

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD March 20, 2014 AT

165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

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The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Chairman Ragan stated that adequate meeting notice requirements, as prescribed by NJ Sunshine Law, had been met. Upon roll call Commissioners Bailey, DeJesus-Farrar, Lesinski, Parson, Ragan and Thomas answered present, with Commissioners Pekarofski absent. Also in attendance were Authority Attorney Testino and Accountant Ciarrocca.

Chairman Ragan introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Kristine DeJesus-Farrar.

Commissioner Ragan requested that the minutes of the previous meeting be acted on. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Parson, the minutes were approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes, one (1) Abstained and one (1) Absent.

Under the Director's Report Mr. Pushko stated that the FEMA asbestos claim is now at the States level and is being reviewed by the insurance official. Mr. Pushko further noted that the Contract for the Groundwater & Soil Remediation was signed and the start date will be April 28, 2014. While under construction the parking lot will be repaired along with the apron on the driveway to stop ponding.

Chairman Ragan requested that the February bills (incurred in January) be presented for payment. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Parson, the bills were approved for payment by a vote of six (6) Ayes and one (1) Absent.

Commissioner Pekarofski arrived at 7:41 pm.

Under Financial Matters Mr. Ciarrocca noted that there was an increase in the Section 8 Administration Fees. He further stated that he will be working on the new budget and it will be presented by the May meeting.

Under Legal Matters Mr. Testino said there was no report.

There was no Public Comment.

Chairman Ragan presented the following Resolution, with action taken as noted:

Res. #1461 – AWARD CONTRACT TO DAVID CIARROCCA, C.P.A FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR – Upon a motion by Commissioner Parson, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, Res. #1461 was approved by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

Res. # 1462 – AWARD CONTRACT TO EDWARD TESTINO, ATTORNEY AT LAW FOR GENERAL COUNSEL FOR A 13 MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 2015. – Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Parson, Res. #1462 was approved by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

Res. # 1463 - GROUNDWATER AND SOIL REMEDIATION SIGNATURE SHEET CONFIRMING VERBAL PASSAGE – Upon a motion by Commissioner Parson, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, Res. #1463 was approved by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

Res. # 14654 – ADOPTION OF A REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY – Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski. After a brief explanation by Attorney Testino, Res. # 1464 was approved by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

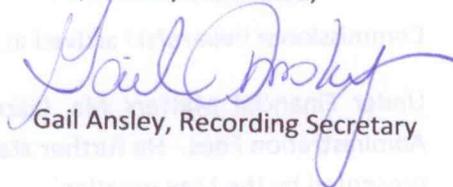
Res. # 1465 - ADOPTION OF NEW FLAT RENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 – Upon a motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Parson, Res. # 1465 was approved by seven (7) Ayes.

Under Old Business Mr. Pushko mentioned that the insurance company MELJIF requires its members to offer basic safety and anti-harassment training to all employees.

Under New Business Mr. Pushko stated he received the Audit report.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Ansley, Recording Secretary