MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

March 13, 2019
Meeting Location: Wallkill Town Hall, 99 Tower Drive, Building A, Middletown, NY

Present: Members:
Mark Coyne (Chairman)
Paul Erickson,
Joseph Stewart

Absent:
James Townsend

Attorney:
William A. Frank, Esq.

Clerk to Agency:
Rudy Charles

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
I. Pre-Application of 12th Rock Sports: Mark Jalosyznski appeared for applicant, a recognized IRS 501(c)(3) charity, to preliminarily discuss potential IDA benefits for a 100+ square foot planned indoor sports complex on 14 acres located at 401 Mount Hope Road. The Town Planning Board has already approved the project and they are in the process of securing funding through donations and an expected bank loan for 40% of the total capital project cost estimated at $10-12MM. 12th Rock Sports is a subsidiary of 12th Rock Ministries.

The entity that owns the land is registered as a New York domestic not-for-profit corporation. Applicant intends for the entity which will be operating the sports complex to be a for-profit entity.

The intention is for the facility to begin operations in the Fall of 2021 and offer track and field, tennis and other indoor sports facilities to local schools and youth groups, including religious groups in connection with their ministry. One of the projected
target users will be the OCIAA in order for track meets to be held at the property. 1400 students and spectators could be accommodated at the property for such events.

The applicant projects the creation of 12-15 full-time jobs and 30+ part-time jobs.

The applicant’s representative stated that without benefits from the TOWIDA or OCIDA, he was doubtful that the project would move forward.

Following the completion of the presentation, the applicant’s representative left the meeting. At that time, Agency Counsel went down to the Town Assessor’s Office and was advised that the applicant has filed an application seeking a 100% real property tax exemption for the subject property as a religious use. The Assessor provided a copy of the application and printouts for the current tax invoices for the property which total $8,500 annually.

The Board members discussed the project, which they believe will be a benefit to the community. However, the propriety of granting an application for IDA benefits for this type of project is a concern of the Board. The following initial questions were raised by the Board following the end of the presentation to be researched by Agency Counsel:

1. Is it permissible for an IDA to confer benefits on a non-profit 501(c)(3) religious corporation?

2. Is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation automatically entitled to sales tax exemptions in New York?

Once these questions are answered, Chairman Coyne will have a follow-up discussion with the applicant to determine if it is appropriate to move forward with a full application.

II. Adoption of Resolution: The Agency Members in attendance reviewed the proposed Agency documents for approval and ratification as of December 31, 2018: By-Laws, Certificate of Independence, Annual Disclosure Form, Mission Statement and Goals Measurement Report, Code of Ethics, Whistleblower Policy, Procurement Policy, Investment Policy and Uniform Tax Exempt Policy. The Members noted that each of them had received these documents from Counsel prior to the meeting and had read same in advance.
The following resolution was offered by Mr. Coyne and Seconded by Mr. Stewart:

RESOLUTION

*(Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005)*

Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2005

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) of the State of New York (the “State”), as amended, and Chapter 73 of the Laws of 197- of the State, (hereinafter collectively called the “Act”), the TOWN OF WALLKILL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (hereinafter called the “Agency”) was created as a public benefit corporation of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 (the “PAAA”), which was signed into law on January 13, 2006 as Chapter 766 of the Laws of 2005, was enacted by the New York State Legislature to insure greater accountability and openness of public authorities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) of the State, the provisions of the PAAA apply to certain defined “local authorities”, including the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to adopt certain policies, standards and procedures necessary to comply with the provisions of the PAAA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of the Agency (the “Board”) as follows:

Section 1. The By-Laws of the Agency, as presented at this meeting are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 2824 of the PAL, any members of the Board appointed on or after January 13, 2006 shall participate in State-approved training regarding their legal, fiduciary, financial and ethical responsibilities as directors within one (1) year of their appointment to the Agency. Further, each Board member appointed on or after January 13, 2006 may be required to execute a certificate of independence pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 2825 of the PAL as the majority of such members must be independent. Such certificate shall be executed in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
Section 3. Pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 2824 of the PAL, all members of the Board shall participate in such continuing training as may be required to remain informed of best practices, regulatory and statutory changes relating to the effective oversight of the management and financial activities of public authorities and to adhere to the highest standards of responsible governance.

Section 4. Pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 2825 of the PAL, all Agency Board members, officers and employees shall file annual financial disclosure statements with the Orange County Board of Ethics. The annual financial disclosure statements so filed shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, or such other form of statement as may be adopted and approved by the Agency.

Section 5. Pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 2824 of the PAL, an Audit Committee is hereby formed, being comprised of Paul Erickson, James Townsend, Joseph Stewart (Independent Members) for the purpose of recommending to the Board the hiring of a certified independent accounting firm, establishing the compensation to be paid to the accounting firm and providing direct oversight of the performance of the independent audit to be performed on or after fiscal year ending on December 31, 2015 by the accounting firm hired for such purposes.

