

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Minutes of Scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of West New York, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held at 6100 Adams Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093

Secretary Robert DiVincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY WAY OF THE SCHEDULED CAUCUS MEETING, SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING AND THE ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING DATED DECEMBER 16, 2019 POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, FORWARDED TO THE JERSEY JOURNAL, THE BERGEN RECORD, EL ESPECIALITO, THE CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

Saluted the Flag

The roll was called as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Martell, Vice-Chairperson Reyes, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Martorony and Jason Capizzi

ABSENT: Commissioner Fuentes and Commissioner Velasquez

At this time Mr. DiVincent referred to item # 3 A - Minutes of Previous schedule meeting dated October 19, 2020. Board was asked to approve as presented. Asking for a motion to accept as presented. Said motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded Commissioner Fernandez. The roll was called as follows:

YEAS: Chairman Martell, Vice-Chairperson Reyes, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Martorony

NAYS: None

At this time Mr. DiVincent referred to items #4– Claims – General Fund, #5– Claims – Capital Fund Program #6 – Claims – Section 8 Voucher Program.

At this time Mr. DiVincent informed the Board that two bills were mistaken put on the Housing Authority claims but they belong to the Corporation, they will be removed and approved by the other Board.

Commissioner Martorony question if the Corporation Board was aware of this, Mr. DiVincent responded yes.

At this time Commissioner Martorony asked why is DeCotiis Firm still submitting bills when we have a new counsel. Mr. DiVincent informed him that DeCotiis has been working on the purchase and construction for the non-profit, they are only finalizing what they were working on it and eventually Mr. Capizzi will take over.

Asking for a motion to accept as presented. Said motion was made by Chairman Martell and seconded Vice-Chairperson Reyes. The roll was called as follows:

YEAS: Chairman Martell, Vice-Chairperson Reyes, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Martorony

NAYS: None

At this time Mr. DiVincent referred to Item #7 (NONE)

At this time Mr. DiVincent informed the Board that since cases are spiking again the Housing Authority is back on disinfecting the buildings seven days a week. Mr. DiVincent informed the Board that it would be better to also put on hold in person meetings until further notice. Also, if any employee travels they must quarantine for 14 days after they returned and days will be taking out of their own days.

At this time Commissioner Martorony asked Mr. Capizzi how was the search for the documents for the repurchase and refinance of the Corporation; Mr. Capizzi informed the Board that he is still trying to get access to the records but the County has limited access for title companies to do research, he would keep them informed.

At this time Commissioner Martorony asked Mr. DiVincent if he had received an explanation from the Audit explaining how he had made that error for the past 10 years and how long would it take for the audited to give an explanation. Mr. DiVincent told Commissioner Martorony that 2018-2019 are corrected already.

Commissioner Martorony would like to know when this error first happened and he would like an explanation from the Audited himself. Mr. DiVincent informed Commissioner Martorony that he would invited him for the next meeting.

At this time Mr. DiVincent asked if there were any corrections, additions, comments or questions. There were none.

At this time Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to adjourn and Chairman Martell seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. DiVincent
Secretary