

**Affordable Housing Board Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2016**

The following are the minutes of the Affordable Housing Board meeting, which was held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 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 and the Trentonian.

Opening of Meeting/Roll Call:

Present: Peter Ferrone, Susan McCloskey, Kevin VanHise, Jean Washington

Absent: Murali Mallampati, Jessica Ann Clifford

Excused Absence: None

Also Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison (arrived after adjournment), J. Andrew Link, Principal Planner and Susan Snook, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

The January 28, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

None

Expiring Rental Unit Controls:

Mr. Link stated we are still working on our approach and Mr. Link relayed the comment about looking at the 20 year term and ordinance stated in perpetuity and we are not really sure how it became to be 20 years, even if it did. Mr. Roskos' office and Clarke Caton Hintz are still trying to find out what our position would be. We have not even approached Avalon yet because we don't know what our position is.

Township Actions:

Mr. Link gave a summary:

217 Fountayne Lane is the unit that we own and the construction is nearing completion.

301 Talon Court is owned by the Township and by a recent acquisition and just took bids for construction and should have a good bid from the two bidders who did bid.

48 Voscek Court is the one where the owner has moved and is renting his unit. Our attorney sent him a notice that he had to remove the tenant.

Housing Rehabilitation Program:

Mr. Link stated nothing new to report. 301 Talon Court is the one that is being rehabilitated and we did add another one 58 Merritt Drive. There are three other ones that are nearing completion.

Update Status of Changes at State Level:

Chairperson VanHise stated in the beginning of the month the Court did enter a new revised scheduling rule as the Mercer judge is looking to have better coordinating with the Monmouth and Ocean judge. We have a scheduling order now that puts the methodology trial to the beginning of June or so. This is the trial that would set what the formula that would be used to set what the municipality obligations would be. The court has its own expert and should come out with a draft report next month, then a comment period, a final report will be issued in April and discovery in May for a trial in the beginning of June.

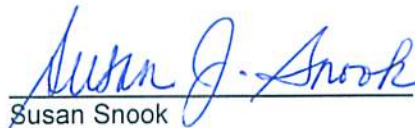
Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

After adjournment the Board members discussed further the changes of State level and how to calculate obligations.



Susan Snook
Secretary

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