



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM**

Notice posted on location at:  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
December 10, 2020  
8:30am

**ZOOM Meeting Information:**  
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**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2020
5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. PRESENTATION
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Treasurer's Report
  - b. Strategic Planning Committee
  - c. Update from County Council
  - d. Update from County Executive's Office
10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT
12. OLD BUSINESS

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 23,2020 – Resolution to direct the Erie Community Foundation to release funds in the amount of \$505,216 to the Erie County Lead Assets
- b. Meeting Schedule for 2021

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

#### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting  
Location: ZOOM meeting – details to follow



## **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**

November 19, 2020

This meeting is held via Zoom due to Governor Wolf's orders to stay at home during the time of this COVID-19 crisis.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on November 19, 2020 via Zoom with a link that was provided to all Board members by the Executive Director. An agenda containing the Zoom link to this meeting was posted on the ECGRA website and at 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. Bagnoni (arrives late), 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. Sample 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 2020**

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

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

There are no comments by any member of the ECGRA Board at this time.

### COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris has no comments to make this time.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public on the call for comments.

### PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations at this time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: I am not feeling very well today, so Perry would you like to go over any highlights?

Dr. Wood: I would be happy to do the Reader's Digest version of that.

Mr. Barney: Thank you.

Dr. Wood: We start with the Profit & Loss which is probably the most valuable summary report that exists in the Treasurer's Report. The P&L shows the savings interest and the payment from the Progress Fund; it shows the \$140,563 in Community Asset funding which was the Arts, Culture, and Heritage grants. There was a payment that went to the Corry Arts Council for their Special Event grant and then there was a phase two of Union City's Main Street program of \$121,000 and phase two of Union City's Renaissance Block program of \$20,000; you can see that Union City is very active right now in moving those projects forward.

The Balance Sheet remains unchanged; there's nothing really uncommon on there and then there is the Cash Flow. If anyone wants me to slow down and focus on any of these, I would be more than happy to. The other plethora of information comes from the Budget vs. Actual where we talk about expenses. You'll see under the Contracted Services category the standard payment to Parker Philips and Knox Law for Tim's legal service and then the payroll company. Next, you've got the rent under Facilities & Equipment. Then you'll see under Office Administration that there is very little going on there; you see the payment for the copier machine, subscription to Times News, and about one hundred dollars' worth of office supplies that you will see on Tammi's Visa later on.

Under Other Types of Expenses, you'll see the phone/IT which is standard and the insurance and then the Salaries and Wages which is unchanging. The next report is the Grant Reserve which is where you get into the actual detail of the P&L statement. We created this in order to give you the full back-up. If you look at the Community Asset list you will see all of the groups that drew down, and of course these are grants that they draw down the full amount; that is where you get the \$140,563 in grants. You'll also see the two payments to Union City for the Mission Main Street and Renaissance Block payments.

The final part of that report gives you an idea of what has been drawn down in the month of October and the amount remaining, compared to the original commitment. This is another supporting document to back up what is going on in the P&L statement. Tammi and I are working on cleaning this up because there are several things on there that need to be cleaned up. One of them is the removal of Penn Venture Partners from the list of Committed

Funds. Penn Venture Partners is no longer in existence; we had at one point in time set aside \$1 million to potentially invest in them as long as Tim and I could reach an agreement with them. We waited and waited and now the waiting is over; Penn Venture Partner is no longer in existence. By the way, that money, just to be clear, stays right where it is in the savings account; it is not going anywhere or is going to be reflected anywhere differently other than it will be removed from this grant reserve. The \$1 million is still right there in our bank account.

The Check Detail Report shows all the Community Assets paid out, you'll see the two payments to Union City for their grants, you'll see payroll, you'll see legal, you'll see phone/IT, insurance, and the security token which is our ability to do banking electronically. Moving on to the Visa statement, which is another back up document for the P&L, shows the subscription to the Erie Times, the Amazon bills are basically office supplies and if you need to, Tammi can go into detail on what those purchases were.

That concludes the financial report. Is there anything you would like me to dig into?

Mr. Sample makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There are no questions or further discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Paris: We did have a planning meeting last week where we talked about the Community Centers and Anchor Building grant which we will hopefully approve later under New Business.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Horton is not on the call so there is no report from him at this time.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Good morning, Mr. Chairman; good morning everyone. I will be brief, but I would like to give you an update about the Request For Proposal for the Summer JAMS Program. That will be advertised the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>; it will remain open as far as any organization that may be interested in submitting their Request For Proposal through December 18, 2020. Once we have the proposals back, we will review them the month of January and make a selection to begin in February 2021.

We will ask Dr. Wood to participate as he did in the prior year and we will ask for a representative from the Erie Community Foundation to be a part of the committee and of course a couple individuals from the County of Erie.

We are excited. It is going to be predicated on two years and then two additional years for our costs that will be submitted, just like we did last time, so it has the potential to be up to four years for the contract. Are there any questions? Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks for today. Thank you.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning everyone. The majority of the staff's time this month was spent in preparation for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. I believe everyone on this call was at that meeting except for Mr. Cleaver who was unavailable that day. Let me review briefly. We did go over one Anchor Building grant which was a request from Downtown North East for the Sustain North East project, and we did also review Community Asset funding. We received 13 grant applications; we approved all 13 of them. Some of them were in need of match so the committee made provisional recommendations. Some of those groups have been rectified; others we are still waiting on. The Youth Leadership Institute and the North East Arts Council, for example, did come up with their match

but we are still waiting to hear from Eagle's Nest and JFK to come up with their match. However, as a committee, we did still recommend to fund them pending the staff's ability to document that match.

We do ask that you as a Board take a look at Resolution Number 21 which would be the 2020 Community Center grants in the Community Assets category for a total of \$167,976. Let me point out that this amount is \$1,000 less than what the committee approved; the reason for that is when we went back to the North East Arts Council on getting their match, they resubmitted a budget to us that was \$1,000 less than the original ask and the staff approved the resubmitted budget. All the other amounts have remained the same since the grant review, but I wanted to make you aware of the Arts Council changing from \$7,500 to \$6,500.

The Anchor Building was reviewed extensively and the committee recommended that as well and you will see that as Resolution Number 22, and this is considered Round 2 of Anchor Building for the 2020 calendar year. Strategic Planning did have a Community Asset briefing that included summaries as well as the full Downtown North East application.

