MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2019 MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Housing Authority of the Town of Newton was held **AUGUST 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM**, in the offices of the Housing Authority, 32 Liberty Street, Newton, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by *Chairperson* ***Fiedorczyk*** at **5:32 PM** and upon roll call the following members were present: Commissioners: Richard Bitondo, Bill Nannery, Carole Leonardo, Rick Turdo & Maria Fiedorczyk. Also present was Interim Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer W. Paul Rummerfield.

The following Commissioner were excused: n/a

There were **13** members of the public present.

Chairperson Fiedorczyk announced in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, on August 10, 2012; notice of the meeting was delivered to the Town Clerks Office, the NJ Herald and posted on the website. Chairperson Fiedorczyk directed said announcement be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2019
Commissioner Leonardo moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019; which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Nannery***.
Upon roll call the motion was as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINS	ABSENT
Bitondo			
Fiedorczyk			
Leonardo			
Nannery			
Turdo			

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JUNE 10, 2019
Commissioner Bitondo moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of June 10, 2019; which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Fiedorczyk***.
Upon roll call the motion was as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINS	ABSENT
Bitondo			
Fiedorczyk			
Leonardo			
Nannery			
Turdo			

BILLS – JUNE & JULY 2019

Commissioner ***Bitondo*** moved to approve the bills list for June & July 2019; which motion was seconded by *Commissioner* ***Turdo*** . The one exception is check # 11871 for July which should have been paid by Phillipsburg, not Newton. Tom McGuire will reimbursement Newton for this check. All were in favor of the motion.

FINANCE/BANK BALANCES

COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

VISITORS – NONE

REPORT OF COMMITTEES - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Air conditioner for community room – waiting on quotes to come in
Talked about Capital Monies – Kevin D to send commissioners info
Budget Reports – commissioners to receive quarterly

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

RESOLUTION (S)

RESOLUTION: 2019-14 <u>Approval of Landscaping Services to Tognetti Property Maintenance, LLC</u>

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the *Housing Authority of the Town of Newton* hereby awards the Bid for the Contract for Landscaping Services to "Tognetti Property Maintenance, LLC".

Commissioner Leonardo moved to adopt Resolution #: **2019-14**, which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Bitondo***. All were in favor of this resolution with Commissioner Nannery abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary #3D – talked about handicap spaces / guests that visit don't have access to them
AnnMarie #5N – parking lot – maybe paint lines & numbers
Beverly #3W – asked about unit that belongs to Verizon & using that one instead of having to purchase a new unit
#4S – asked about RAD / new cable company / air conditioner sleeves
#5N – talked about patching potholes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner ***Nannery*** moved to enter Executive Session which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner*** ***Turdo*** at **6:08** **PM.** Upon roll call the motion was unanimous.

Talked about RAD vs Streamlining Conversion
Discussed one tenant issue

Commissioner Turdo moved to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session, which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Nannery*** at **6:48 PM**. Upon roll call the motion was unanimous.

RESOLUTION: 2019-15 Approval of Electing the Streamlined Conversion to Section 8

Whereas, the Board of the Newton Housing Authority have previously applied for and received approval to convert to the HUD rental housing demonstration grant program, and;

Whereas, HUD issued PIH Notice 2019-05 titled streamlined voluntary conversion of last remaining projects of small public housing agencies, and;

Whereas, Newton is eligible to convert to the Housing Choice Voucher Program as allowed by Notice 2019-05, and;

Whereas, the election to convert under this Notice is contingent on entering into a shared service agreement for housing choice voucher program administration and action to withdraw from the rental housing demonstration grant assistance award.

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Commissioners of the Newton Housing Authority electing to apply for the conversion to Section 8 and to withdraw from the renal assistance demonstration grant program and authorize the Interim Executive Director to take whatever actions are necessary.

Commissioner Leonardo moved to adopt Resolution #: **2019-15**, which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Turdo***. All were in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Authority, ***Commissioner Turdo*** moved at the call of ***Chairperson Fiedorczyk*** the meeting be adjourned, which motion was seconded by ***Commissioner Nannery***. Upon roll call the motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at **6:55 PM**, August 12, 2019.

W. PAUL RUMMERFIELD	**MARIA FIEDORCZYK**
Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer	Chairperson