

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Green Island Power Authority held on Monday, October 21, 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, Trustee Perfetti and Attorney Legnard.

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

Absent: Trustees Reinoehl and DeMento.

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

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan noted that there was no one listed to speak at Public Forum.

On a motion by Trustee Perfetti seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 16, 2013. All ayes.

Communications – Letter of Resignation from Attorney Joseph F. Legnard.

October 8, 2013

Dear Mayor McNulty-Ryan, Supervisor Perfetti, CEO Swinton and CEO Sean Ward:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as attorney for the Village of Green Island, Town of Green Island, Green Island Power Authority and Green Island Industrial Development Agency. My last full time day will be November 7, 2013.

It is difficult to believe that my service began in 1977, over 36 years ago. But the passage of time is real and the time remaining is not for any of us to know. I look forward to spending more time with my wife and sharing in the babysitting duties for our grandchildren.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the friendships that have developed with so many “Village People” over the many years and the opportunity to be of service to the community where I grew up. Being considered a part of the Green Team is an honor that I will always cherish.

I hope to be able to continue to serve all of you on a limited basis in the future if you find that to be beneficial to each entity.

My very best wishes to “The Green Team” and all the elected and appointed officials in the Village, Town, GIPA and IDA. I know that your day to day efforts will result in continued excellence in service to all the residents of the Village and Town of Green Island.

Very truly yours,
Joseph F. Legnard

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that she would like to ask for a motion to accept Joe's letter or resignation reluctantly. There isn't any way that we could express our appreciation for everything that Joe has done for us through the years and she much rather be doing this as a resignation rather than a eulogy. What you are to us is priceless and there isn't any way that we could put a figure on that or a value on that because it is invaluable and she knows that we are never going to see another Attorney in this generation like Joe. She is thrilled that he is going to stay on with us in a Part Time capacity when we have issues going on and he is only a phone call away. At this time with deep regret she would ask for a motion that we accept Joe's letter of resignation.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to accept the Letter of Resignation with regrets from Attorney Joseph F. Legnard as full-time Attorney for GIPA effective November 7, 2013. Attorney Legnard will remain as part-time Attorney on a need basis. All ayes.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$328,251.06, plus the addendum amount of \$5,337.99. All ayes.

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

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to accept the monthly and quarterly adjustments for October 2013 electric billing. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item was consideration of authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute a contract with Bluefin Payment Systems and Continental Utility Billing Systems to allow electric customers to pay their bills with debit or credit cards.

Dave Paterniani proceeded to state that this would be a first for the Village and the Power Authority to accept electronic payment. There will be a link on-line and he does not believe any payment will be accepted in the office thru a credit card machine, but customers can now go on line and pay their bill effective approximately November 1st, 2013.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan wanted to note that by line neither the Village nor GIPA can take a credit card payment, normally whoever takes the payment, you lose approximately 2%, the credit card company will get it, the actually credit card customers will be billed a little bit more than what their bill is.

Dave stated that there is a convenience fee to the customers.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that is because by law we cannot accept less than what the bill is we can't pay a penalty then you would be penalizing your other customers who are paying cash because they would have to pay more to make up the difference.

Further discussion ensued.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to authorize the GIPA Chief Financial Officer to execute a contract with Bluefin Payment Systems and Continental Utility Billing Systems for online payments with debit or credit cards by electric customers. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated the next item is consideration of renewing the Master Service Agreement with Albany Engineering Corporation for Technical and Professional Services. This is an original contract from 2000 and Jim Besha has asked us if we would renew it. There have been some minor changes as far as the status goes for certain tasks that are listed. Atty. Legnard has yet to review it to make sure that everything is okay, so she would ask that the Board give us permission to renew the contract with Albany Engineering contingent upon Joe's approval of the legalities.

On a motion by Trustee Perfetti seconded by Vice Chairman Cocca and carried, to authorize the renewal of the Master Service Agreement with Albany Engineering Corporation for Technical and Professional Services contingent upon review and approval by Attorney Legnard. All ayes.

No further business.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cocca seconded by Trustee Perfetti and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. All ayes.