In the Director's Report, you will see that the first document is the documentation from the County of the Gaming Revenue coming in, you'll see the Renaissance Block announcement which we got some press on yesterday actually. That was actually the announcement for the round that we did earlier in the year, but we decided to wait to do the press for it until after the election. There is also enough bad news with COVID, so we wanted to do some positive press.

Next, you will see some of the press we received, particularly in the Corry Journal, and then the Summer Jobs article which Mr. Lee actually sent me about the Summer JAM participant that eventually was hired as an inspection mechanic. Farther down you will see some articles about the Beehives, and then there's the coverage of the Presque Isle project that we helped fund as well.

I'll keep my report to that and open it up to any questions the Board might have.

Mr. DiPaolo: Yes, Perry, I just wanted to find out – I know that we had talked about last week when we had our meeting – in regards to the Erie Center of Arts and Tom was going to check into that a little bit further.

Dr. Wood: Actually, I spoke with Daria directly and she reassured me that she had already spoken to the coach about it and the items being purchased will be the 100% property of the Erie Center for Arts & Technology. Mr. Cleaver, just so you are aware, the question was whether or not if we did a grant to the eCAT for the basketball equipment which is going to update their gym, whether or not they would retain ownership of all that equipment. The answer was that absolutely they would as the nonprofit that received the grant.

Mr. DiPaolo: Thank you.

Mr. Cleaver: Thank you.

Dr. Wood: Then we dealt with the match issues, that we were able to deal with. Were there any other outstanding questions from the committee? There were questions about the technology with the MLK and JFK but I think we answered most of those. Tom, did you have anything else from the outstanding question list?

Mr. Maggio: No, I think that covered everything.

Dr. Wood: If the Board is comfortable, the committee has recommended Resolutions Number 21 and 22.

Mr. Paris: I just want to mention for the record that David Bagnoni has joined the meeting.

Mr. DiPaolo: I just wanted to remind you that in regards to the Eagle's Nest, I have the necessary paperwork from Tim.

Dr. Wood: The entire Board has access to that Conflict of Interest disclosure on the Board Effect. That, of course, is the standard memo that Tim provides for anyone who serves in an advisory capacity, whether legal or fiduciary or an advisory capacity on a Board. Mr. DiPaolo serves in an advisory capacity for the Eagle's Nest.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chair.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has no report at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to conduct at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 21, 2020 – Resolution to enter into agreements with thirteen (13) Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged in Community Centers as part of the Community Assets

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion.

Mr. Sample: I notice that the resolution states the number is \$168,976; isn't that supposed to be the lower number you stated of \$167,976?

Dr. Wood: Yes, the resolution on the Board Effect is not correct and it will be updated to reflect the \$167,976. That had to do with the amended budget that came through from the North East Arts Council.

Mr. Sample: Thank you for clarifying.

There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0-1, with Mr. DiPaolo abstaining.

- b. Resolution Number 22, 2020 – Resolution to enter into an agreement with Downtown North East for a 2020 Anchor Building grant – Round 2.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Cleaver moves to adjourn.





**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Profit & Loss  
November 2020**

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	1,319,908.61	3,184,714.77		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	1,123.20	32,387.98		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		15,251.00		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		15,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		6,505.42		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive		12,708.34		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		703.88		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		1,333.00		
46440 · Immediate Human Relief Fund		275,000.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,321,031.81</u>	<u>3,543,604.39</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	1,134.40	51,123.72	60,336.00	90,500.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,456.67	13,509.62	12,664.00	19,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,052.95	6,808.15	15,232.00	22,850.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	1,596.61	23,432.04	36,504.00	54,750.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	19,007.55	166,812.21	178,968.00	268,452.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>24,248.18</u>	<u>261,685.74</u>	<u>303,704.00</u>	<u>455,552.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	1,296,783.63	3,281,918.65		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		140,563.99		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	329,977.15	796,178.69		
70070 · Special Events	3,243.97	5,471.47		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		99,000.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	178,950.00	179,071.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program	9,116.48	9,116.48		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI		500,000.00		
70130 · Small Business Financing		307,123.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow		216,666.50		
70170 · Renaissance Block		210,625.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		279,375.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief		585,889.00		
70195 · Response Fund - Small Business MRI		620,000.00		
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>521,287.60</u>	<u>3,949,080.13</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(521,287.60)</u>	<u>(3,949,080.13)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>775,496.03</u>	<u>(667,161.48)</u>		



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of November 30, 2020

	<b>November</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	118,008.95
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,466,545.82
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,408,687.75
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	2,824,688.70
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	9,699,922.27
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	9,817,931.22
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · Note Receivable - CIBA	18,846.25
12004 · Note Receivable - BWC - Erie Growth	1,000,000.00
12005 · Note Receivable - Progress	1,000,000.00
12010 · Note Receivable - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · Note Receivable - EDF Restruct	1,300,000.00
12060 · Notes Receivable - BWC - Inclu	2,500,000.00
12070 · Note Receivable - Blue Highway	250,000.00
12080 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Sm Bus	520,000.00
12085 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Nnprofit	100,000.00
12090 · Notes Receivable - eCAT	500,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,502,000.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	6,186,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	(5,871.02)
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6,180,975.23
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	15,998,906.45
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	15,998,906.45
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	4,047,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,952,783.75
Net Income	(1,000,941.48)
<b>Total Equity</b>	15,998,906.45
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	15,998,906.45



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
November 2020

	<u>November</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	775,496.03
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	<u>778.75</u>
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>776,274.78</u>
Net cash increase for period	776,274.78
Cash at beginning of period	<u>9,041,656.44</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>9,817,931.22</u></u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**November 2020**

