

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Green Island Power Authority held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 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 DeMento, Perfetti and Attorney Legnard.

Also, in attendance: Kristin M. Swinton, CEO and David Paterniani, CFO.

Absent: Trustee Reinoehl.

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

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan opened Public Forum for any comments.

No comments.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan closed Public Forum.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to approve the minutes of the annual meeting and regular meeting held on December 17, 2012. All ayes.

No communications.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$250,599.47, along with the monthly Addendum amount of \$25,777.41. All ayes.

On a motion by Trustee Perfetti seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. All ayes.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to renew the lease agreement between GIPA and the Village for office space for 2013 in the amount of \$700.00 per month. All ayes.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to accept the monthly adjustments for January 2013 billing as presented. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that we had several items under Other Business and the first one is consideration of deeming several inventory items as surplus property for auction or sale, which were purchased under a grant through the Village for the expansion of the substation in Maplewood. At this time the project is on hold and will

not be going forward. So, we are asking for two motions and the first motion is to authorize that a check be sent to the New York Division of Housing and Community Renewal in the amount of \$600,000.00, which is returning the unused grant funds.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, authorize that a check in the amount of \$600,000.00 be drawn to return the remainder of the grant funds to the New York Division of Housing and Community Renewal. All ayes.

The second item is authorizing the auction/sale of surplus inventory items as presented by GIPA Chief Financial Officer.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to deem the items presented as surplus inventory and to authorize the auction or sale of these items and proceeds will be used to return the balance of the grant funds already expended on the proposed Substation Expansion Project. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item is something that Village Trustee Al Sterling presented to her regarding a company called BroadBlast Managed Communications Systems, which is an entity similar to "Reverse 911". It has capabilities that are unlimited and they will set up a geographic area for us and subdivisions if we so need. GIPA and the Village could share the costs for it; it is unlimited text messaging, voice messaging, emails, faxes, TTY for the hearing impaired, etc. We would have a list of numbers provided but we would also have a sign up for it for everyone in the village and if you want to be notified on all of the above, you will be notified every time there was an emergency, if we had a water break, if we had snow removal, if we power down, or a shut off for power, even if you have a break for water and it is in a limited area, you can send it to that geographic area and notify the residents that there has been a water break, also hydrant flushings, etc. It would not be just emergencies, it is any information that you want to get out to the public.

Further discussion ensued.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to authorize the Chair to enter into a Notification Services Subscription Agreement with BroadBlast Managed Communications Systems for various notifications to residents in an amount of \$2,500.00, which would be GIPA's share of the cost for this agreement. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that she is asking for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:18 p.m. All ayes.

Executive Session held to discuss personnel matters.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to reconvene the meeting at 6:28 p.m. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that we received notification on Friday, January 18th, 2013 from the New York Municipal Power Agency (NYMPA) that we were invited to enter into a Transmission Congestion Contract with this agency. The cost to GIPA is approximately \$90,000.00 annually, which represents three (3) credits under this contract. If we choose to not enter into this contract, we would be subject to fluctuating rates which could be very costly and something that GIPA cannot afford to do. In addition, if we choose not to enter the program at this time, we will not be able to enter at a later date. It is a one time option. We are proposing to buy into the contract at a cost of \$90,000.00 annually, which represents three (3) credits.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to authorize the Chair to enter into a Transmission Congestion Contract with the New York Municipal Power Agency (NYMPA) at an annual cost of \$90,000.00 which represents three (3) credits under the plan. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan then proceeded to state that due to this additional expense, we are forced to eliminate the position of Laborer in GIPA. This is not something that we want to do, we have cut back in many areas and there is nowhere else to cut, so at this time she is asking for a motion to eliminate this position.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to eliminate the position of Laborer for GIPA. All ayes.

No further business.

No further items for Board Forum.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. All ayes.