

Minutes of the
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority Meeting

December 21, 2011

Present: Chairman Daniel Oliverio, Director Brian Lipke, Director Louis Thomas, Director Mark Walling, Director Catherine Creighton, Executive Director Kenneth Vetter

Chairman Oliverio: “Good afternoon and welcome to the December 21st meeting of the Erie County Fiscal stability Authority. I’d like to welcome everyone. Today we were going to have a couple of things on our agenda, the easy one was to approve the budget of the authority and then we were going to consider a borrowing resolution which we will talk about a little more in a minute. First though, I will assume the role of secretary and I’ll entertain a motion if everyone has had an opportunity to look at the minutes to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting.”

Director Lipke moves to approve the minutes, Director Walling seconds and the Board votes unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting.

Resolution No. 11-17

APPROVING MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS FROM

THE OCTOBER 20, 2011 MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority approves the minutes of its October 20, 2011 meeting and ratifies and affirms three resolutions numbered 11-14, 11-15, and 11-16 that were approved on OCTOBER 20, 2011.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairman Oliverio: “The next item on our agenda was to be the passing of a bond resolution that was included in the board packet. This resolution was to be considered in light of some borrowing that was going to be done or thought to be done early in the administration of Mr. Poloncarz; kind of a transitional issue that came up and we wanted to be prepared to do that. Mr. Vetter informed me and we discussed this at the Finance Committee meeting today that the County Executive Elect, Mr. Poloncarz, has asked us to hold off on approving that resolution today because he plans to present a more omnibus borrowing package early in 2012 and it would probably be more appropriate if we did wait to consider what is in that borrowing package so we can craft our resolution appropriately. The Finance Committee met today and I’ll turn this over to Mr. Lipke for some further comments addressed that issue and Mr. Lipke could you report on that?”

Director Lipke: “The finance committee met a little while ago and took into consideration a request from the County Executive Elect to postpone authorizing the issuance of bonds today in view of the fact that he plans to submit an omnibus plan which would take into consideration this borrowing request along with others that they are considering at this point in time. At one point in earlier discussions on this Mr. Chairman you raised the point that in general you favor a complete package when considering the borrowing for the County as opposed to doing piece-meal packages and so this actually ties in nicely with the feelings of the board overall and we decided at the Finance Committee to work with the County Executive Elect in his request to postpone this matter until he is able to submit the omnibus plan.”

Chairman Oliverio: “Thank you Mr. Lipke. I think that will also allow us more than sufficient time to consider the savings that we can offer the County if there is another borrowing by virtue of our superior credit rating and ability to borrow based upon our cash collateral. If the County is to borrow, which it almost must, under the circumstances as it usually does year to year. I am confident that the Authority will be in a position to save substantial dollars once again for the County of Erie if we undertake the borrowing on terms that we are able to get compared to what the County can get. So we look forward to seeing the County Executive Elect’s and soon to be County Executive’s borrowing package so we can act on it in 2012.”

“Any other comments or questions for Mr. Lipke or Mr. Vetter from other members of the board? “

“Alright, I don’t think we need a resolution to remove that from the agenda or to postpone consideration so what I will do is I’ll move on to our Budget and Financial Plan for the Authority. Mr. Vetter could you comment about that please?”

Executive Director Vetter: “Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, consistent with the Finance committee presentation a little bit ago, before you is the 2012 Authority budget and associated financial plan. Just some highlights of the proposal, it’s down by about \$15,000 over last year’s budget and actually over a period of time the initial authority budget was about \$1.2 million and now it’s down under \$500,000; which is a good thing. Some highlights of the budget proposal: professional services fees are down by about \$18,000 legal fees within that category down by about \$10,000, financial advisors down by \$5,000 and again doing a good job in keeping professional services down, office expenses down by about \$4,000 and really primarily because of what the board is doing today in things like piggybacking meetings like the finance and the board meeting right now so that only one expense is incurred for the sound and video taping that we

are mandated to do as a public authority as opposed to two. Last item to mention, salaries and fringe is up by about \$7,000. Primarily due to the same kinds of things the County encountering significant increase in pension costs, significant increase in health insurance costs minor staff increments and that's about it. Mr. Chairman, I would ask that if there are any questions I would be ready to answer them if not I would suggest a vote to approve the budget."

Chairman Oliverio: "Starting again with Ms. Creighton... Ms. Creighton any questions regarding the Authority's budget?"

Director Creighton: "No questions at this time."

Chairman Oliverio: "Mr. Thomas? "

Director Thomas: "No questions."

Chairman Oliverio: "Mr. Walling?"

Director Walling: "No questions."

Chairman Oliverio: "Mr. Lipke?"

Director Lipke: "Just a comment that the finance committee did approve the budget and recommends to the board that they approve it as well."

Chairman Oliverio: "I would entertain a motion to approve the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority's Budget and financial plan for 2012."

Director Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Director Walling and the board votes to unanimously approve the Budget and Financial plan.

Chairman Oliverio: "So moved, any further discussion? The Budget and Financial Plan are approved."

"Being no further business I'd ask for a motion to adjourn."

Director Thomas makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Creighton and the board votes unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Oliverio

Chairman

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