

These minutes are not verbatim, but a condensed version of what transpired at the Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on Thursday, January 7th, 2021 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Stafford-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm. Teresa Acosta announced that consistent with the Open Public Meetings Law: P.L.1975 c231, which requires that all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times, both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided to the clerk of the Township of Lakewood, the Ocean County Library, the Asbury Park Press, and the Star-Ledger on December 31st, 2020 and was posted on the Authority's official designated public bulletin board at the LHA Administration Building and website.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, attending Commissioners were:

Gregory Stafford-Smith – *Chairperson*
Shabsi Ganzweig – *Vice Chairperson*
Angela Caldwell – *2nd Vice Chairperson*
Eli Rennert – *Commissioner*
Leib Gold – *Commissioner (7:16 pm)*
Gizel Torres - *Commissioner*

Also attending:

Scott Parsons – *Executive Director*
Terrence Corrison – *Attorney*

Absent were:

Denise Douglas – *Commissioner*
Ray Coles – *Township Liaison*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 3rd, 2020 were reviewed.
A motion was made by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Mr. Gold. All present were in favor. Minutes were approved.

COMMENTS FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENTS - None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

BILLS AND APPROVAL OF SAME

Bills were reviewed. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. All present were in favor. Bills were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Parsons presented the Board with his Executive Directors report. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibilities of implementing smoke free policies in the buildings. The board shared sentiments of the advantages and disadvantages to current residents.
Mr. Stafford-Smith commented on the recent food distributions that took place to all of the residents and commended all that were involved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES - None

LHA BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was provided through November 30th, 2020.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Corrison stated that the courts have still not scheduled any eviction, the current moratorium for evictions is pending through January 31st, 2021.

Mr. Corrison briefly discussed the property which is adjacent to the Peter Ward Towers. There has been a recent request from the property owner to get a survey from JCP&L to move a utility pole that is on LHA property to another location on the property. After brief discussion the Board did not have any objections to allowing the owner to present a plan for the relocation.

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP LIAISON - None**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None**NEW BUSINESS** - The following new business came before the Board:**a. Resolutions:**

Resolution 5281: 2021 LHA Adopted Budget. Motion made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Rennert, Mr. Gold and Ms. Torres. Resolution 5281 was approved.

Resolution 5282: 2021 Annual Plan. Motion made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Rennert, Mr. Gold and Ms. Torres. Resolution 5282 was approved.

Resolution 5283: JIF Fund Commissioner. Motion made by Ms. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Rennert. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Rennert, Mr. Gold and Ms. Torres. Resolution 5283 was approved.

b. Additions: None**ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD** - None**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Stafford-Smith thanked the Board for their participation and wished all for a healthy and prosperous 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig. All present voted to adjourn at approximately 7:23 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as held on Thursday, January 7th, 2021.

Scott Parsons, Secretary
Executive Director