

**Board of Commissioners – Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown
Meeting Minutes**

January 27th, 2020

Present:

Board of Commissioners

Maureen Denman, Chairwoman
Nathan Umbriac, Vice-Chairman
Luma Oweis, Commissioner
Martha Ballard, Commissioner
Adia Harris, Commissioner
Caroline Opondo, Commissioner

Also Present:

Housing Authority Personnel

Keith Kinard, Executive Director
Allison Durham, Chief Administrative Officer
Nicole Parsons, Administrative Assistant

Attorney

Frank Borin, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP
General Counsel to the Morristown Housing Authority

Town of Morristown Officials

Pastor David Silva, Council Liaison to the Morristown Housing Authority

Call to Order

Chairwoman Denman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed under the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken and Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard and Opondo were present. The flag was saluted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ballard and seconded by Vice-Chairman Umbriac, the minutes of the prior Board Meeting were approved. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard and Opondo voted in favor.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Kinard reported to the Board of Commissioners on the following matters: 6 Flagler fire update, service providers in the Marion Sally Recreation Center, maintenance repairs at Manahan Village, potential fitness program at Manahan Village, Manahan Village parking registration, housekeeping inspections, and senior programs at the Hi-Rise buildings.

Reports

Resident Committee

Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Schedule of Bills

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Oweis, the schedule of bills was approved. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard, Opondo and Harris voted in favor.

Resolutions

First Resolution: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, AUTHORIZE AND ADOPT THE REVISED PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ballard and seconded by Commissioner Oweis, the resolution was approved. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard, Opondo and Harris voted in favor.

Second Resolution: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY

Upon a motion by Commissioner Oweis and seconded by Commissioner Ballard, the resolution was approved. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard, Opondo and Harris voted in favor.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Open Public Session

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Umbriac and seconded by Commissioner Ballard, the Board voted to open the Public Comment session of Agenda. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard, Opondo and Harris voted in favor.

Public Comment

Sharitha Dawkins – 31 Clyde Potts Drive

Questioned the status of her grievance hearing request.

Gracie Dawkins – 40 Clyde Potts Drive

Commented that the Seniors in Manahan Village were not invited to the Christmas parties for the Seniors in the Hi-Rise buildings, no hot water in her tub, and thanked the Board for having a meeting is 23 CPD.

Shanee Dawkins – 32 Clyde Potts Drive

Commented on getting parking violations for parking next to the flag pole, the intercom in numerous building don't work, she doesn't use her stove nor fridge and would like the fridge removed, residents providing lightbulbs for a work order, job postings at the resident center and she questioned the pet policy.

Tawanna Cotton – 30 Flagler Street

Commented on power outages and if we plan on getting an emergency generator at the recreation center, asked that the washer/dryer policy be revisit, address residents feeding wild animals, litter on the property and thankful for a bilingual person on the board.

Closed Public Session

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ballard and seconded by Vice-Chairman Umbriac, the Board voted to close the public session to the agenda. Chairwoman Denman, Vice-Chairman Umbriac and Commissioners Oweis, Ballard, Opondo and Harris voted in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Denman.