

MORRIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 25, 2022
Eldridge Community Room

Received
Asst. Town Clerk
Susan J. Gannon
APR 27 2022
3:50 PM

Called to order at 7:03 PM by Denise Weik

Commissioners present: Denise Weik, Jim Lafreniere, Eugene Savickas, and Executive Director Jim Simoncelli Jr.

Commissioners absent: Mark Halloran, Susan Herrington

Others present:

Tenants present: Dot Deluca (unit #5), Regina Seegers (unit #19), Caroline Phillips (unit #17), Michele Weik (unit #3), Elsie Dotson (unit #18)

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Eugene Savickas to accept the minutes from Special Meeting on February 24, 2022 as presented. Motion seconded by Jim Lafreniere. Motion passed.

Bills and Communications

Nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Executive Director

Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that the MHA maintenance will be changing the door viewers and doorbells of each unit. MHA maintenance will organize with each resident.

Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that the MHA will be filling out an application to CHFA for the Development Engagement Process. This process allows housing authorities to broadcast their projects to CHFA and DOH and the housing authorities will be directed on how to get funding for their projects.

Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that he has heard some very incorrect rumors about the Housing Authority potentially purchasing land and about the Town of Morris' process in determining how they will be spending the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money. Jim Jr. continued by stating that the Town of Morris created an ARPA Committee to review all proposed projects that were presented to them. The Housing Authority proposed the purchase of the land adjacent to Eldridge. The ARPA committee then ranked the projects, and the Town of Morris had a Town forum to review that list. The final list created by the ARPA Committee will be voted on at a Town Meeting. Jim Jr. encourages residents and community members to contact the Town of Morris if there are any questions regarding the ARPA funds.

Unfinished Business

- a. MHA Dwelling Unit Lease – Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

- a. Critical Needs Grant – Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that he will be addressing many needs at the Housing Authority through this program. The current critical needs are upgrades to the septic piping and repairing/replacing some of outside framing around the entry and exits of the units and addressing some accessibility issues.

Executive Session

- a. Purchase of Land

Motion made by Eugene Saviskas to enter Executive Session. Motion seconded by Jim Lafreniere. Motion passed. Executive Session entered at 7:54PM.

Motion made by Jim Lafreniere to exit Executive Session. Motion seconded by Eugene Savickas. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 8:09PM.

No action was taken.

Motion made by Eugene Savickas to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Jim Lafreniere. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simoncelli Jr.
Executive Director
Morris Housing Authority