	November	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	9,900.00	15,000.00	(5,100.00)	66.00%
62120 · Government Relations Services	0.00	3,189.38	3,189.38	0.00	100.00%
62130 · Professional Services	0.00	22,065.00	36,000.00	(13,935.00)	61.29%
62140 · Legal Services	1,054.50	14,586.94	35,000.00	(20,413.06)	41.68%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	660.00	3,000.00	(2,340.00)	22.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	79.90	722.40	1,500.00	(777.60)	48.16%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>1,134.40</b>	<b>51,123.72</b>	<b>93,689.38</b>	<b>(42,565.66)</b>	<b>54.57%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	1,864.98	1,000.00	864.98	186.50%
62890 · Rent	1,456.67	11,644.64	18,000.00	(6,355.36)	64.69%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,456.67</b>	<b>13,509.62</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>(5,490.38)</b>	<b>71.10%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	543.63	1,799.72	3,500.00	(1,700.28)	51.42%
65020 · Postage	19.07	167.56	500.00	(332.44)	33.51%
65040 · Office Supplies	109.30	425.00	2,000.00	(1,575.00)	21.25%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	916.57	2,200.00	(1,283.43)	41.66%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	2,767.60	4,200.00	(1,432.40)	65.90%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	72.17	2,000.00	(1,927.83)	3.61%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	271.00	200.00	71.00	135.50%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	274.00	4,000.00	(3,726.00)	6.85%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	16.00	4,000.00	(3,984.00)	0.40%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	98.53	250.00	(151.47)	39.41%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>1,052.95</b>	<b>6,808.15</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>(16,041.85)</b>	<b>29.79%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	889.21	8,000.00	(7,110.79)	11.12%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	84.90	7,000.00	(6,915.10)	1.21%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	817.86	10,970.92	18,000.00	(7,029.08)	60.95%
65120 · Insurance	778.75	6,230.00	9,850.00	(3,620.00)	63.25%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	0.00	100.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	357.01	7,000.00	(6,642.99)	5.10%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>1,596.61</b>	<b>23,432.04</b>	<b>54,750.00</b>	<b>(31,317.96)</b>	<b>42.80%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	17,042.40	149,439.40	233,000.00	(83,560.60)	64.14%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,315.15	11,562.07	17,302.00	(5,739.93)	66.83%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	35.74	2,000.00	(1,964.26)	1.79%
66500 · Retirement	650.00	5,775.00	9,000.00	(3,225.00)	64.17%
66700 · PMRS	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>19,007.55</b>	<b>166,812.21</b>	<b>268,452.00</b>	<b>(101,639.79)</b>	<b>62.14%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>24,248.18</b>	<b>261,685.74</b>	<b>458,741.38</b>	<b>(197,055.64)</b>	<b>57.04%</b>





**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of November 30, 2020**

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,408,687.75		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	3,466,545.82		
<b>2020 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)</b>			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		345,218.83	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,519,587.33	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue	1,319,908.61	1,319,908.61	
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<u>3,184,714.77</u>
<b>FY Disbursements:</b>			
First Quarter Disbursements		1,604,410.71	
Second Quarter Disbursements		1,600,696.83	
Third Quarter Disbursements	521,287.60	803,751.59	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<u>4,008,859.13</u>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements**

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>IMMEDIATE HUMAN RELIEF FUND (COVID-19)</b>			
Bethany Outreach Center		7,600.00	
Christian Cupboard		3,000.00	
Community Shelter Services		30,750.00	
County of Erie MH/ID		12,500.00	
Edinboro Community & Eco. Devel. Corp.		9,370.00	
Ella Cochran Food Pantry		1,000.00	
Elmwood Food Pantry		2,000.00	
Erie City Mission		39,085.00	
Erie DAWN		10,000.00	
Erie Family Center		13,000.00	
Erie United Methodist Alliance		2,365.00	
Gannon University		23,000.00	
Harbor Creek High School		1,000.00	
HVA Senior Living Alliance		6,800.00	
International Institute of Erie USCRI-IIE		17,210.00	
MECA, Inc.		3,850.00	
Millcreek Counseling & Mental Health		2,500.00	
Northwestern Food Pantry		5,000.00	
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College		63,321.00	
Project Face Shield		25,480.00	
Project Face Shield for Educators		22,120.00	
Sacred Heart Church		2,000.00	
Safe Journey		9,000.00	
Salvation Army, Corry		9,500.00	
Sarah A Reed Children's Center		11,000.00	
Sarah Reed Senior Living		5,200.00	
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA		84,000.00	

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of November 30, 2020**

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
ServErie		8,710.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		25,400.00	
St. Martin Center		7,300.00	
St. Patrick's Haven Inc.		2,500.00	
Union City Family Support Center		2,000.00	
Urban Erie Community Development Corp		76,408.00	
Waterford Food Pantry		5,000.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie		22,960.00	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		13,960.00	
			<u>585,889.00</u>

**RESPONSE FUND - SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFITS**

Bridgeway Capital - 1st Draw		125,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 2nd Draw		80,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 3rd Draw		260,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 4th Draw		70,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 5th Draw		85,000.00	
			<u>620,000.00</u>

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**Settlements**

Summit Township	148,489.70	358,280.39	
Greene Township	36,297.49	87,579.66	
McKean Township	36,297.49	87,579.66	
Millcreek Township	36,297.49	87,579.66	
Waterford Township	36,297.49	87,579.66	
Erie County	36,297.49	87,579.66	
			<u>796,178.69</u>

**Multi-Municipal Collaboration**

Borough of North East - 2019		(82,000.00)	
Jefferson Educational Society - 2020		100,000.00	
City of Erie - return of unspent funds		(18,000.00)	
Girard Township		17,000.00	
			<u>17,000.00</u>

**SHAPING TOMORROW**

Empower Erie, LLC		150,000.00	
Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	
			<u>216,666.50</u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Schedule of Grant Reserve  
As of November 30, 2020**

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>QUALITY OF PLACE</b>			
<b>Community Assets</b>			
Albion Area Fair, Inc.		\$9,375.00	
Erie Bird Observatory		\$10,000.00	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		\$7,700.00	
Erie PAL		\$15,000.00	
Erie Yesterday		\$15,000.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		\$7,901.49	
Impact Corry		\$14,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		\$14,000.00	
Presque Isle Partnership		\$15,000.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association		\$2,750.00	
Wesleyville Area Museum		\$3,837.50	
WQLN Public Media		\$12,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		\$14,000.00	
			<u>\$140,563.99</u>
<b>Special Events</b>			
Corry Area Arts Council		900.00	
Holy Trinity RCC	1,250.48	1,250.48	
International Institute of Erie - USCRI		350.00	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society		1,215.00	
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	1,993.49	1,993.49	
The Nonprofit Partnership		662.50	
			<u>6,371.47</u>
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS &amp; COMMUNITIES</b>			
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
<b>2019</b> Erie Center for Arts & Technology		60,000.00	
Mercy Center for Women		20,000.00	
<b>2020</b> Borough of Union City		49,375.00	
Gaudenzia Erie		50,000.00	
Woman's Club of Erie		100,000.00	
			<u>279,375.00</u>
<b>Erie Center for Arts &amp; Technology - MRI</b>		<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
<b>2019</b> Borough of Edinboro	119,750.00	119,750.00	
Borough of Union City		121,000.00	
Impact Corry	59,200.00	59,200.00	
			<u>299,950.00</u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of November 30, 2020**