Section 6. Pursuant to subdivision 7 of Section 2824 of the PAL, a Governance Committee is hereby formed, being comprised of Paul Erickson, James Townsend, Joseph Stewart (Independent Members) for the purpose of keeping the Board informed of current best governance practices, to review corporate governance trends; to update the Agency’s corporate governance principles; and to advise appointing the Agency on skills and experiences required of potential Board members.

Section 7. Pursuant to subdivision 2(a) of Section 2800 of the PAL, the Board shall submit to the chief executive officer of the municipality, the chief fiscal officer of the municipality and the chairperson of the legislative body of the County, and the New York State Authority Budget Office within ninety (90) days after the end of the Agency’s fiscal year (with the first report due by March 31, 2019 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018), a complete and detailed report (the “Annual Report”) that shall contain:

(a) the Agency’s operations and accomplishments;

(b) the Agency’s receipts and disbursements, or revenues and expenses, during such fiscal year in accordance with the categories or classifications established by the Agency for its own operating and capital outlay purposes;

(c) the Agency’s assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year including the status of reserve, depreciation, special or other funds and including the receipts and payments of these funds;
a schedule of the Agency’s bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its fiscal year, together with a statement of the amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal year as part of a schedule of debt issuance that includes the date of issuance, term, amount, interest rate and means of repayment. Additionally, the debt schedule shall also include all refinancings, calls, refundings, defeasements and interest rate exchange or other such agreements, and for any debt issued during the reporting year, the schedule shall also include a detailed list of costs of issuance for such debt.

the projects undertaken by such authority during the past year;

a listing of (I) all real property of such authority having an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars that the authority intends to dispose of; (ii) all such property held by the authority at the end of the period covered by the report; and (iii) all such property disposed of during such period. The report shall contain an estimate of fair market value for all such property held by the authority at the end of the period and the price received by the authority and the name of the purchaser for all such property sold by the authority during such period;

the Agency’s code of ethics; and

an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control structure and procedures.

Once completed, and prior to submission, the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Agency shall certify that the financial information contained in the Annual Report is accurate, correct and does not contain any untrue statements. The Mission Statement and Annual Goals Measurement Report, along with the form certification to be executed shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

Section 8.  Pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 2801 of PAL, on or before January 31, 2018, the Agency will submit to the chief executive officer of the municipality, the chief fiscal officer of the municipality and the chairperson of the legislative body of the County, along with the New York State Authority Budget Office, the Agency’s budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

Section 9.  For the Agency fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and each year thereafter, the Agency will abide by the following rules relating to audit services:

(a)  the certified independent public accounting firm performing the Agency’s audit will be prohibited from providing audit services if the lead (or coordinating) audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit, has performed audit services for the Agency in each of the five previous fiscal years;

(b)  the certified independent public accounting firm performing the audit shall be prohibited from performing any non-audit services to the Agency contemporaneously with the audit, unless receiving previous written approval by the audit committee including: (I) bookkeeping or other services related to the
accounting records or financial statement of the Agency, (ii) financial information systems design and implementation, (iii) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribution-in-kind reports, (iv) actuarial services, (v) internal audit outsourcing services, (vi) management functions or human services, (vii) broker or dealer, investment advisor, or investment banking services and (viii) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and

(c) it shall be prohibited for any certified independent public accounting firm to perform for such Agency any audit service if the chief executive officer (Executive Director), comptroller (Treasurer), chief financial officer (Treasurer), chief accounting officer, or any other person serving in an equivalent position for the agency, was employed by that certified independent public accounting firm and participated in any capacity in the audit of the Agency during the one (1) year period preceding the date of the initiation of the audit.

Section 10. The following policies, as presented at this meeting, are hereby adopted and approved:

(a) The Agency By-Laws;
(b) The Code of Ethics attached hereto as Exhibit E;
(c) The Whistleblower Policy attached hereto as Exhibit F; and
(d) The Procurement Policy attached hereto as Exhibit G;
(e) The Investment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit H.
(f) The Uniform Tax Exempt Policy attached hereto as Exhibit “I”

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

1. **Annual Financial Disclosure Forms**: The Members present reviewed and completed their Annual Financial Disclosure Forms.

2. **Confidential Evaluation and Board Performance**: The Members present each reviewed and completed the Confidential Evaluation of Board Performance forms.

3. **Completion of Certificates of Independence**: The Members present each reviewed and completed their Certificates of Independence.

4. **Internal Control Structure & Procedures**: The Members present reviewed and approved the Agency’s Internal Control Structure & Procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.