

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY,
HELD MARCH 12, 2015 AT
165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Executive Director Mr. Pushko stated that adequate meeting notice requirements, as prescribed by NJ Sunshine Law, had been met. Upon roll call Commissioners DeJesus-Farrar, Lesinski, Pekarofski and Thomas answered present, with Commissioner Bailey, Parson and Ragan absent. Also in attendance were Authority Attorney Testino, and Accountant Ciarrocca.

Executive Director Mr. Pushko requested that the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting be acted on. Upon a motion by Commissioner DeJesus-Farrar, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the minutes were approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes, three (3) Absent.

Under Directors Report Mr. Pushko stated that the competitive ROSS Grant was approved for \$246,000. This is a three year Grant, which at that time Rahway Housing Authority would be required to apply for another one. This Grant is a financial necessity to keep the Enrichment Center functioning. Mr. Pushko also stated that he had received his renewal of the Qualified Purchasing Agent License (QPA) which requires 30 CEU's over a three year period. Mr. Pushko further stated that for the first time the Rahway Housing Authority will attempt to obtain a Security Grant. The Security Grant is given to help reverse an increase in crime and since the crime has gone down in Rahway this doesn't predict Rahway getting the grant, however since RHA is in need of new cameras to increase the pixels an upgrade will be needed on the server capacity. Mr. Pushko mentioned that the Rahway Housing Authority received from the State of New Jersey the agreement for the \$20,000 to finish the Emergency Generator hook-up at Clifford Case Apartments.

Executive Director Pushko requested that the February bills (incurred in Janaury) be presented for payment. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the bills were approved for payment by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

Under Financial Matters Mr. Ciarrocca reviewed the monthly financial report. Mr. Ciarrocca stated that a letter was sent to the Director of Public Housing in Newark asking to invalidate the audit submission. The indicator that is based on the financial performance as stated in the last meeting a cash transfer was not made to offset the

negative affect of the Energy Performance Loan. Mr. Ciarrocca further mentioned as the Authority heads towards the end of the Fiscal year reports are showing a surplus, thus heating costs are not in the report however utilities in general be lower at this time of year.

Under Legal Matters Mr. Testino stated he has received the OPRA request, however that case had been dismissed.

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

Executive Director Mr. Pushko presented the following Resolution, with action taken as noted:

Res. #1482 – PERMISSION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FLEX HIS NORMAL WORKING HOURS. – Which, had been tabled at the February 12, 2015 meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, Res. #1482 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

Res.#1484- APPROVAL OF RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FY 2015 CAPITAL FUND – Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner DeJesus-Farrar, Res. #1484 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

Res. #1485 – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A THREE YEAR ROSS GRANT AWARD OF \$246,000 – Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, Res. #1485 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

Res. #1486 – APPROVAL TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE A \$250,000 SECURITY GRANT – Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, Res. #1486 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

Res. #1487 – MARVIN HILL'S RETIRMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS – Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Mr. Pushko stated that the cost for Mr. Hill's Retirement Medical Benefits can fluctuate but cannot be increased over the ceiling of \$2,655.03 per month. He further mentioned Mr. Hill's Retirement Medical Benefits is defined as Health Cost and Prescription Coverage not Dental Coverage. Upon the passing of Mr. Hill before the end date of April 1, 2022, any surviving family member then currently on this medical coverage would have medical benefits under his plan for only three full months. Res. # 1487 was approved by a vote of four (4) Ayes and three (3) Absent.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Ansley, Recording Secretary