	November	YTD	Subtotal
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
<b>2020</b> Borough of Girard		25,625.00	
Borough of North East		30,000.00	
Borough of Union City		50,000.00	
Sisters of Mercy		25,000.00	
Impact Corry		50,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		25,000.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie		25,000.00	
			<b>230,625.00</b>
 <b>SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING</b>			
<b>Beehive Network</b>			
Edinboro University Foundation		57,000.00	
Gannon University		90,500.00	
Mercyhurst University		97,500.00	
Erie Regional Library Foundation		62,123.00	
			<b>307,123.00</b>
 <b>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
<b>Summer Jobs &amp; More</b>	9,116.48	9,116.48	
			<b>9,116.48</b>
 <b>PILOT PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	521,287.60	4,008,859.13	<b>4,008,859.13</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of November 30, 2020**

		<u>November</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Committed Funds:</b>				
<b>N&amp;C</b>	<b>Renaissance Block 2018</b>			
	1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
	Our West Bayfront		10,000.00	100,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00
	2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2020</b>			
	Borough of Girard		25,625.00	51,250.00
	Borough of North East		30,000.00	60,000.00
	Borough of Union City		10,000.00	60,000.00
	Impact Corry		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Sisters of Mercy/House of Mercy		25,000.00	50,000.00
	YMCA of Greater Erie		25,000.00	50,000.00
	<b>Anchor Building</b>			
	18 Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	100,000.00
	Grace Church		80,000.00	100,000.00
	Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.30	93,126.50
	19 Erie Masonic Temple Preservation Foundation		56,000.00	70,000.00
	Housing & Neighborhood Development Services		40,000.00	50,000.00
	Impact Corry		60,000.00	75,000.00
	<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
	1 Borough of North East		110,000.00	250,000.00
	City of Erie		225,000.00	250,000.00
	Erie Downtown Partnership		180,000.00	250,000.00
	2A Borough of Edinboro	119,750.00	34,900.00	250,000.00
	Borough of Union City		4,000.00	200,000.00
	2B Our West Bayfront		133,810.00	250,000.00
	Preservation Erie		122,000.00	150,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		159,500.00	250,000.00
	3 Borough of Girard		90,000.00	170,000.00
	Impact Corry	59,200.00	28,000.00	202,400.00
	Waterford Borough		166,200.00	249,800.00
<b>MUN</b>	<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
<b>SB</b>	<b>Beehive Network</b>			
	Edinboro University Foundation		86,000.00	200,000.00
	Erie Regional Library Foundation		52,877.00	200,000.00
	Gannon University		84,500.00	200,000.00
	Mercyhurst University		5,000.00	200,000.00
	Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00
<b>PP</b>	<b>Pilot Program</b>			
	Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
<b>QP</b>	<b>Response Fund (COVID)</b>			
	Small Business		680,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of November 30, 2020**

**Committed Funds (cont):**

		<u>November</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Y&amp;E</b>	<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
	<b>GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2020</b>	9,116.48	140,883.52	150,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>		<u><u>178,950.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,466,545.82</u></u>	<u><u>6,732,076.50</u></u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Check Detail Report**  
November 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/03/2020	EFT	VISA	2020 October Statement	-695.50
11/12/2020	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	10/24/20 to 11/6/20 Payroll	-8,699.23
11/12/2020	EFT	Fidelity Investments	10/24/20 to 11/6/20 Retirement	-575.37
11/13/2020	EFT	Erie County	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-36,297.49
11/13/2020	EFT	Summit Township	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-148,489.70
11/13/2020	EFT	Greene Township	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-36,297.49
11/13/2020	EFT	McKean Township	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-36,297.49
11/13/2020	EFT	Millcreek Township	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-36,297.49
11/13/2020	EFT	Waterford Township	2020 3rd Quarter Settlement	-36,297.49
11/13/2020	EFT	Borough of Edinboro	2019 MMS - 2nd, 3rd Installments	-119,750.00
11/13/2020	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2020 Summer Jobs	-9,116.48
11/13/2020	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2020 October Legal	-1,054.50
11/13/2020	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2020 December Phone/IT	-794.36
11/13/2020	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2020 November Copier Lease	-345.95
11/13/2020	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2020 November Rent	-1,456.67
11/19/2020	EFT	Impact Corry	2019 MMS - 2nd Installment	-59,200.00
11/19/2020	EFT	SSJ Neighborhood Network	2020 Special Events	-1,993.49
11/19/2020	EFT	Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	2020 Special Events	-1,250.48
11/24/2020	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	11/7/20 to 11/20/20 Payroll	-9,237.48
11/24/2020	EFT	Fidelity Investments	11/7/20 to 11/20/20 Retirement	-575.37







**SCORECARD** CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/15/2021

**Account Summary**

Billing Cycle		10/11/2020
Days In Billing Cycle		32
Previous Balance		\$228.79
Purchases	+	\$695.50
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$228.79-
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		<b>\$695.50</b>

**Credit Summary**

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,304.50
Available Cash	\$39,304.50
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

**Account Inquiries**

- Call us at: (866) 317-0355  
Lost or Stolen Card: (866) 317-0355
- Go to [WWW.MyCardStatement.com](http://WWW.MyCardStatement.com)
- Write us at PO BOX 30495, TAMPA, FL 33630-3495

**Payment Summary**

NEW BALANCE	\$695.50
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$695.50
PAYMENT DUE DATE	11/04/2020

*NOTE: Grace period to avoid a finance charge on purchases pay entire new balance by payment due date. Finance charge accrues on cash advances until paid and will be billed on your next statement*

**Corporate Activity**

Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
10/02	10/02	1590978997	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$228.79-

**Cardholder Account Summary**

TAMMI MICHALI ####-####-####-8023	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$695.50	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$695.50
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**Cardholder Account Detail**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
09/10	09/11	PBUS01	24906410254102326669671	ACCO Brands Direct 800-5655396 IL	\$30.08 O.S.
09/21	09/22	PBUS01	24692160265100558935006	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07 post
09/22	09/22	PBUS01	24435650266200535400040	ERIE REGIONAL CHAMBER AN 814-454-7191 PA	\$300.00 membership

PLEASE DETACH COUPON AND RETURN PAYMENT USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE - ALLOW UP TO 7 DAYS FOR RECEIPT

ERIEBANK  
PO BOX 42  
CLEARFIELD PA 16830-0042

**Account Number**  
#####-####-8643

Check box to indicate name/address change on back of this coupon

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>New Balance</b>	<b>Total Minimum Payment Due</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>
10/11/20	\$695.50	\$695.50	11/04/20

\$

BL ACCT 00100029-10000000  
ERIE COUNTY GAMING  
5340 FRYLING ROAD  
SUITE 201  
ERIE PA 16510-4672



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:



VISA  
PO BOX 4517  
CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517



**Cardholder Account Detail Continued**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
09/22	09/24	PBUS01	24789300267497802870268	ERIE TIMES NEWS CIRCULATI 814-8701600 PA	\$57.63 Subscr.
09/24	09/25	PBUS01	24493980268083026292722	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$23.50 phoneIT
09/27	09/28	PBUS01	24906410271103578320251	ACCO Brands Direct 800-5655396 IL	\$38.98 O.S.
10/04	10/05	PBUS01	24431060278083323642870	AMZN MKTP US*MK4AQ4PL1 AM AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$40.24 O.S.
10/08	10/09	PBUS01	24055230282400649000054	SAMPLE NEWS GROUP 8146658291 PA	\$186.00 Subscr.

