

LUZERNE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY MEETING

MAY 8, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority was called to order at 12:03pm by Chairperson Gary Zingaretti on May 8, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED BY CHAIRMAN GARY ZINGARETTI, WAS SAID BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmen Ambrosino, Hal Bloss, Donna Cupinski, Neal DeAngelo, Gene Rafalli, Michelle Reilly, John Ruckno, Anthony Ryba, Tom Woods, and Gary Zingaretti. ABSENT: Peter Biscontinini was absent. Also present were members of the SMG Administration including Mr. Bob Cavaliere (on the phone) from the SMG Corporate office in Philadelphia. Also present was Attorney Murray Ufberg and Attorney Dan Taroli, Solicitors from Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald.

Chairman Gary Zingaretti recognized dignitaries County Council Chairman, Tim McGinley, and former board Chairman Ed Harry. He thanked them for their presence.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report at the May board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF April 10, 2019, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Zingaretti asked for a motion to accept the board minutes as written. Motion made by Gene Rafalli and seconded by Michelle Reilly to approve the April 10, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. ON THE QUESTION: All those in favor of the motion to accept the minutes signified by saying "AYE". OPPOSED: No one opposed. ABSTAIN: No one abstained. The motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Zingaretti asked for a motion to pay all the bills as noted on the attached agenda in the amount of \$7,097.13. Motion made by Tony Ryba and seconded by John Ruckno to accept the payment of bills as listed on the agenda. ON THE QUESTION: All those in favor of the motion to pay the bills listed signified by saying "AYE". OPPOSED: No one opposed. ABSTAIN: No one abstained. The motion passed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SMG Assistant General Manager, Ms. Carrie Grantuskas, informed the board that WWE Live Summer Slam Heat Wave Tour has confirmed for July 7 and Snoop Dogg and Friends Tour will be here September 26. Both of these events are currently on sale. As most everyone knows by now, the Alabama 50th Anniversary concert which was scheduled for April was postponed due to the band member that was ill. They have re-confirmed a date of August 29 so tickets will continue to be on sale until the August date. Four (4) performances of Monster Jam which was held two (2) weeks ago. Everyone has been cleaning the building since that event and preparing for this weeks' concert on Friday when we host Kenny Chesney's Songs for the Saints Tour. This was the fastest sellout in venue history. It sold out within 10 minutes and the parking lot will open at 4pm on Friday with doors opening at 6pm. Full details for the performance and security details are on the website. There are several local college and high school graduations. In the coming weeks we will have commencements for Marywood University, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, University of Scranton, Penn Foster and Crestwood High School.

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Finally and most importantly she announced that SMG has hired Mr. Will Beekman as the new SMG General Manager of Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. His official start date will be Monday, May 13, 2019. We are very excited to congratulate Will Beekman and look forward to having him join the team. Mr. Bob Cavalieri from SMG Corporate is still on the phone and commented that he expressed his delight in having Will Beekman join the team at Mohegan Sun Arena as the new General Manager. This is beneficial for everybody concerned and he is very happy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ms. Donna Cupinski thanked Carrie Grantuskas for holding the fort as Acting General Manager for the past month.

The pedestrian bridge at the West Gate is done and they are waiting for the weather to cooperate so they can work on the East Gate.

Regarding the Wi-Fi project, the committee members will have a meeting in the near future to discuss the Wi-Fi project and other projects coming up.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Tony Ryba stated that there was nothing to report for the Finance Committee this month.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Michelle Reilly stated that she did not have anything to report this month. Mr. Mike Wilczynski, Director of Operations, informed the board that he recently received a notice that the next meeting date for Wilkes-Barre Township is coming up on May 14, 2019, at 6pm, to discuss the project. He stated that there is supposed to be two (2) meetings regarding that construction. They are trying to get the hotel to exceed the maximum amount of floors that are permitted because they want to go higher with the build, there is a meeting voting on that and then there is also a Land Development Meeting. Mr. Tom Woods stated that it will be a zoning hearing meeting for the variance of the height of the building. He added that he will attend the meeting but will recuse himself because of the ongoing discussions about entrances, etc.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Mr. Hal Bloss had nothing to report this month.

SUITES & CLUB SEATS COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Woods said that he and Mr. Steve Poremba, Director of Marketing, will get together soon to go over a few things for when the contract takes place.

RIGHT TO KNOW

Attorney Peter Biscontini was absent but Mrs. GailAnn Gorski, Office Manager, stated that there was no request this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Gary Zingaretti stated that at the last board meeting the board approved the terms and

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conditions of the SMG Management Agreement and SMG SAVOR Food & Beverage Agreements with the presumption that the SMG Committee would then go back and put those terms into the contract. This has been done and now there is a resolution to approve the revised contract with SMG effective January 1, 2020 with a ten (10) year term and an additional five (5) year option with the terms that were provided to the board at the last Executive Session. Motion made by Hal Bloss and seconded by Donna Cupinski to approve the motion as stated by Chairman Gary Zingaretti. ON THE QUESTION: All those in favor of the motion signified by saying "AYE". OPPOSED: No one opposed. ABSTAIN: No one abstained. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gary Zingaretti announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting from 11am to 11:50am at which time the board members reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed ten (10) year contract extension with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and Pittsburgh Penguins. Chairman Zingaretti read the resolution verbatim (attached) for the meeting minutes. Motion made by Tom Woods and seconded by Hal Bloss to accept the resolution as read by Chairman Zingaretti. ON THE QUESTION: Chairman Zingaretti stated that the item was not on the agenda and therefore was not subject to Public Comment. At this time he asked for any public comments on the WBS Penguins Agreement. No public comments were made. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying "AYE". OPPOSED: No one opposed. ABSTAIN: No one abstained. The motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Michelle Reilly thanked the Executive Board for all the hard work and time that was put into the agreement. She thanked everyone for all the man-hours put forth including those that are not currently serving on the board, such as Ed Harry, past Chairman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary Zingaretti stated that the Executive Session was already announced under New Business to discuss the WBS Penguins Agreement terms and conditions.

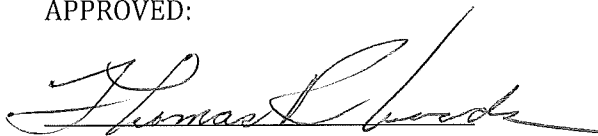
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Tom Woods and seconded by Hal Bloss to adjourn the meeting at 12:16pm. ON THE QUESTION: All those in favor of the motion signified by saying "AYE". OPPOSED: No one opposed. ABSTAIN: No one abstained. The motion passed.

The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting is set for the second Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at noon.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mr. Tom Woods, Secretary