

DELAWARE COUNTY
INTERACTIVE GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY (DCIGRA)

Minutes of meeting on 2023 April 20.

Present: Board members Paul Johnson, Frances Sheehan, Stefan Roots, Vince Rongione (who attended remotely), and Ron Evans.

Also in attendance was Solicitor Frank Daly.

Call to order: Chair Paul Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The previously proposed agenda was approved unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously with no amendments.

Mary Bethea and Rich Tutak of the Chester Pike Corridor Improvement Partners spoke to us about their organization's goals and needs.

Treasurer's Report:

- Stefan presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that the opening balance as of the start of the prior month was \$170,222.21 and the closing balance as of March 31 was \$141,749.74. Interest earned was \$6.55. Total checks paid was \$28,479.74. There were no outstanding checks. The bank balance as of 4/20 was \$141,749.74. We approved the Treasurer's report unanimously.
- We unanimously approved a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay Frank Daly invoice of \$2,062.50 for 1st Quarter 2023 solicitor services.

Solicitor's Report:

- Frank reminded us that each board member must file his or her Statement of Financial Interests by 4/30.
- Frank said that he will be posting the ad for the third round of the emergency services grants on or around June 1.
- The county council recently adopted a disclosure requirement regarding political donations but it doesn't apply to DCIGRA.

Old Business:

Regarding grant priorities, Frances said that she intends to update our 2023 budget to reflect known events since the beginning of the year. Christine Reuther, county council member who was attending, suggested being wary of recipients developing an expectation of receiving grants almost automatically each year. She added that a report regarding how grant money had been used by recipients would be helpful.

New Business

We unanimously approved a motion for a \$20,000 grant to Chester Pike Corridor Improvement Partners (subject to County Council approval).

The following motions were for 2023 NextGeneration grants with a focus on youth serving organizations. These are awarded on a rolling basis up to \$100,000 total for the entire fund.

- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Neighbor to Neighbor Development Corporation (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Boys and Girls Club of Chester (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$5,000 grant for Chester Upland Youth Soccer (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Child Guidance Resource Centers (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$7,500 grant for HEADstrong Foundation (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Harcum College's Youth Court Program (subject to County Council approval)
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for CASA Youth Advocates (subject to County Council approval)
- We approved a motion for a \$10,000 grant for 9th Street Youth & Community Center (subject to County Council approval). Frances, Stefan, Vincent and Ron voted yes. Paul abstained.
- We unanimously tabled a motion for a \$10,000 grant for Chester Housing Initiatives.
- A motion to reconsider our above grant amount to Chester Upland Youth Soccer failed to be seconded.

Public comments: There were no comments or questions from the public.

Authority member comments: Frances said that she won't be able to attend our May meeting. Paul said that the Share food program has initiated setting up a warehouse in Delaware County.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Evans

Ron Evans, Secretary