June Board Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners of the Berwick Housing Authority met in regular meeting on June 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the housing authority office. The meeting was called to order and agenda ready by Rebardi. The meeting opened with prayer.

There were present Jacki Ackel, Eunice Cunningham, Lily Rebardi, Attorney Susan Dorsey, Clarence Robinson, Jr., and Janice McIntyre. Absent was James Richard and Robert Thigpen.

A motion was made by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to dispense of the reading of the minutes for May 20, 2014 regular meeting. In each monthly packet, the commissioners had copies of the both bank statements and check registers for both accounts. As of May 31, 2014, the checking account balance was \$236,022.59 and the tenant deposit account balance was \$23,800.00. The checks were on the table for review. Mr. Robinson stated that the statement we have received from HSA is for the period ending April 30, 2014. He reviewed the information with the board. A motion was made by Ackel and Cunningham to accept the financial report as presented.

The monthly vacancy report was given. There are 4 units vacant. These are the 4 units that are down for mod. The project should be starting in the next couple of weeks. There are 11 names on the waiting list and the application process remains closed.

Copies of the lease addendum was handed out for review. Mr. Robinson stated that we have been notified by HUD to move forward with the rent increases. Once the addendum is approved, those new tenants moving in and fit the criteria for flat rent would be paying the new full flat rents. Those residents that are living here now and qualify for flat rents will start to pay the phase in increase in October by recertification dates. A motion was made by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to accept the flat rent significant amendment addendum. Resolution #1103.

Mr. Robinson stated that he doesn't have a report today on the inter-agency work with Morgan City Housing Authority. He would like to go into executive session. A motion was made by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to go into executive session. Mr. Robinson stated for the record, that he would like Ms. Dorsey and Janice to be included in executive session. They went into executive session.

A motion was made by Ackel and Second by Cunningham to come out of executive session. They came out of executive session and back into regular session. Mr. Robinson stated that while in executive session, they had a general discussion on issues at MCHA. Some of these issues are pending investigation and cannot be discussed openly. Also the MCHA will be having a public hearing on tomorrow with their residents to discuss flat rents.

A motion was made by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to accept the director's report.

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The board discussed next month's meeting date of July 22, 2014. A motion was by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to accept the date of July 22, 2014.

Mr. Robinson stated that tomorrow we will have the monthly luncheon for the residents. HUD wanted housing authorities to do something in the month of June to acknowledge fathers in public housing. So the monthly luncheon encourages families to come out together. Trying to bring fathers out with their children.

A motion was made by Ackel and seconded by Cunningham to accept the business report.

A motion was made by Cunningham and seconded by Ackel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.