

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD MAY 11, 2017 AT
165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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 Parson, Pekarofski, Ragan, Simon, Snowden and Thomas answered present, with Commissioner Lesinski absent. Also in attendance were Authority Attorney Testino, Accountant Ciarrocca and Maintenance Supt. Ricky Ansley.

Chairman Ragan requested that the minutes of the April meeting be acted on. Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Pekarofski, the minutes were approved by a vote of six (6) Ayes and one (1) Absent.

Under Director's Report Mr. Pushko stated all three of Rahway Housing Authority's Professionals, have agreed to extend their contracts for one year under the same terms. Mr. Pushko also stated that he had met with Kyle Haddock with CLEAResults, an organization that is hired by our utility companies to promote conservations. This could help our families with their utility bills. Gail and Rick managed a application process on Thursday, May 4th.

Phyliss Gadson, Family Service Coordinator arrived 7:42

Mr. Pushko mentioned most of HUD's programs were "level" funded. The potential cuts did not happen this year. Mr. Pushko further mentioned that he and Rick attended Procurement Classes hosted by Rutgers. Mr. Pushko needs ICU's to maintain his QPA certificate.

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

Commissioner Ragan presented the following Resolutions, with action taken as noted:

Res. #1541 – REAPPOINTMENT OF RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S
CURRENT FEE ACCOUNTANT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND AUDITOR –
Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Parson,
Res. #1541 was approved by a vote of six (6) Ayes and one (1) Absent

Under Financial Matters Mr. Ciarrocca reviewed the monthly financial report. Mr. Ciarrocca mentioned that he is working on the 2018 budget which will be presented at the June Boarding Meeting.

Under Legal Matters Mr. Testino stated that HUD released guidelines on Smoke Free Buildings/Apartments in Public Housing. Mr. Pushko mentioned that all tenants have been notified of this new policy, and Rahway Housing Authority set a January 1, 2018 effective date.

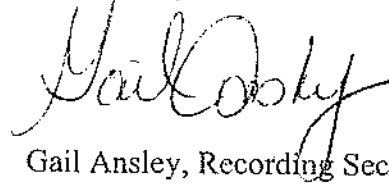
Under Old Business Mr. Pushko stated another letter was sent out on April 12, 2017 to, Mr. Evan Warsak, Aide to the Governor Appointments Office, regarding Commissioner Lesinski being reappointed.

There being no members of the public present, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Under New Business Mr. Pushko introduced Mrs. Gadson, RHA's Family Service Coordinator. Mrs. Gadson would like to share some exciting news. In collaborations with the Rutgers 4-H Club of Union County, the Rahway Housing Authority Enrichment Center has its first ever, Rahway Garden and Science Club. The club began in February 2016 with 8 young ladies and today there are 4 ladies, which will be participating in the 2017 Rutgers 4-H STEM Ambassador program for the first time. The program is a one-week pre-college residential program and will provide and introduce the college life, stimulate interest in science, engineering and technology as possible career paths. They will attend a combination of hands-on workshops, excursions, recreational opportunities, and social activities designed to encourage academic success. Housing and meals will be provided. Mrs. Gadson, introduced Ms. Dayna Doster who is currently a rising junior at Norfolk State University, studying Special Education, with a GPA of 3.2. Ms. Doster will be chaperoning the girls along with Mrs. Gadson.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, upon a motion by Commissioner Simon seconded by Commissioner Parson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Ansley".

Gail Ansley, Recording Secretary