your vote and you can vote yes or no and of course there is discussion before the vote and that's where you bring that up. It was clear that one of the individuals from the Special Review Committee is working with Senator Scarnati and really brought up some doubt about what some of the points were and the feeling that there is a duplication. The individuals are entitled to their opinions, but they are not the official authority on the subject; that's the Department of Education and that's why we went through the process. She made the claim that she had been on the internet and scoured it with various courses in Erie County for eight hours and now that made her an authority as far as what's going to happen; it was quite comical. However, some of the Board

members bought into it and there is still some misunderstanding as to whether there is a duplication or not. Ms. Glenn brought them back to the report – this is the official report and we should be dealing with the official report and not so much with people's opinions.

It was clear that several of the individuals had been reached, more than likely by Senator Scarnati's office, and they were going to hold to the public hearing – and that was clear.

Mr. Wachter: If I could mention something. I was talking with Mr. Lee this morning and told him how I just returned from Harrisburg yesterday. I've been engaged by the Senate Republican Caucus which is run by Senator Scarnati and I wanted to clarify that none of it has anything to do with the community college. It is solely to advise on Opportunity Zones and Economic development issues, so I didn't want you to think that I was working against Erie County's interests or the interests of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. It is a very limited, specific engagement that has nothing to do with the community college.

Mr. Lee: Thank you for clarifying that.

Mr. Wachter: I just wanted it to be on the record.

Dr. Wood: We're going to try to get in the budget ASAP, I'm assuming. Why are we waiting until March to hold the public hearing?

Mr. Lee: The college committee has sent a letter to the State Board of Education requesting that the meeting be held in January. Some of the feedback we started receiving immediately was the logistics of trying to get up to 15 individuals up here in Erie. As you know, we clean roads very well and that wouldn't be an issue like it would be in Harrisburg. You've been to Harrisburg and you understand that in the winter, they don't do as well of a job as we do. The reason they're giving for that is logically, it's going to take some time to pull it together but we're pushing for January. If we could get that in before the budget hearing, that could be more favorable for us.

It's clear that this is an issue that's not going away. Senator Scarnati is extremely powerful, extremely well-respected around the State, hence we have a lot of work to do.

Mr. Wachter: If I could just recommend, if the Governor's office is unsure of its ability to be highly engaged in this situation, you could possibly request for a deadline following the hearing upon which the decision would be made. If you're having a March hearing a June 30 budget deadline, it may be helpful to know that a decision will be issued up or down no later than insert date here for the purposes of allowing for that decision to impact his year's budget. Otherwise, you're going to be another fiscal year beyond.

Mr. Lee: Great advice, Mr. Wachter. I will definitely share that with the committee. Thank you.

Mr. Paris: Thank you, Gary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: There is a packet on your Board Effect here. The first document is a letter from Mr. Sparber; county gaming revenue did come in to ECGRA in the amount of \$1.39 million. If you take a look at the revenue dashboard in the report, that's in line with what we received last year for the third quarter, so revenue is stable at this point. The second report there is from Ridge Policy Group and the various grants we are exploring including the relationship with North East. We did have a special meeting with leaders of North East Borough, Representative Sonney, and Senator Laughlin. We were able to get North East Borough into the RACP budget in the most recent rounds and we're exploring some Appalachian Regional Commission funding as well as economic development administration funding. The next report is the cumulative report of Ridge Policy Group of \$4.2 million in grants that have come in since we've engaged them.

Next is the agenda and program highlights from Summer Jobs. Mr. Lee and I attended a debriefing with the implementers of the Summer Jobs Program and talked with employers and students as well as those who ran that program; you'll see results as to how that program is going. Next, you'll see a media advisory. We did hold a press conference with Mayor Schember to unveil the three Mission Main Street grants totaling \$750,000 that we did in the City of Erie. The County Executive was with us there as well to help us with that unveiling.

Next, you'll see that Strategic Planning was held. We reviewed the Lead Asset distribution formula, and I'll go into that in a moment, as well as the Anchor Building review. There is the recommendation coming from the Lead Asset committee that is in your packet as well as the entire Anchor Building summaries for reference when voting on today's resolutions.

You'll see the Economic Impact Study update, which I will go over briefly, a nice letter from the Borough of Union City, and then press clippings from the Corry Journal, the West County News, and the Erie Times News on subjects such as the rural Mission Main Street grants, the Beehive grants, some stuff in here on the community college and Blue Zones all of which ECGRA is participating in.

