The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Green Island Power Authority held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00pm, at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street Green Island.

Chairperson Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Chairperson McNulty-Ryan, Vice Chairperson Perfetti, Trustee DeMento, Trustee Cocca, Attorney Legnard, Kristin M. Swinton, GIPA CEO, and Madeline Paterniani, GIPA CFO (present by phone).

Absent: Trustee Viera

On a motion by Trustee DeMento and seconded by Trustee Cocca and carried, to excuse the absentee. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan noted that there was no one to speak for Public Forum.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item is consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting and annual meetings held on December 18, 2023.

On a motion by Trustee Cocca and seconded by Vice Chairperson Perfetti and carried, to approve the minutes of the regular and annual meetings held on December 18, 2023. All ayes.

Communications: one email dated January 14, 2024

Please convey to all involved my sincere gratitude for the huge effort involved in getting the power restored to our little community.

Having been acquainted with utility linemen throughout my life, I know that a situation like what we encountered yesterday can present major challenges as well as peril to the brave souls who opt for this kind of work.

To have to work this kind of repair, especially in such inclement weather, is no easy task. Therefore, regardless of the length of time it took to accomplish the restoration, I just want these men (and women if applicable) to know that there is at least one resident who understands and respects the valiant effort it took to get the job completed, and am most certainly grateful for their time and dedication to their job to get it DONE.

Thankfully, although I am a mobility-impaired senior, I was not impacted as much by the loss of power as probably many others in the village, yet the fact that the village made arrangements for those absolutely requiring heat and power is also most commendable.

Another reason I’m proud to say I live in an area that does truly care for its residents.

So, kudos and my heartfelt THANKS to ALL who played a part in making the best out of a dire situation but especially to our GIPA workers who literally but their lives on the line to effect our return to normalcy as soon as was realistically possible.

Wishing you all a warm, hot coffee infused day with the hope we never have to live through another such event in the future!

THANK YOU!

Melanie Nickolaus

36 High St.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan ordered the communication filed.

Trustee DeMento commended the GIPA and DPW crews for what they did and was very upset by the comments on social media.

CEO Kristin Swinton shared photos of the damaged pole and explained that the original outage was a National Grid line in Maplewood. Once their repair is made they have to inspect our lines and poles before re-energizing them and that is when they found the pole that had caught on fire and burned through the cross-arms. They could not energize our lines until that pole was fixed. The pole was located in a locked, fenced area next to Troy Belt. The closest repair crew was five (5) hours away due to storm staging near Buffalo. While that crew was enroute, our crew trimmed the trees around the pole and had to build a temporary road to make the repairs because the pole was surrounded by swamp. The Fire Department was onsite with them all night as well providing light to the area. There was a lot more involved than what people think and the guys did a fantastic job.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item is consideration of the Approval of Claims for the month.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento and seconded by Vice Chairperson Perfetti and carried, to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of $8,258.49 and to grant authorization for the payment of any routine invoices that are received for the month. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated that the next item is consideration of the monthly reports by the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

On a motion by Trustee DeMento and seconded by Trustee Cocca and carried, to accept the monthly reports by the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer. All ayes.

The next item for consideration is the lease agreement renewal between GIPA and the Village of Green Island for office space for 2024.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan stated this is annual renewal with no changes to rent or anything else.

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Perfetti and seconded by Trustee Cocca and carried, to approve the lease renewal with the Village of Green Island for office space for 2024. All ayes.

On a motion by Trustee Cocca and seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to approve the adjustments to the monthly billing. All ayes.

Chairperson McNulty-Ryan noted there is no monthly recap for GIPA and DPW.

No further business.

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Perfetti and seconded by Trustee DeMento and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. All ayes.