

Affordable Housing Board Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2014

The following are the minutes of the Affordable Housing Board meeting, which was held on Thursday, March 27, 2014 in the Community Development Conference Room, located in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building.

Statement of Proper Notice

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Affordable Housing Board has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

Opening of Meeting/Roll Call:

Present: Peter Ferrone, John Masso, Susan McCloskey, Kevin VanHise, Jean Washington, Walker Ristau, Murali Mallampati

Absent: None

Excused Absence: James Kownacki, Council Liaison

Also Present: J. Andrew Link, Principal Planner, Susan Snook, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

The February 27, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

None

Status of Changes at State Level

Chairperson VanHise stated the N. J. Supreme Court had entered their order 5 months ago and COAH had until the end of February to make new rules; Fair Share in January filed a motion to preempt the entire process because COAH did not do anything. The appellate set argument for a motion to March 5, 2014. The appellate division heard from the municipalities and stated that it would be unfair to subject the municipalities to a law suit. The Deputy Attorney General stated that this court does not have any motion of over this jurisdiction and the Judge stated that they did have jurisdiction.

The appellate division entered an order that basically blasted COAH for the inactions and COAH had one week to authorize its staff to do the any and all acts necessary to make the rules. The second week the rules were drafted and the third weeks the rules should be adopted and the fourth week new rules.

Failure of any of the COAH board members would be met with an appearance in front of the court to show cause why they would not be held in contempt of court. The N. J. Supreme Court, on the 14th, entered an order completely vacating everything the appellate division had done and relying on the certification of the DCA Commissioner.

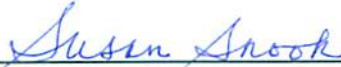
The Draft rules should be out in May and published in the June register. The new rules should be in place by the end of October and published in the register by November. By the end of May there might be an idea of what the rules will be what the calculations will be for the municipalities. Hopefully for the Township is will be okay for the obligation.

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Other Business:

Mr. Link stated he did not hear from Carmen Roman and made it clear that they needed to provide the application and materials 20-days in advance of the meeting and as of this date did not receive anything.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.



Susan Snook
Secretary

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