Setting that aside for a moment, if you would look at the Economic Impact Study update and follow along with me. You are getting a copy of this document in advance; it has not been made public yet. We are going to make it public on the ECGRA website as part of the rollout. We have met with the Erie Times News Editorial Board and gone over the Economic Impact Study with them; they're working on a story. Let me just hit some of the highlights if you want to follow along.

If you open up to the Executive Summary, I think it's important to mention that this data is from 2009 to 2018; it's ECGRA hitting the 10-year mark, surpassing the \$50 million of investing in the community. Now, if we have invested over \$50 million in the community, that means that because of our one-to-one match policy, a minimum of \$100 million has been invested, and of course Erie County has invested \$50 million into the community as well.

You will see two sets of data in this; one is ECGRA's economic impact and the second set of data is the combined economic impact. The combined is Erie County, Summit Township, and ECGRA all in one. In the left-hand column you'll see an economic impact of \$128.4 million; that's about \$56 million invested with an economic yield of \$128 million. You'll see in the right-hand column a combined total of \$258.3 million. Back to the left column, jobs supported and retained (that is how these things are measured), ECGRA funds – 838 jobs, combined total – 1,282 jobs. Out of that 1,282 jobs, just to clarify, ECGRA is 838. You'll see bigger economic impact numbers with all three combined, but you'll see that ECGRA has been significant on the job creation side.

State and Local Tax Revenue – something every elected official likes to see – ECGRA \$4.6 million, combined total about \$10 million in Erie County. Those are the highlights of the study; I'm not going to go over it word-for-word with you, but that Executive Summary is very helpful if someone wants to ask you a question about ECGRA's impact, you can give them these numbers. Not everyone is a numbers person, but certainly for those who care about the numbers, who want to see that we somehow quantified economic impact, it's right here.

The one last point that I want to leave you with is that this study is solely from an economic lens. It's not a social lens, it's not about the cultural lens of the community. There are some testimonials in here but that's not the point of it. The point is to look at the numbers, not necessarily to tell the qualitative story; this is a quantitative report with an economic lens. Does anyone have any questions about the study?

Mr. Cleaver: In reference to these jobs, does this include that Summer Program? Are these actually . . .

Dr. Wood: It does not.

Mr. Cleaver: So, are these labor? Do we have any idea what they are?

Dr. Wood: It's not based upon primary data. Primary data would say that we went out and interviewed every single group and quantified job numbers. We are not capable of doing that type of research, nor is the firm we hired. The economic impact study is based on IMPLAN, which is an economic modeling service used by governments, the State of Pennsylvania uses it, most agencies you run into use the IMPLAN model. The model basically says that if you invest X number of dollars into this type of activity, it will yield direct, indirect, and induced economic impact in the following areas, generating the following economic impact through stable tax revenue and jobs. It's based on a model. That's an important point.

Mr. Cleaver: Ok. Thank you.

Dr. Wood: Something else I wanted to go over with you is Lead Assets. Before we get to resolutions, we're going to be asking you to vote to release the funds from the Lead Asset Endowment. We did go over this at the Strategic Planning meeting, but we didn't have complete attendance so let me go over this with you one last time. We have a Memorandum of Understanding that Tim and I had negotiated and brought back to the Board for approval back in 2016. I won't bore you with all the details but I wanted to read you some of the clauses that are in here so you understand why we're doing what we're doing here today.

On page three of the Memo, in the Board's infinite wisdom, we asked the Lead Assets to create an Advisory Committee every year around this time of year. Let me read this to you: "The Lead Assets shall form the Erie County Lead Assets Advisory Committee which shall be comprised of two representatives from each entity identified as one of the Lead Assets with at least one representative from its current Board of Directors and current member of the Lead Assets Governing Board." So, there are two representatives from each entity; that's at least eighteen that come to this committee and at least one has to come from the Board of Directors which means they have legal and fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Next, "The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the ECGRA Board of Directors regarding distributions from the Endowment to the Lead Assets." We put that in there so we put some of the responsibility on their shoulders, so we weren't solely making the decision every year. They have the ability to advise us on the distribution from the endowment. Secondly, "Make recommendations to the ECGRA Board of Directors regarding proposed changes to the annual distribution formula described in Section 5 of this Memorandum of Agreement." In other words, they have a formula which they will recommend to us. I think it's worth noting that the formula that they are using and have used every year is a formula that we created. We created this formula, we gave it to them, they argued about it, but at the end of the day they realized it was the most equitable and they stuck with it.

