

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Green Island Power Authority held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island, New York.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan called the meeting to order.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan, Vice Chairman Cocca, Trustees Reinoehl, Perfetti, and Attorney Legnard.

Also, in attendance: Kristin M. Swinton, CEO.

Absent: Trustee DeMento and Dave Paterniani, CFO.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to excuse the absentees. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan opened Public Forum No. 1 for any comments.

No comments.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan closed Public Forum No. 1.

On a motion by Trustee Reinoehl seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 16, 2012. All ayes.

No communications.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item was the approval of claims. She then asked if anyone had any questions about the claims.

No questions.

On a motion by Trustee Reinoehl seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$152,698.23, along with the monthly Addendum in the amount of \$22,797.34. All ayes.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to approve the monthly report of the Chief Financial Officer as submitted. All ayes.

On a motion by Trustee Perfetti seconded by Trustee Reinoehl and carried, to approve the adjustments to the May 2012 electric billing as presented. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item for consideration is a resolution pertaining to the standard work day for the Attorney's position.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to approve the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Green Island Power Authority hereby establishes the Standard Work Day for the listed Job Position, in accordance with Regulation 315.4 of the New York State and Local Retirement System.

Green Island Power Authority

Job Position:

Attorney

Standard Work Day:

6.4 hours

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item is consideration of a bid received for GIPA on surplus property. We had deemed certain GIPA property as surplus last year and we only received on bid from Albany Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$525.00 for Items 1 –5 and we did not receive a bid for the copper underground cable.

Vice Chairman Cocca asked if we were considering put that cable back out to bid?

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that she would like to consider trying to put it out on the Gov.Deals website that Dave used for the GIPA truck.

Kristin Swinton responded that they would pursue that as an option.

On a motion by Trustee Perfetti seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to award the bid for GIPA Surplus Property - Items 1 – 5 to the sole bidder, Albany Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$525.00 as noted:

1. 65, 10ft. 6” Schedule 40 conduit
2. 43, 10ft. 4” Schedule 40 conduit
3. 15, 4” 90 degree Schedule 80 elbows
4. 14, 4” 45 degree Schedule 40 elbows
5. 40, 6” couplings

No further business.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan opened Public Forum No.2

Tom Torrisi of 107 Hudson Avenue asked if GIPA had a financial figure on what the motor vehicle accident at the corner of Hudson Ave. and George St. turned into?

Kristin Swinton responded and stated that right now it is approximately \$30,000.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that is just the GIPA charges, that figure does not represent the damage that he did to property and other vehicles. It is approximately \$30,000 for GIPA.

Mr. Torrisi stated that is not going to be something that GIPA has to pay is it?

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that we will put it through our insurance; it is kind of a confusing situation. Our understanding is this was a rental car and the driver was not authorized to be using it. We are not sure what is going to happen. We do have insurance but we would like to pursue everything with the vehicles insurance paying it.

Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Torrisi stated for the record it seemed like everyone who was down there working was really doing a good job.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that did an outstanding job and D & D Power that came in to assist were here in a matter of a couple of hours and they sent in seven (7) men. The person that owns the company called Chairperson McNulty-Ryan and stated that his linemen never worked with a better bunch of people and how well they worked together.

No further comments.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan closed Public Forum No. 2.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that at this time she would like to take a moment to clarify with the board an article that recently appeared in the newspapers about the retirement of the former Chairman, John Brown. Mr. Brown's attorney stated to the newspapers that we at GIPA were aware that Mr. Brown had been simultaneously receiving a pension check and a paycheck since the end of September. That is totally false. The only person who knew of this arrangement was our payroll person, Tina Burns, and Mr. Brown had instructed her not to speak to anyone about it. Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that in the spring of 2010, Mr. Brown had privately proposed such an arrangement to her and she told him she would not support such an arrangement and would publicly oppose it if he presented it to the board. Mr. Brown never mentioned such an arrangement to her again and she thought the matter was closed. In September of 2011, Mr. Brown told her he would be retiring at the end of 2011. At no time did he mention that he had already submitted his retirement papers to take effect at the end of September. Upon learning in early January that Mr. Brown had been receiving his pension effective the end of September 2011, Chairperson McNulty-Ryan contacted District Attorney David Soares to investigate the matter. Chairperson McNulty-Ryan received a letter dated May 14, 2012 from the DA's office stating that while they felt there were clear breaches of trust on Mr. Brown's part, they did not rise to the level where a criminal action could be prosecuted by their office.

Vice Chairman Cocca asked that it be put into the record that Mr. Brown had made the same proposal to him two years ago and that he also rejected that proposal and thought the matter had ended.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that it is the policy of the board not to speak about personnel issues at a public meeting, but because of the newspaper articles and blogs which were instigated by another party, she felt it necessary to clarify the issue with the board members. If anything else develops with this she will keep the board apprised.

No further comments.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 18th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Reinoehl seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. All ayes.