**Additional Information About Your Account**

MANAGE YOUR CARD ACCOUNT ONLINE. IT'S FREE! IT'S EASY! SIMPLY GO TO [WWW.MYCARDSTATEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MYCARDSTATEMENT.COM) AND ENROLL IN OUR ONLINE SERVICE. YOU CAN REVIEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION, TRACK SPENDING, SET ALERT NOTIFICATIONS, DOWNLOAD FILES, AND MUCH MORE. MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT IS FAST, SECURE AND EASY WITH MYCARDSTATEMENT. ENROLL TODAY!

**ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 10/09/2020**

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2021

**Finance Charge Summary / Plan Level Information**

Plan Name	Plan Description	FCM <sup>1</sup>	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
<b>Purchases</b>									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.58333%(M)	7.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$695.50
<b>Cash</b>									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.58333%(M)	7.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00
* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily							Days In Billing Cycle: 32		
** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees							APR = Annual Percentage Rate		
<sup>1</sup> FCM = Finance Charge Method									
(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.									

binders  
 planners  
 frame





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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
DECEMBER  
2020**



## November 2020

Meeting with Executive Director to Plan COVID-19 report

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

October/November Comms

### IMPLEMENTED 2020 Community Asset Awards | **ZOOM EVENT**

- MANAGED participant engagement & quote approvals
- DRAFTED INVITE for TM distribution
- COORDINATED Zoom logistics
- DRAFTED & DISTRIBUTED Media Advisory
- IMPLEMENTED MEDIA Outreach
- DRAFTED & DISTRIBUTED Press Release
- FACEBOOK EVENT created
- 7 Social Media Graphics (3 featured award recipients)

### IMPLEMENTED 2020 Renaissance Block Awards | **PAPER RELEASE**

- Case study for website of Corry success story
- DRAFTED AND DISRIBUTED Press Release
- IMPLEMENTED Media Outreach
- 3 Social Media Graphics

IMPLEMENTED | Social  
20 posts throughout month

### IN PROGRESSS

#### 2019/20 Anchor Building | **EVENT**

- MANAGE on site event planning
- DRAFT & DISTRIBUTE Media Advisory
- MEDIA Outreach
- DRAFT & DISTRIBUTE Press Release
- LOCATION: Mercy Center for Women
- DATE: TBD
- PARTNER: Women's Club of Erie County (largest award to date)
- CONCEPTUALIZE & DESIGN Social Media Graphics





## MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Paris  
Chairman of the Board  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

FROM: Dom DiPaolo  
ECGRA Board Director

DATE: November 19, 2020

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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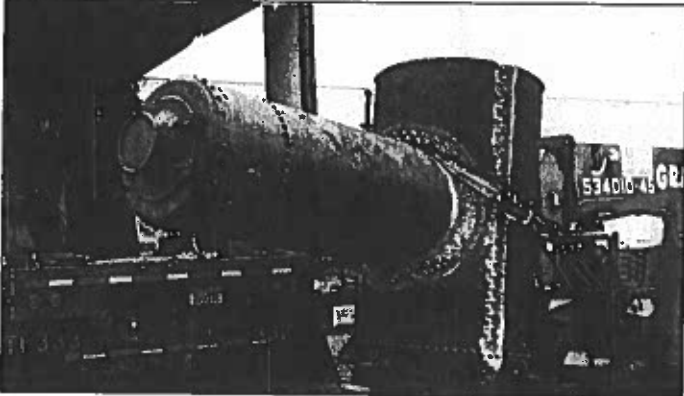
On this date, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was presented with Resolution Number 21, 2020, which is a Resolution to enter into agreements with thirteen (13) Erie County Community Assets. One such entity is the Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation.

I am an Advisory Board Member for the Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation. As such, I have abstained from any deliberation or involvement in the process to determine whether to recommend an award to the Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation, and I abstain from the deliberation, and vote, regarding the approval of the Resolution. Further, I announced my conflict during the meeting and request that this memo be made part of the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.



Monday, October 19, 2020

## Climax locomotive returns home



Donnie Rosie/contributed photo

The Climax A313 locomotive arrived home to Corry on Friday. Above, the boiler for A313 is loaded onto a shipping container in Nome, Alaska, for its trip home.

BY SARA JUKES  
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After being away for 118 years, A313 Climax locomotive arrived Friday back to its birthplace of Corry from Nome, Alaska.

Corry Rails and Industrial Legacy Society has been working for three years to arrange its return.

It may have made it back in pieces, but having A313 home again is a relief for the group that has worked hard to make its return happen.

"What a relief," Corry RAILS Chairman Tom VanTassel said. "For me it's a relief to know that it's here." During its arrival, the

trucking container holding all the parts and pieces of the locomotive was driven within 100 feet of the Climax building where it was originally constructed, which was momentous for Corry RAILS members and onlookers who have followed the journey.

Vice Chairman Carl Wassink said it's a relief to have it finally arrive at the newly designated Corry RAILS Climax A Restoration Shop on the corner of Delaware Street and Mead Avenue.

A team of Corry RAILS members arrived in Alaska on Aug. 25 and worked with rail enthusiasts, plus unex-

pected present and past Corry-area community members, to gather all parts and pieces of A313 to pack and ship it home.

The team included Wassink, of Corry; VanTassel, of Corry; Norm Thomas, of Spring Creek; Chris and Tara Lyon, of Corry; Rusty Pochatko, formerly of Corry and now of Palmer, Alaska; Donnie and Tonya Rosie, of Spring Creek; Grady Smith, of Ohio; Steve Niederriter, of West Virginia; Erik Christiansen, of Alaska; Pat Durand, of Alaska; and Randy Foster, of Alaska.

