

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AT
165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Chairman Pekarofski stated that adequate meeting notice requirements, as prescribed by NJ Sunshine Law, had been met.

Upon roll call Commissioners Lesinski, Pekarofski, Ragan, Gonzalez, Thomas-Petit and Thomas answered present, with Commissioner Simon absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Testino and Accountant Ciarrocca.

Chairman Pekarofski presented the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Ragan, the minutes were approved by a vote of six (6) Ayes and one (1) Absent.

Under Director's Report, Ms. Wenson Maier stated the following: On February 11, 2021 RHA had a meeting re: CDBG Year 46 with County and Slade Elevator. Project is on schedule. Rahway Housing will have some electrical upgrades to complete prior to construction.

On February 3, 2021 RHA had a meeting re: CDBG Year 47 with County requesting a grant for Case Apartments Elevators. We requested \$100,000.

RHA forwarded the 5 year plan to the County.

The snow response by RHA Maintenance was excellent.

96 seniors from RHA have turned in Covid Vaccination request forms to City of Rahway.

Ed Testino forwarded letter to Novogradac re: Fiscal Year Audit ending June 30, 2020.

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

Voting on Resolutions:

Chairman Pekarofski requested that Resolution No. 1621 – Executive Director to carry over 5 unused vacation days into 2021 be presented for approval. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petit, the resolution was approved by a vote of six (6) Ayes and one (1) Absent.

Under Financial Matters, Mr. Ciarrocca stated that we have tenants in arrears due to Covid and the eviction moratorium.

Under Legal Matters, Mr. Testino stated that the courts do not yet have a date to reopen. There being no members of the public present; this portion of the meeting was closed.

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

There being no Old Business; this portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no New Business; this portion of the meeting was closed.

At this time Commissioner Simon joined the meeting.

Executive Director requested nominations for New Chairperson. Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Ragan, the Board approved James Pekarofski for Chairperson by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

Executive Director requested nominations for New Vice-Chairperson. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ragan, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, the Board approved Robert Simon for Vice-Chairperson by a vote of seven (7) Ayes.

Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Pekarofski: No comment

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, Seconded by Commissioner Ragan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Wenson Maier
Recording Secretary