

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Oneida County Industrial Development Agency  
Held on November 20, 2008 at the EDGE Offices,  
Rome, NY 13441**

**Members Present:** F. Betrus, M. Fitzgerald, D. Grow, M. Valentine, S. Zogby

**Staff Present:** J. Castilla, S. DiMeo, S. Papale

**Others Present:** M. Murphy, T. O'Byrne, A. Picente, P. Romano, L. Ruberto, J. Saunders, J. Spaeth

Mr. Grow opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Joe Karam at 8:08 AM.

The minutes of the October 15 Agency meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Zogby, seconded by Mr. Valentine.

In other Agency business:

- A Final Authorizing Resolution for the BBL Verona, LLC facility adopting a Statement of Findings with respect to the Facility, request Anthony J. Picente, Jr., Oneida County Executive, to confirm the proposed action of the Agency was brought before the Board. Mr. Picente must confirm the BBL project is a tourism destination in order to support the Agency's deviation from policy. Mr. Tim O'Byrne from BBL thanked the Agency for their inducement action for mortgage recording tax exemption and requested that they consider allowing sales tax exemption on projects such as this one in the future. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald for mortgage recording tax exemption for the BBL Verona, LLC Facility, seconded by Mr. Zogby; the Final Authorizing Resolution was unanimously approved.*
- An Initial Authorizing Resolution for Oriskany Manufacturing Technology (OMT) was brought before the Agency. Mr. Castilla explained the company's recent growth which requires that it move out of its existing building in Utica and expands its operation in a New York Mills building that will require a 30,000 square foot addition. The project will create 35 jobs over three years in addition to retaining the 55 present jobs. *A motion to induce the OMT project providing a standard industrial PILOT on the incremental assessment increase for a 10-year period after sunset of Empire Zone Benefits while maintaining 80 full-time jobs at the facility was made by Mr. Zogby, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald. The IAR was unanimously approved.*
- Chairman Grow recognized Mr. Karam for his contributions to the community over the years, particularly his contributions in economic development. Mr. Picente reflected on the unique character Mr. Karam was and how he had a lasting impact on all those who knew him. Mr. Picente then read a Proclamation in honor of Mr. Karam. Mr. Grow suggested that in lieu of flowers, the Agency donate a \$250 honorarium to the Players Theater – one of the charities listed in Mr. Karam's obituary. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Betrus; the \$250 honorarium was unanimously approved.*
- A Final Authorizing Resolution in connection with the 210 Commons Road LLC (Remet Corporation) Facility, approving the financial assistance that represents a deviation from the

IDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy was brought before the Agency. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Betrus; the FAR was unanimously approved.*

- A Final Authorizing Resolution relating to the Matt Brewing Co., Inc. Facility, approving the financial assistance that represents a deviation from the IDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy was brought before the Agency. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Valentine; the FAR was unanimously approved.*
- A Final Authorizing Resolution in connection with the Birnie Bus Service, Inc./Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. Facility was brought before the Agency. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Zogby; the FAR was unanimously approved.*
- A request to ratify the action taken by the Agency in connection with the redemption of Series 1999B Bonds for Bonide Products, Inc. and ratification of the execution of related documents was presented. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Zogby, the action was ratified with Mr. Fitzgerald abstaining.*
- A request to ratify the action taken by the Agency in connection with the appointment of BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC as successor Remarketing Advisor for Champion Home Builders Co. and ratification of the execution of related documents was presented. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Betrus, the action was unanimously ratified.*
- *Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Zogby; the Agency entered Executive Session at 8:45 AM. A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Grow at 10:05 AM.*

#### Old Business:

- A request to re-induce the Initial Authorizing Resolution for Griffiss Utilities Services Corporation (GUSC) for Industrial Revenue bonds and IDA benefits was brought before the Agency. It was affirmed that the Griffiss Local Development Corporation approved a Resolution to move forward with the GUSC project at their Board Meeting on November 12. Mr. Grow and Mr. Zogby also relayed the information gathered from a meeting with GUSC and forest industry representatives that confirmed the availability and cost effectiveness of wood chips that would supply the project. A summary of the talking points of that meeting are attached. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Zogby, seconded by Mr. Betrus, re-inducement of the IAR for GUSC was unanimously approved.*
- Approval to close-out the SEQR process on the Rome Cable Complex 3 Demolition Project by issuing a "Negative Declaration" and authorizing Ms. Papale to sign Part III of the Short Environmental Assessment form stating that the proposed action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts was requested by Mr. Romano representing Shumaker Engineering. Mr. Romano stated that his firm had completed a coordinated review with NYSDEC, ESD, and the City of Rome and no comments were issued. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded Mr. Valentine; close-out of the SEQR process was approved with Mr. Grow abstaining.*
- A request to authorize Ms. Papale to sign Task Order No. 2-3 under the Rome Cable, Phase II Project to complete Interim Remedial Measure design services at Building Complex 4 was brought before the Agency. Mr. Romano stated that the Budget for this work has already been allocated by the NYSDEC under the State Assistance Contract and scope of services

approved by NYSDEC. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Valentine, authorization was granted with Mr. Grow abstaining.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna M. Papale  
Executive Director