See Climax, P.2

## Climax

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Unexpected setbacks started in Nome, where the only nearly complete Climax A class engine was located.

On the final day in Alaska, Sept. 2, the container had to be partially unpacked to be lifted onto a road trailer and then repacked because they did not have a forklift big enough to lift it, VanTassel said.

"We were hours from being ready to fly out and we were just finishing up," VanTassel said.

Just in time, work to pack the container was completed and A313 started its 4,000-mile journey back to Corry.

The team faced another day's setback after finding out the container was not standard. It was a high-cube container, which would cost them an additional \$1,500 in unexpected permits across 10 states.

Barnhart Transportation LLC, of Erie, donated its services to bring the container from Seattle, Washington Corry RAILS only paid for fuel.

ROG'S Inc Rigging and Crane Service, of Erie, donated a crane and a Hyster forklift to unload the container and maneuver it into the restoration building.

"It's the beginning of phase two, which involves the full restoration and raising funds," Wassink said.

Corry RAILS member Kevin Amy said the work is just starting, literally.

Work is estimated to take three years to rebuild the engine, VanTassel said.

However, that is dependent on how fast funds can be raised, Wassink said.

Some of the things that still need to be done in order to rebuild the locomo-

tive is research into the wood that was used and construction blueprints.

"We've got drawings to make because the drawings that were made for these things are long gone — most of them," Wassink said. "We will be creating those drawings."

Wassink continued to say a lot of people expect to see a finished locomotive when the container doors are opened, but that isn't the case.

Corry RAILS has had offers from many people within the area and around the United States who would like to help with the restoration.

"None of this could have been done if it wasn't for the charity of all the people that have donated time, material and money," Amy said.

New Corry RAILS members, Ron and Connie Sitterley, said seeing the excitement of the other members is great since they became interested in Climax engines long before the A313 was purchased.

The Sitterleys became interested because the Climax was invented just outside of Spartansburg and they are thrilled to be able to participate in the restoration of A313.

Donnie Rosie, who owns Rosie Marketing, and has documented this historic event, said it's exciting to see the conclusion of this chapter.

"I don't know if people realize this will be quite the endeavor on this side of it — trying to put it together," Rosie said. "To see this chapter closed — of it being back in Corry and driving by the place it was built 100 years ago — that's pretty crazy."

Tonya Rosie contributed to this report



# Union City signage celebrates National Register designation

BY STEVE BISHOP  
Contributing writer

UNION CITY — The installation of five new signs in Union City could surprise residents who may have been unaware they live in a historic district that's listed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places.

Nonprofit Union City Pride, in collaboration with the Union City Community Foundation, Preservation Erie, and Union City Borough, recently had the five signs installed at key entry points to the historic district that includes West High Street between First and Third avenues; South Street between First and Fourth avenues; and First, Second and Third avenues between West High and

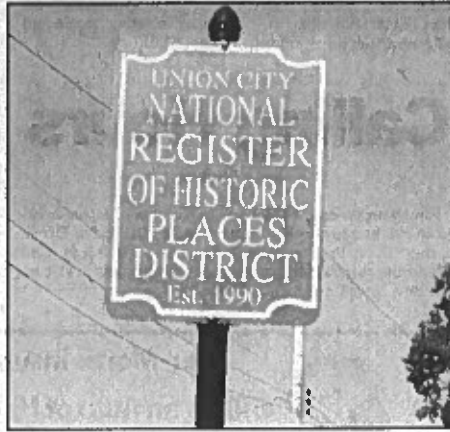
South streets. Union City's historic district — which was approved by the National Park Service in 1990 — also includes Main Street between High Street and Concord Street, although that area was not included in the current signage initiative.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, according to the National Park Service's website. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic

and archeological resources.

Melinda Meyer, president of Preservation Erie, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Erie County's architectural history, said Union City's historic district is one of seven in Erie County. In the City of Erie they include West Park Place, the West 21st Street historic district, and the West 6th Street historic district.

Meyer said the Union City historic district National Register nomination was prepared some three decades ago by John Claridge, who was the director of the Erie County Historical Society at the time and a founding member of Preservation Erie.



Contributed photo  
Five historic district signs have been placed throughout Union City Borough marking the borough's place on the National Register of Historic Places.

See Signage, P.2

## Signage

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The historical society and the Erie County Department of Planning had a strong partnership and were responsible for preparing and submitting a handful of National Register nominations in the 1980s and 1990s, Meyer noted.

Union City Borough employees installed the signs, and Borough Secretary Cindy Wells said it's another example of what makes Union City a special place to live.

"I hope residents realize the history there is in the borough and that they are proud to live in a community such as Union City," she said.

Dave Nothum, president of the board of Union City

Pride, said the historic district signage should bring positive attention from anyone interested in history, including residents who live in the district.

"I hope we have enough new members of our community who are not completely aware of our history, and that these signs will encourage them to investigate that history further," he said.

Union City's original National Register nomination document notes the historic district — including the downtown portion — contained commercial, industrial and residential buildings primarily erected between 1865 and 1925. The overall historic district at

the time of the application in the late 1980s included 128 buildings, some of which have since been lost to fire and other factors. Of those original 128 buildings, 17 were erected between 1865 and 1879; 58 between 1880 and 1892; 41 between 1893 and 1925; and 12 since 1925.

The residential portion of the district had 68 contributing buildings. Sixty-three of them were two- or 2 1/2-story frame buildings, along with two brick, one stucco, and two combined stone and frame.

"The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's list of important historic buildings, structures, sites, and objects ...

and Union City is on it," said Meyer. "Adding a historic resource to the National Register isn't easy, nor is it guaranteed.

To be considered eligible, she continued, a resource must meet the National Register criteria for evaluation, which involves examining the resource's significance, age, and integrity, or how much it looks like it did in the past.

Meyer said inclusion on the National Register should be a source of community pride.

"The history of Union City is unique, and it is forever documented on the nation's list of its most important historic resources," she said.



# Union City secures grant for trail study

BY MARYANN MOOK  
Staff writer

Union City Borough has secured a grant that will help fund a feasibility study for a French Creek access path for walking and biking.

Borough Manager Cindy Wells told Borough Council during its Oct. 27 meeting that the borough has secured a Greenways Trails grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The grant is in the amount of \$32,500. The borough is seeking matching funds, also in the amount of \$32,500.

Wells said the grant would help implement ideas that people expressed they wanted in the Parks and Recreation Plan.

"In completing the Parks and Recreation Plan, people were requesting access to French Creek," Wells said. "This is another step toward developing a path along French Creek."

