

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Randy Boger, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Shawn Weiman and Paul Romano

Also Present: Mike Potrzeba, Kevin Martin, Adam Pawlick, Carl Annese Danielle Bali, Jamison Gordon & Bill Cole

Excused: Steve Dimeo

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 3:58 PM.

Bill Cole from Gates Cole Insurance and Jamison Gordon from Cincinnati Insurance re-presents the 2024 Insurance Proposal to the board. Discussion on the policy

Adirondack Sports Council presents to the board their plans for the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship

Paul makes a motion to accept the minutes from 12/13/23, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

De Lage Landen Public Finance	\$3,872.16
Bank of Utica	\$6,542.46
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$62,105.00

Randy makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

Rick updates the board on previous and upcoming events. Discussion on storage at NEXUS.
Rick to review

Paul updates the board on the status of the stop signs and crosswalks. Everything has been complete that is on-site. The remaining parts are scheduled to arrive within the next two weeks for the City/Hueber-Breuer to complete the install.

Discussion on the 470 Whitesboro Street Loan with Bank of Utica. Paul makes a motion to opt for the floating rate for the next 5 years, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:03 PM, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON MARCH 13, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Randy Boger, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Shawn Weiman and Paul Romano

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese & Robert Esche

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

NEXUS Business – Recap on IIHF Womens Worlds, USPHL Nationals, Parking lot lights, Labatt Blue En trance, Figure Skating Event. Update - Over 7,000 School Tickets and around 1100 total packages sold. Painting on AUD starting tomorrow.

Paul makes a motion to enter executive session at 5:15PM, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Mark makes a motion to enter executive session at 5:15PM, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from 1/10/24, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Oneida County	\$600,000.00
Oneida County	\$175,000.00
Bank of Utica	\$13,986.33
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$90,000.00

Mark makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

Kevin Martin hands out the yearly questionnaire on board effectiveness. Each member filled out the questionnaire anonymously and returned the document to Kevin.

Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 5:47pm, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON APRIL 17, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Shawn Weiman and Paul Romano

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese, Robert Esche & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Randy Boger

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Paul makes a motion to accept the minutes from 3/14/24, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment:

J&C Ice Technologies (NEXUS)	\$1,893.46
City Of Utica Urban Renewal	\$12,000.00
Bank of Utica	\$6,822.60
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$60,000.00

Mark makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

Recap of IIHF event - great feedback from players, families and spectators on the event and the venue. Update on end of season and upcoming events, along with the World Lacrosse in the fall. Update on parking lot lights and electric vehicle charging stations – Kevin Martin sent the agreement for review to the board.

Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame reached out about setting up the local hall of fame at NEXUS, board will follow up with them

Paul makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:36PM, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Paul makes a motion to enter executive session at 5:13PM, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Paul reminds the board that the Plaques for NEXUS and the West End Expansion are on site and will be installed in the next few weeks

Paul makes a motion to adjourn at 5:47pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON MAY 8, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Shawn Weiman and Randy Boger

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Paul Romano

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from 4/17/24, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment:

Bank of Utica	\$6,822.60
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$63,000.00

Mark makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Recap of events – Graduations upcoming, Rodeo in August. Working on other events

Update on EV charging stations. The company is waiting on the grant money and will start work once received. They completed a site visit and are ready to proceed. Contract has been reviewed by council and signed. The first phase has (5) Double Chargers being installed, with an additional (5) going in at a later time.

REDC Meeting for the state happened a few weeks ago at NEXUS, feed from people is attendance is was impressed with the NEXUS facility and are eager for more projects like NEXUS.

Draft financial statements were presented and emailed to the board, Board Members will review prior to their next meeting, along with the PARIS Filing, and vote to approve them at that time

Greg makes a motion to accept the Audit Rep Letter as presented, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

Paul makes a motion to adjourn at 4:33pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 12, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave and Paul Romano

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman & Randy Boger

Authority Business:

Paul calls the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from 5/8/24, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment:

Bank of Utica	\$6,822.60
J&C Ice Technologies	\$1,893.46
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Perkins&Will	\$15,000.00
Oneida County	\$150,000.00

Mary makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Plaque – Tentatively next meeting (July 10th) for Plaque unveiling. Rick will work with contractor to get it installed

Recap of events – Graduations upcoming, Rodeo in August. Working on other events

Update on EV charging stations – Reviewed the site plan and discussed other possible locations for the chargers.

