

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2013 AT

165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 Pekarofski, Ragan and Thomas answered present, with Commissioners Bailey, and Parson absent. Also in attendance were Authority Attorney Testino and Accountant Ciarrocca. There still was no quorum.

Under the Director's Report Mr. Pushko noted that this year's grants for the \$30,000 to assist the conversion of three (3) efficiencies units into two (2) ADA compliant handicap one (1) bedroom apartments at Kennedy and the \$12,000 for emergency generator hook-up also at Kennedy has been approved. He also noted that Don Godfrey and NJ Action Committee had agreed to present a basic financial education to our family adult residents. Mr. Pushko stated that he met with a FEMA representative and presented our claims for asbestos removal costs that are not covered by insurance. Mr. Pushko noted that RHA has reached out to a Clean Venture (State contract vendor) for a competitive proposal for the soil remediation for the 941 oil tank removal project. Commissioner Bailey arrived at 7:55 pm, a quorum is now present.

Chairman Ragan requested that the minutes of the October meeting be acted on. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the minutes were approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes.

Chairman Ragan requested that the November bills (incurred in October) be presented for payment. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the bills were approved for payment by a vote of four (4) Ayes.

Under Financial Matters Mr. Ciarrocca noted that the State had approved the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. He further noted that RHA will need to continue to function with less funding due to the HUD cuts.

Under Legal Matters Mr. Testino spoke about the court case regarding the fraud case involving the Section 8 checking account. He noted that after meeting with the prosecutor the individual was fined \$500.00.

There was no Public Comment.

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

Res. #1458 – ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014 – Upon a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pekarofski, after a brief explanation by Mr. Pushko, Res. #1458 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes.

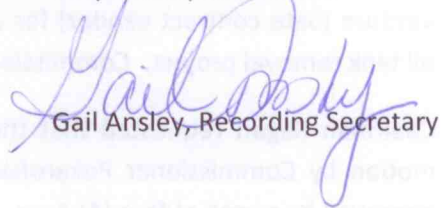
Res. # 1459 – RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DUE TO HURRICANE IRENE AND SUPER STORM SANDY – Upon a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, Res. #1459 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes.

Under Old Business Mr. Pushko mentioned the December meeting starts at 6:30 PM to appoint next year's Chairperson and Vice Chairperson then reassemble at the Rail House "Club Car" for dinner.

Under New Business Commissioner Thomas presented to the board that the Rahway Pop Warner – Lady Chiefs Youth Football & Cheerleading is competing in Florida in December and asked if RHA can make a donation. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Thomas, a donation in the amount of \$250.00 was approved

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, upon a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gail Ansley, Recording Secretary