In another matter, a bid has been received for work on the traffic signals and railroad safety in the borough.

Council received information from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that the traffic signal project had been put out for bid.

## Trail

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PennDOT has accepted a bid from Bruce and Merileese Electric Co. The low bid amount is within \$70,000 of the estimated cost of the project. The amount of the bid was not disclosed.

The project, which is scheduled for spring of 2021, includes upgrading traffic signals on Main Street. Also, upgrades to the railroad crossings at High Street, Main Street and Bridge Street push the cost to more than \$1.2 million.

Union City Police Chief David Perrico asked Council to consider installing surveillance cameras at the intersec-

tions. PennDOT is expected to schedule a planning meeting about the project.

In other news, Council approved sending a letter to an applicant for the zoning officer position, offering him the job. The applicant, Jason Sayers, responded to Council's offer on Monday, Nov. 2, accepting the position.

In other business, a recipient of the Renaissance Grant requested an extension for a project due to construction problems and problems obtaining materials due to COVID-19 and health res-

tensions. Council agreed to the extension as long as the resident continues to work on the project weather permitting. Council agreed to the extension because more grants are expected to be issued in 2021.

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority awarded the Renaissance Grant to the borough in the amount of \$60,000 for rehabilitation of residential properties on East High Street, West High Street, South Street and the Avenues. The grant requires \$60,000 in matching funds from participating property

owners. Applications will reopen in late winter of 2021.

Also, Union City Borough has a vacancy on the Zoning Board. Anyone interested is asked to contact Borough Manager Cindy Wells at 814-438-2331; stop at the Borough Building, or send a letter of interest to Wells at 13 S. Main St., Union City, PA 16438.

Council members present at the meeting were Dan Brunsagel, Dan Hoban, Greg Bowles, Matthew Joyce and Riley Cross (via telephone). Emmet McGuire was absent from the meeting.

## ANOTHER VIEW

# Video gaming terminals, skills games a bad bet for Erie



Rev. Charles Mock

State lawmakers in Pennsylvania are on the verge of taking a risky gamble of taking a risky gamble that is sure to be a losing bet for Erie County, particularly in economically distressed urban communities.

Some members of the Pennsylvania Legislature are pushing legislation to dramatically increase the number of video gaming terminals, or VGTs, in the state while legalizing so-called "skills games." These are nothing more than slot machines by a different name and this legislation would open the floodgates to an additional 85,000 of them in pizza parlors, gas stations, corner stores and bars in cities and towns across the state, including right here in Erie.

This is the type of reckless gambling expansion that historically hurts poor and largely minority communities. Currently, skills games are illegal in our state and VGTs are restricted to truck stops that meet certain requirements.

Erie County already has legal gambling at Presque Isle Downs Casino. Regardless of your view on gambling, it's important to know that activities at the casino are highly regulated — something that is all but impossible with VGTs and skills games. Further, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority administers funding from the county's share of state gaming revenue to a range of community organizations.

Currently, more than \$55 million in Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority impact investments and grants are at work across Erie County. There isn't a corner of the county that isn't touched by

ECGRA grant money — improving Erie's economic and community development forecast through investments in community projects and events, educational programming for children and human services funding.

The push for these new machines threatens to deliver a double-whammy — preying on those who can least afford to lose while also likely reducing casino revenues, which would result in declining dollars to fund community initiatives that improve quality of life for all Erie County residents.

Further, the timing couldn't be worse. Erie's most challenged neighborhoods are suffering from long-standing poverty only made more acute by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yet, conversely, for the first time in memory these neighborhoods stand to make real progress toward economic equity. Erie has been a national leader in developing

Opportunity Zones that are proving to be a catalyst for economic revival throughout the city of Erie by attracting investors and supporting local entrepreneurs and community enhancement groups.

Additionally, the recent state approval of Erie County Community College — the first in Pennsylvania in 27 years — will soon offer hope and a path to a better future for scores of residents throughout the county for whom quality post-secondary education has long been out of reach.

VGTs specifically pose a serious threat to that potential progress, creating a steady and accessible temptation for vulnerable citizens to gamble money they can ill-afford to lose while saddling our community with new unfunded regulatory and social costs.

There is no doubt that VGTs are predatory against low-income and minority communities. There is

significant statistical evidence that shows just how exploitative these companies are and how they target marginalized communities.

Case in point: Illinois where in 2013 gambling was expanded to include 30,000 VGTs throughout the state. It's been a disaster.

A joint effort between ProPublica Illinois and the Chicago Sun-Times found that VGTs were concentrated in low income minority communities. For instance, the study found gambling machines are found in Berwyn, Illinois, which has a population made up of about 70% Black and Hispanic residents. But there are no machines in Oak Park, Illinois, which has a population that is roughly 68% white.

Meanwhile, there are video gaming terminals in Harvey, Illinois, where the population of black residents is over 75%. But there are no machines in Palos Park, Illinois, — almost 93% white.

The same story repeats throughout Illinois. No doubt the companies that manufacture these machines are aware of these troubling statistics. Yet, they continue to seek out lawmakers who willingly ignore the risks in hopes of a quick — but surely fleeting — cash grab.

That's what is about to unfold in Pennsylvania if something isn't done to stop it. And once these machines proliferate, there is little that can be done to shut them down. VGTs are terrible for minority neighborhoods. Yet beyond that, they are clearly bad for every citizen of Erie County who stands to pay a price through dwindling gaming revenues and anticipated social costs.

It's a gamble none of us can afford to take.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Mock is pastor of Community Missionary Baptist Church and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Erie County Community College.







November 19, 2020

## AREA BRIEFS

### **7 projects receive nearly \$400,000 of ECGRA grant funds**

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority has awarded nearly \$400,000 to seven recipients to fight blight and improve neighborhoods.

As part of its Renaissance Block Program, ECGRA, which administers more than \$4 million annually in casino gaming revenue, funded the following groups:

- Borough of Girard, \$51,250
- Borough of North East, \$60,000
- Borough of Union City, \$60,000
- Impact Corry, \$100,000
- Our West Bayfront, \$25,000
- Sisters of Mercy/House of Mercy, \$50,000
- YMCA of Greater Erie, \$50,000

The Renaissance Block program provides matching grants up to \$150,000 per application or up to \$5,000 per property. It covers eligible exterior repairs, permanent improvements, and streetscapes. Funds can also be used to improve publicly owned property that is targeted.



