

Minutes from Meeting – February 12, 2018
Paramus Affordable Housing
VIP Building – Conference room

A meeting of the Paramus Affordable Housing Corp, In Borough Hall, was called to order at 5:35PM, by Mayor Richard LaBarbiera.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The board secretary announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was given.

Notice sent to The Record on April 5, 2018.

Copy of notice posted on the public announcement bulletin board

Copy of the same submitted to the Borough Clerk's office

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard LaBarbiera, Councilman Ralph Amato, Member Michael Blitzstein

Also present: Don Caminiti, Esq.

Diane Marichal

From Public: Christine Baker

Peter Caminiti

Maria Harkin

Sam Casiello

Swearing in of new member Dennis Arslanian (3year term) and member Joseph Garcia (2 year term)

Minutes from prior meeting of December 19, 2017

MOTION: Michael Blitzstein

SECOND: Mayor LaBarbiera

All in favor

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERLOCAL – DUMONT

Present to Mayor and Council of Dumont.

Mayor – Is this something that you feel confident that this can be handled? Let's see what Dumont comes back with.

Palisades Park – They want a big housing event in the coming year, because it's moving in the right direction.

COAH

There is \$1.3 in rehabilitation, the rehab account is no longer needed, it can be eliminated and COAH main account used.

BEHNKE

Renovations for the community room.

Lowest bids are being used for all contracting.

Went out for bid on roof - \$100,000 came back from Rutherford. At this point roof is a tear off not corrective.

Trees need trimming on gutters.

Subsidy people will not be considered for housing. Veterans welcome into the program and preferred.

The subsidy money runs out at the end of 2018.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM

We want to promote the program, better promoting, and positive promoting.

Discussion on getting a professional to spread the good word. Budget for advertising, mailers to go out to each house.

Need a PR company to help put positive light on housing.

RFQ/RFP for a PR firm?

***RESOLUTION**

To go out for RFQ

For the promotion of Affordable Housing Corp

MOTION – Mayor LaBarbiera

SECOND – Mr. Amato

All in favor

Motion carried

VIP

Diane hands out paperwork

No pilot, not eligible

Charge rent to the Borough? Cost of our portion of the building is \$8000 per year, for offices only.

Discussion on renters that are having problems paying rent on time.

Subsidy program for struggling Veterans? Homeless Veterans, get one year rent? If no job and no money, what happens?

Renters are responsible for their own cable, phone and elevator bills each month.

Possible help on a short term, but cannot do charity.

FAMILY SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Do we want to do this?

Based on income, already living in Paramus. Similar program done with seniors

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION – Mayor LaBarbiera

SECOND – Mr. Blitzstein

All in favor

Motion carried

Housing meetings will take place every other month, the second Monday at 5:30pm. Next meeting will take place on April 9th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION – Mayor LaBarbiera

SECOND – Mr. Garcia

All in favor

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned: 6:46pm