Greg makes a motion to execute the contract with for Electric Vehicle charging station, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Introduction of new NEXUS General Manager, he will attend the next meeting when the full board is assembled

Mark makes a motion to accept the 2023 PARIS filing with the 2 changes & accept the 2023 Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 4:33pm, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Randy Boger, Shawn Weiman, Patrick Brennan and Paul Romano

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese, Andy Starczewski & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Paul calls the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

The following vouchers were presented for payment:

Bank of Utica	\$7,122.60
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$57,100.00

Mark makes a motion to accept the payments as presented, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Introduction to Patrick Brennan, new member

Introduction of Andy Starczwski, update on events happening in NEXUS and the Aud upcoming, lots of Lacrosse coming in the next month leading up to World Box Lacrosse Championship. Youth hockey kicking off after Labor Day, Jr. Teams starting next week. Update on World Box Lacrosse.

Stormwater & Facility Update – roof leaks in south connector, South egress drain issue – paul updates the board on the status of the obstruction in the line, ice alarms are fixed related to the ice alarms not alerting when temperature reaches the high limit, PASCO quote, need to confirm with Rick if we are accepting that quote or not

Plaque – New plaque arrived today, need to confirm that everything is correct this time. Rick will work will to get it installed

October 9th for plaque unveiling with the legislature

Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 4:33pm, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Randy Boger, and Paul Romano

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese, Robert Esche & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman, Patrick Brennan and Gregory Gaeta

Authority Business:

Paul calls the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Mark makes a motion to accept the minutes from August 21, 2024, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Rob updates the board on events, working on booking more new events. Update on the lacrosse world championship starting next week

Rob updates the board on the status of the digital dasher boards, Vepe was on site last week to do the field measurements

Decision was made to move the plaque unveiling to November 8th Utica Comets game for

Mark makes a motion to adjourn at 4:33pm, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON OCTOBER 09, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Shawn Weiman, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta, Randy Bogar and Paul Romano (By Phone)

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese, Robert Esche, Keith Veronesi & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2024, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Bank of Utica 9/11/24	\$7,163.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC 9/11/24	\$50,000.00
Oneida County 9/11/24	\$175,000.00
Bank of Utica 10/9/24	\$7,033.13
Garden Entertainment, LLC 10/9/24	\$56,000.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$3,443.38
Utica Comets, LLC	\$4,429.78
De Lage Landen Public Finance	\$3,872.16

Rob updates the board on events, working on booking more new events. Update on the Box Lacrosse World Championship event from September

No update on storm water issue from Hueber Breuer, they came to the building two weeks ago to coordinate with Rick Redmond on the renovation to the roof drains. Work to be complete in the next few weeks.

Invitation to legislators for 11/8 for plaque unveiling and event in the suite will go out next week

Rob updates the board on the Fallen Heros Monument proposed for NEXUS.

Kevin updates the board on the electric charging station, they completed a site visit last week and will get us renderings of the proposed charging stations

Rob updates the board on the digital dasher board. He spoke to Bank of Utica on refinancing the Tony's Audelicious building and will update the board as he hears more. Rob reviews the installation timeline with the board

Rob updates the board on the status of the digital dasher boards, Vepe was on site last week to do the field measurements

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:47PM, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Mary makes a motion to enter executive session at 5:35PM, seconded by Patrick, all in favor.

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 4:33pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Kevin Martin, Carl Annese, Paul Romano & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2024, seconded by Pat, all in favor

Bank of Utica	\$6,692.00
Paul K Hatzinger, Inc.	\$3,875.00
Inserras Flooring Outlet	\$5,989.98
Vepe IcePro	\$276,000.00
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	\$143.28
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00

Kevin updates the board on the Labatt Blue Parking Lot and potential development. At this time, the party has selected a new location.

Kevin updates the board on the refinance with Bank of Utica. He will email the board the relevant information and note once he receives it, but everything is on schedule

Discussion on the PARIS Budget report. Greg makes a motion to approve the PARIS budget report for submission to PARIS, seconded by Randy, all in favor

Patrick makes note of the Veterans Day Utica Comets Game on 11/11/24 and applauds the ceremony that was run on Veterans Plaza prior to the game by Rick Redmond.

Discussion on the plaque unveiling ceremony on 11/8 that was attended by many of the Oneida County Legislatures

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:03pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2024, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Shawn Weiman, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta (By-Phone) and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Patrick makes a motion to accept the minutes from November 13, 2024, seconded by Randy, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$6,692.00
Oneida County	\$175,000.00
Vepe IcePro	\$276,000.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00

Keith updates the board on upcoming events including Brantley Gilbert, American Cornhole League event, Empire State Cheerleading with over 800 participants, Notre Dame Hockey Academy, other concerts for Fall 2025 are starting to come together. Other targeted events include the Warrior Hockey tournament for injured military vets.

Mike updates the board on the digital dashboards, shipment 1 of 2 had arrived earlier that day and shipment 2 of 2 is currently being unloaded at the back door. Installation will begin shortly in order to meet the Saturday deadline for testing.

Paul passes out renderings for the Fallen Hero exhibit being proposed in NEXUS. Discussion on the various options. The board likes version #1 the best out of the options

Mary makes a motion to accept D'Arcangelo as the auditors for the 2024 Audit, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 4:47pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.