

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCabe at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Sean McCabe  
James Csorny  
Hank Boerner  
Angela DeVito  
Lori Taggart  
Kathleen Wojciechoski  
Richard Ehlers, Counsel  
Lucille Sullivan

Absent: Jack Orben

Lucille Sullivan distributed the proposed budget for FY 2009 as prepared at the direction of Treasurer Jack Orben. The Board reviewed the budget and agreed to amend the salary for the Executive Director position to \$40,000, amend the line for legal fees to \$20,000, and amend the marketing line to \$10,000. After discussion the Board took the following action.

### **#38-08 – APPROVES PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2009**

Lori Taggart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by James Csorny.

RESOLVED, the proposed budget for FY 2009 be and is hereby approved with amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lucille Sullivan is authorized to forward the amended proposed budget to the Town Supervisor for comment and to post the proposed budget on the New York State PARIS web site.

**Vote: 6 yes**  
**1 absent**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2008 and requested that any reference to the comments of the former Executive Director be removed. Lucille Sullivan will make the necessary amendments to the minutes.

### **#39-08 - APPROVES MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

Lori Taggart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Kathleen Wojciechoski.

RESOLVED, the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2008 as amended be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said minutes be maintained in the files of the Agency and become a part of the record of the Agency.

**Vote: 6 yes**  
**1 absent**

The members of the Board expressed its thanks to the members of the Personnel Committee for their hard work and sacrifice of time spent on recent issues.

**#40-08 – ACCEPTS REPORT OF EXPENSES AND AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Angela DeVito offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Kathleen Wojciechoski.

WHEREAS, a report of expenses of the RIDA for the period 9/1/08 to 9/30/08 as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said report of expenses dated 9/31/08 be and is hereby accepted and expenses as listed are authorized for payment.

**Vote: 6 yes**  
**1 absent**

The Board discussed the process for its search of a new Executive Director. The Board unanimously agreed that the search should be conducted by all members of the Board. Support for the position to be a part-time position was expressed, but it was agreed that the discussion would continue when the full Board is present.

The Board also discussed the need for the development of a strategy for the agency as there currently is no collective vision. It was recommended that the downtown and EPCAL are a natural focus of business and that the agency should work with the staff and resources of the Empire Zone. The idea was suggested of a breakfast event inviting all past projects to learn how they are progressing and to get new leads. It was also recommended that any strategy developed by the agency should include an emphasis on the utilities available in the town. The consensus was that all Board members would consider options and direction for the Agency to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.