

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park met for a Regular Session at 6:30 PM on November 10, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rainwater at 6:30 PM.

Executive Director Brightman read the Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, C.231 which provided that adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park was provided in the following manner:

On October 27, 2022 a copy of the notice of this meeting setting forth the date, time and location of this regular meeting was posted on the Highland Park website and Housing Authority's official designated bulletin board located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, and sent to Borough Hall for posting. It was also faxed to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Ruby Hope, Commissioner
William Malloy, Commissioner
Raysa Martinez, Commissioner
William Rainwater, Chair
Evelyn Sedehi, Commissioner

Authority General Counsel :
Terrence Corriston, Esq., Breslin &
Breslin

Administration:

Donna Brightman, Executive Director
Marissa Wolf, Section 8 Specialist
Kettly Gilles, Resident Services

ABSENT

Commissioners:

Gail Chonoles, Commissioner
Jason Postelnik, Commissioner

Council Liaison:
Tara Canavera

Administration:

Runi Sriwardena, Housing Director

A motion to approve the minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting held on October 20, 2022 was made by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Martinez and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Chonoles Hope Malloy Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Sedehi
AYES: Hope Malloy Martinez Rainwater Sedehi
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Chonoles Postelnik

Public Comment:

Juan Ratliff complained about the amount of bulk trash at Park Terrace and how the town does not pick it up.

Commissioner Sedehi said this is a topic we will address with our council liaison.

Marissa Wolf said she will call to schedule a pick-up.

Mr. Ratliff stated that there is a lot of loitering in the parking lot, day and night.

Commissioner Rainwater responded that if it's during the day to call the office and in the evening call the police.

Mr. Ratliff also stated that his sink keeps backing-up and he wants a plumber to come now.

Ms. Medinets, 5F, was upset that she was in rehab for the October meeting and was upset that it was not a zoom meeting.

Ms. Rosner, 1G, stated her window does not work and that we said it was fixed but it was not. She said the building and her unit has ants and the exterminator asked her where to spray? She stated that she has a hole in the wall and staff came to repair it but did not cover the entire hole. She asked to sit down with someone and to have a witness as people misinterpret her words. She stated that no one can come to her door without her knowing and they must make an appointment.

Executive Director Brightman stated that we do not make appointment to do work orders.

Commissioner Rainwater asked if she reported the above to staff.

Ms. Rosner responded no and left the meeting.

Ms. Tatum, 3B, asked why the bathroom on the first floor is closed as it should be open.

Executive Director Brightman stated that it is closed because tenants are leaving it in a messy condition.

Kettly Gilles stated that anyone can have a key if they request it.

New Business: none

Communications: none

Attorney's Report:

Counsel Corrison reported that an action was filed against the tenant that owes a large sum of money. The action is pending, awaiting her response.

Accountant's Report: none

Executive Director Brightman responded that the audit is 11/17/22.

Executive Director's report: none

Housing Director's report:

Commissioner Sedehi asked if the curbing was repaired.

Executive Director Brightman responded, no, and that she reached out to Councilwoman Canavera but has not received a response as to what the hold up was.

Commissioner Martinez stated that she was concerned that it is a liability and needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Hope inquired as to what the other Park rent was that was due to us.

Executive Director Brightman responded that it is about a thousand dollars.

Resident Services report:

Commissioner Sedehi thanked Ms. Gilles for using numbers served on her report.

Section 8 report: none

Committee reports: none

Resolutions:

a) Reso #2022-29 – Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of October 2022

Motion moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Hope to adopt Resolution #2022-29.

ROLL CALL: Chonoles Hope Malloy Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Sedehi
AYES: Hope Malloy Martinez Rainwater Sedehi
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Chonoles Postelnik

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

Old Business: none

Public Comment II:

Ms. Jackson, 3P, stated that she is glad that we are having in-person meetings again.

Ms. Tatum, 3B, asked when the shuttle buses will resume.

Commissioner Sedehi responded that you need to check with the senior center.

Ms. Medinets, 5F, stated that the curb on Mansfield needs to be fixed.

Jay Carroll commented that the building is cleaner.

Ms. Medinets stated that she is glad that the holes in the walls are being fixed.

Commissioner Rainwater stated that he will follow-up with Councilwoman Canavera concerning the curbing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Malloy to adjourn at 6:56 PM. All commissioners present voted in favor.

Donna Brightman, Exec. Director/Secretary