

**DELAWARE COUNTY**  
**INTERACTIVE GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY (DCIGRA)**

**Minutes of meeting on 2023 March 16.**

Present: Board members Paul Johnson, Frances Sheehan, Stefan Roots, Vince Rongione and Ron Evans.

Also in attendance was Solicitor Frank Daly.

Call to order: Chair Paul Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 February meeting were approved with no amendments.

Francine Locke, Delco Chief Sustainability Officer, spoke to us about the upcoming Sustainability Conference and, more generally, the work to promote sustainability within the county.

Christine Reuther, Delco Council member, spoke to us also. She told us that the 911 emergency response system is being upgraded which includes the purchase and maintenance of radios used by first responders. The county will be taking responsibility for the initial costs but in a few years the municipalities will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the radios. But some municipalities might have trouble paying for that cost and Christine encouraged DCIGRA to consider setting aside funds ahead of time for under-resourced municipalities. She also encouraged us to consider adding as a grant consideration multi- or cross-municipality cooperation to promote less Balkanization of the municipalities.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Stefan presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that the opening balance as of the start of the prior month was \$79,912.64 and the closing balance as of February 28 was \$170,222.21. Interest earned was \$6.73. Total checks paid was \$19,751. There were two outstanding checks totaling \$5,750. We received a quarterly gaming funds allotment of \$110,053.85. The bank balance as of 3/16 was \$150,672.32. The \$5,000 outstanding check for the Delco Arts Week is being voided since we have found a different fiscal sponsor than the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. We approved the Treasurer's report unanimously.
- We unanimously approved a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay Daily Times invoice of \$243.13 for ad on 3/2/23.

Solicitor's Report:

- In response to an inquiry from Paul, Frank gave us his opinion that DCIGRA making a grant to a county program such as the county Sustainability Conference would not be prohibited.
- Frank reminded us that each board member must file his or her Statement of Financial Interests by 4/30.

Old Business:

- We unanimously approved a motion to grant \$3,058.30 to the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County. Paul noted that this grant brings the sum for rounds 1 and 2 of the emergency services grants to \$100,000.
- We unanimously approved a motion for a \$50,000 grant allocation for Emergency Services grants for the period of June – August 2023. Goal to advertise is on or around June 1, 2023. We intend to consider the specific grant requests in September.

New Business

- We approved a motion to rescind the \$5,000 grant to Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance which had been intended to support marketing activities for Delco Arts Week 2023. Paul, Stefan, Vincent and Ron voted yes. Frances recused herself.
- We approved a motion to grant \$5,000 to The Foundation for Delaware County to support marketing activities for Delco Arts Week 2023. Paul, Stefan, Vincent and Ron voted yes. Frances recused herself.
- We approved a motion to grant \$20,000 to The Foundation for Delaware County to support event planning activities for the 2nd annual Delaware County Sustainability Conference. Paul, Stefan, Vincent and Ron voted yes. Frances recused herself.
- Continuing our grant priority discussion from prior months, Paul pointed out that the Chester Pike Improvement initiative is an example of multi-municipality cooperation, one of our thoughts regarding our Arts, Culture and History grants was economic development, and that we had mentioned supporting Seniors as a priority. Frances added that we had discussed partnering on an ongoing basis with such groups as the Share food program and the Delco Literacy Council.
- Frances informed us that Share is having an event on Thursday, April 20, at 10am.

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

Authority member comments: Stefan said that the Salvation Army expressed thanks for our grant. Paul congratulated Frances on her being appointed to the Delaware County Economic Development Oversight Board.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Evans*

Ron Evans, Secretary