Mr. Wachter: Can I just add, the reason we pursued this was the Lead Assets were entities that were guaranteed a certain percentage of distribution from the annual revenues pursuant to the 2010 Settlement. The Board created the Endowment recognizing the obligation to do that was

finite and expired in a particular year (I forget what year it was). So, they wanted to dump all that money into the Endowment to ensure that they would continuously be funded forever. That money can only be given to those entities that were named in the Settlement because of the way it was structured. Rather than this Board determining what entity got what percentage, it made more sense to have those entities who are receiving the money make that determination. It was theirs anyway, so it was just let them decide how to distribute it based on some nondiscretionary data. So, that's what we came up with. And it's worked. There have been no complaints, and nobody has sued us in 15 years.

Dr. Wood: A couple other things to point out from the Memorandum. There is a clause on Corpus Protection so at no point can they draw down more that could hurt the Corpus of the funds. Here's a quote, "No distribution from this shall be approved that will result in the lessening of the Corpus of the Endowment." So, there is protection clauses in this Agreement. It is also written that, "The ECGRA Board of Directors may, in their sole discretion, amend the formula used to calculate the available annual distribution amount. Any communication against such amendment shall be accompanied with a written justification from the amendment." So, you do have the sole capability to amend it, though I don't highly recommend it because we have a system in place that is running smooth.

The next section, Endowment Disbursements to Individual Lead Assets, "Erie County Lead Asset Advisory Committee shall no later than one week prior to the December ECGRA Board meeting of each year provide the Executive Director of ECGRA in writing with the amounts of distribution to each individual entity which comprise the Lead Assets." They have done that. So, we went to them and said, "The Erie Community Foundation has the following policy this year. This amount is available for distribution." They had their meeting and came back to us with that recommendation. "To facilitate this, ECGRA shall provide the Erie County Lead Asset Committee no later than the end of the first full week of November of each year the total annual distribution amount." That has been done and they have met. "In no event shall the total distribution exceed the annual distribution amount." Of course, they abided by that in their annual recommendation to us. Are there any questions about the Agreement that we have? That being said, there is a resolution on today's agenda that we will be asking you to vote for. If you to vote in favor of that, we'll contact the Erie Community Foundation, we'll release those funds in the amount that is voted. Thank you.

Mr. Paris: Thanks, Perry.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to follow up on.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 18, 2019 – Resolution to enter into agreement with the six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2019 Anchor Building Program.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Sample: I need to abstain from the vote on this because of Impact Corry and I sit on their Board.

Mr. Wachter: I have a Memo that is being delivered to the Secretary indicating as such.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the resolution into record. Ms. Hess seconds the motion.

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question before we move on. Can you give me the run down of who gets this again, Perry?

Dr. Wood: Absolutely. We had eight applications.

Mr. DiPaolo: Which didn't get it? That's what I want to know.

Dr. Wood: So, two did not get it; Borough of Union City – that was the ADA accessible program. It's a good program but we decided as a committee that they are not ready. They are not prepared with match. We're going to kick that to next year and we fully expect them to apply for funding then. The second group was the Knox Western Contemporary Arts Center. It's a very interesting project, basically like an art incubator, however it's a very expensive project; \$100,000 barely touches it and it's really not ready. They have lined up no other sources of funding, they don't really have a plan for the building or any anchor tenants, it's really in the planning phases at this point so it's not appropriate for us to invest.

Mr. DiPaolo: This Knox, isn't that the one that was behind on their taxes?

Dr. Wood: Thank you for pointing that out. That is another reason that we recommended against it and the committee discussed that they are behind on their 2018 taxes.

Mr. DiPaolo: Ok. Thank you.

There is no further discussion. Motion carries 4-1-1, with Mr. DiPaolo voting in the negative and Mr. Sample abstaining.

- b. Resolution Number 19, 2019 – Resolution to direct the Erie Community Foundation to release \$468,895 to the Erie County Lead Assets.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.

The Board of Directors goes into Executive Session for personnel purposes at 9:20am.