

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017 AT 4:00 PM.**

Members Present: Carl Annese, Jim Brock, Harold Stalker, Vin Karl, Joanne Gerace, Mark Mojave

Also Present: Rob Esche, Luann Horton-Murad, Michael Potrzeba, Cecelie Pikus, Kevin Martin and Pat Donovan

Meeting comes to order at 4:00 pm.

Kevin Martin distributed the assignment agreement and resolution between the Authority and Oneida County for the 10.55 million dollars for the West End Expansion project. Jim makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mark seconds, all in favor.

Jim makes a motion to approve the minutes from 10/11. Harold seconds, all in favor.

Mike Potrzeba passes out the following vouchers:

EJA Services - \$1,430.00
Alesia & Crewell - \$9,110.00
Joseph Flihan - \$2,100.00
Weydman Electric - \$241,938.21
HJ Brandeles - \$41,355.02
Schmalz - \$46,970.85
Davis Ulmer - \$25,727.44
National Building - \$760,679.25
Eversan Inc - \$141,746.85
Tarat Studio - \$6,250.00
Jasper Group - \$10,445.95
Jasper Group - \$30,293.47
Jasper Group - \$307.68
Atlantic Testing Laboratories - \$4,576
Utica Comets LLC - \$3,781.90

Carl discusses putting an RFP out for accounting. The Authority would like to stay with the same people, just get higher up on their priority list.

Rob discusses the plans for the restaurant, and the goal of opening prior to the All-Star game. He also discusses the proposed annual rent that the MVG would pay Authority. The Authority discusses the budget, risk, and how to plan to use the annual income from the business.

Jim makes a motion to go into executive session at 5:07 pm. Harold seconds, all in favor.

Jim makes a motion to come out of executive session at 5:53 pm. Harold seconds, all in favor.

A motion was made by Vin to accept the proposal presented by ORB, based upon receiving a letter of opinion from Counsel that an RFP is not needed or allowed, with the added stipulation that a 5% commission on all food and beverage sales at this new free-standing restaurant is paid to the Authority. The motion further authorizes Counsel to enter into contract negotiations with ORB to present to the Authority. There was no second to this motion.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Joanne to accept the proposal presented by ORB, based upon receiving a letter of opinion from Counsel that an RFP is not needed or allowed. The motion further authorizes Counsel to enter into contract negotiations with ORB to present to the Authority. The vote was: Five in favor; one opposed (Vin).

The issue of the debt ceiling was tabled for consideration sometime in the future.

Re Tartan: Counsel advises that we have agreed in principle to purchase the property, but clean to our specific requirements. He had been authorized by the Authority to negotiate up to \$1.22 million. With our compaction and monitoring requirements, along with having the foundations removed, the negotiations are now up to \$1.295 million. He has been advised by our construction engineer that this \$75K price increase is reasonable. Kevin will let us know when a new authorization is required by the Authority.

New Business

Jim pointed out that guests of the suites have left the building to smoke and been allowed to return. After working hard for all of last year to enforce this new policy, we cannot create the impression that this rule doesn't apply to some customers. Mike said they had already had some discussion on it and there would be an usher there to enforce this policy for all future events.

Carl discusses the issue of handicap parking in the existing parking lot due to the complaints Luann brought up from opening weekend. Carl spoke to Tom Romanowski to confirm we are in compliance with the number of handicap spots in our parking lot

There be no further business, a motion was made by Mark @ 6:23 to adjourn. Seconded by Joanne.