# ECGRA reflects on 2020 Renaissance Block Grants to combat blight

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) awarded nearly \$400,000 in the 2020 round of funding for the Erie County Renaissance Block Program, an anti-blight, neighborhood cooperation initiative designed to help improve Erie County neighborhoods through a block-by-block strategy that targets aging or neglected areas where neighbors are organized and willing to work together to combat blight.

"Once blight settles in, a neighborhood is at high risk of reduced property values, vacancies, and increased crime — in the city of Erie alone, there are 9,500 homes identified by Erie Refocused as moderately or severely distressed," said ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood. "ECGRA's Renaissance Block Program awards grants to help revitalize our neighborhoods.

"The execution of a blight removal strategy to reestablish a neighborhood is the first step, and when families are ready to invest in their

community, these grants help to carry out their goals," Wood continued. "Impact Corry is just one of the inspiring success stories happening in Erie County."

Impact Corry was awarded \$100,000 through the local Renaissance Block project specifically focused on the neighborhood of School House Block. Rick and Linda Brown are residents

in the neighborhood that received a portion of the grant to help improve their home. The couple recently installed 21 energy-efficient windows that totaled \$16,000, but with the \$5,000

matching grant, they ended up spending \$11,000 out of pocket.

"This is a real thing," Linda Brown said. "I just hope anyone who wants to take advantage of these grants makes the decision to do so. I'd like to see as many people as possible benefit from this."

The Brown's home is one of 19 School House Block homes that are in the process of or have finished making their exterior improvements with the recently awarded funds. Projects range from replacing garage doors to upgrading front porches to roof replacement to painting to landscaping.

The grant, which can be used for exterior home improvements, is a one-to-one match up to \$5,000 of a participant's project.

For more stories and photos of Corry homeowners who took advantage of these grant opportunities, visit the Impact Corry Facebook page or visit [www.impact-corry.org/renaissance-block](http://www.impact-corry.org/renaissance-block).

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Contributed photos

Local residents Rick and Linda Brown were among 19 homeowners who took advantage of Erie County Renaissance Block Program funds awarded to Impact Corry from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

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In addition to Impact Corry, Renaissance Block Grants were awarded to the following neighborhood groups in 2020: Union City Borough, \$60,000; North East Borough, \$60,000; Girard Borough, \$51,250; YMCA of Greater Erie, \$50,000; Sisters of Mercy/House of Mercy, \$50,000; and Our West Bayfront, \$25,000.

The Erie County Renaissance Block Program awards up to \$150,000 per application or up to \$5,000 awarded per property. It is a matching program that helps finance eligible exterior repairs, permanent improvements, and streetscapes. Funds can also be used to improve publicly owned property that is targeted to improve the block's visual appearance.



The Browns used grant funds to offset the cost of installing 21 energy-efficient windows in their Corry home.





Sara Jukes/The Corry Journal

## Climax container open

Corry Rail and Industrial Legacy Society was finally able to open a shipping container holding parts and pieces to rebuild Climax A313. The container arrived from Nome, Alaska, on Oct. 16. From left are Corry RAILS members and volunteers Buzz Hammond, Chelsea Oliver, Connie Sitterley, Carl Wassink, Ron Sitterley, Kevin Amy, Tom VanTassel and Donnie Rosie. VanTassel is holding a picture of his late wife, Jean VanTassel, whom he describes as having been their biggest cheerleader.

gin, Findley Lake, Spartansburg, Spring Creek, Union City & Wayne Township



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23, 2020**

**Resolution to direct  
the Erie Community Foundation to release \$505,216  
to the Erie County Lead Assets**

Whereas, ECGRA has executed on its financial commitment to the Lead Assets through grant funding and creation of an endowment in accordance with the Strategic Plan aka the Framework for Distribution of Uncommitted Funds and the Settlement Agreement of December 13, 2010 (the "Settlement"),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves that the ECF is to be directed to release funds from the Erie County Lead Asset Endowment in the amount of \$505,216 to the extent outline in Exhibit "A", in order to grow and sustain nonprofits that contribute significantly to Erie County's economy, quality of place, and sense of civic pride.

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

This resolution was passed on 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 by a vote of \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

December 10, 2020

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA





	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	3-Year Average	% of TOTALS	Award Amount based on %
<i>Hagen History Center</i>	\$819,956.00	\$972,033.00	\$1,190,921.00	\$994,303.33	7.25%	\$36,622.18
<i>Erie Philharmonic</i>	\$1,437,306.00	\$1,814,453.00	\$1,855,729.00	\$1,702,496.00	12.41%	\$62,706.33
<i>expERIEnce Children's Museum</i>	\$580,573.00	\$639,912.00	\$757,474.00	\$659,319.67	4.81%	\$24,284.06
<i>Erie Playhouse</i>	\$1,349,668.00	\$1,375,509.00	\$1,444,514.00	\$1,389,897.00	10.13%	\$51,192.69
<i>Flagship Niagara League</i>	\$1,576,733.00	\$1,476,957.00	\$1,908,026.00	\$1,653,905.33	12.06%	\$60,916.64
<i>Mercyhurst Institute for Art and Culture</i>	\$714,856.00	\$894,521.00	\$1,046,408.00	\$885,261.67	6.45%	\$32,605.96
<i>Erie Zoological Society</i>	\$4,230,991.00	\$4,016,869.00	\$3,878,508.00	\$4,042,122.67	29.47%	\$148,879.46
<i>Erie Art Museum</i>	\$1,255,683.00	\$1,200,649.00	\$1,469,100.00	\$1,308,477.33	9.54%	\$48,193.84
<i>Erie Arts &amp; Culture</i>	\$982,046.00	\$1,055,259.00	\$1,205,651.00	\$1,080,985.33	7.88%	\$39,814.85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,947,812.00</b>	<b>\$13,446,162.00</b>	<b>\$14,756,331.00</b>	<b>\$13,716,768.33</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$505,216.00</b>



## 2021 Meeting Schedule

### Board of Directors' Meetings

Meetings are held in the Jordan Room, 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510 unless an alternate location is listed below. Board meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month, except for the months with quarterly finance meetings. In those instances, the board meeting will begin at the conclusion of the finance meeting.

### Finance Committee Meetings

Meetings are held in the Jordan Room, 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510. Finance Committee Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each quarter.

Finance Committee Meetings	Board of Directors' Meetings
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	January 21 <sup>st</sup>
	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
	March 18 <sup>th</sup>
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting
	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
	August 19 <sup>th</sup>
	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
(second Thursday)	December 9 <sup>th</sup>

Contact Tammi Michali to clarify any scheduling issues:

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