



Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Meeting to be held via ZOOM

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Janice DeJohn called the meeting to order at 10:30AM via ZOOM.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Janice DeJohn, President
Eric Chubenko- Senior Vice President
Douglas Dzema- Treasurer
Sherry Sims- Recording Secretary
Hector Fuentes, Vice President, Commissioners
Vernon Lawrence- Vice President, Community Development
Randall Wood- Vice President, Professional Development
Kimberly Gober- Vice President, Housing
Rick Iovine- Vice President, Legislation
Gary Centinaro, Vice President, Member Services
Joseph Billy, Trustee
Anthony Feorenzo, Trustee
John Clarke, Trustee
Joseph Capano, Trustee
John Mahon, Trustee
Louis Riccio, Trustee
Lynn Bartlett, Trustee
Christopher Marra, Trustee
Domingo Senande, Trustee
Victor Cirilo, Immediate Past President
Jack Warren- JIF Representative
Bill Snyder, Service Officer

Absent

E. Dorothy Carty-Daniel, Trustee
Robert DiVincent, Trustee
Victor Figueroa, Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 22, 2021 Meeting

Motion: Joseph Capano

Second: Kimberly Gober

Abstained: Hector Fuentes

All members present voted in the affirmative to approve the minutes, none were opposed.

REPORTS

- **Senior Vice President**- Eric Chubenko discussed reopening procedures for both in office and eventually to the public. A discussion also took place concerning the end of the Eviction Moratorium and how to prepare for that.
- **Treasurer**- Douglas Dzema reported on the account balances for the CD, Money Market and Checking account as of 4/30/2021. Invoices were emailed out and we have about 33 responses to date. Invoices have been mailed out to everyone who did not respond to the emailed invoice. Douglas put the entire bill list in the amount of \$2,600 in the form of a motion. Eric Chubenko seconded the motion, and all members present voted in the affirmative to approve the bill list, none were opposed. Douglas also shared with the members of the board that the Emergency Housing Vouchers are available, and Perth Amboy will be accepting the EHV's. President DeJohn informed everyone the recipients of these Vouchers and how many they are receiving.
- **Recording Secretary** – No Report
- **Corresponding Secretary** – VACANT
- **Commissioners**- No Report
- **Community Development**- No Report
- **Professional Development**– No Report.
- **Legislation**- Rick Iovine reported that the President's proposed budget has a 15% increase to HUD. Senate 3522 is proposing that they separate PERS local and PERS State which has the league of municipalities support.
- **Housing**- Kimberly Gober discussed the difficulties in filling positions within the PHA. Kimberly reported that the PHA's that have the Congregate Program, the state issued letters of intent and have until June 9th to return the Standardized Board Resolution. Some PHA's were notified of Short Fall Funding. Executive Order 239 eases restrictions in the state and talks about reopening. Kimberly discussed reopening

Community Rooms in her Public Housing buildings and ways to keep it open to residents.

- **Membership Services**- No Report
- **Service Officer** Bill Snyder spoke to Chris James regarding approval from the DCA for training and the final letter, along with a list of names and resumes of those who indicated they wanted to do trainings, were sent to MR. James. Chris James stated that the DCA Commissioner has a small committee that will meet and go over it. Bill Snyder has received several requests to extend the deadline for the scholarships which he deferred to the Scholarship committee. Lastly, an email went out to everyone regarding the Newsletter which is centered on advertising the conferences. Newsletter will go out sometime in August and advertise the Fall 2021 conference.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place among the board members regarding meeting in person again for monthly NJNAHRO meetings. Not everyone felt comfortable at this time and will discuss when to start meeting again in person at the end of the summer.

Louis Riccio brought up the May 2022 Spring Conference and the possibility of partnering with MARC NAHRO again since the Spring 2020 conference was canceled. The Board suggested NJNAHRO honors the contract that was previously signed for 2020. Gary Centenaro made a motion to sign a contract with MARC NAHRO for the Spring 2022 conference, Kimberly Gober seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative, none were opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

President DeJohn requested the deadline for the scholarships be extended. Only one application has been received to date. Joseph Billy suggested the deadline be moved to June 30, 2021. Gary Centenaro made a motion to extend the deadline to June 30, 2021, Louis Riccio seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative, none were opposed. Bill Snyder will send out an email to everyone informing them of the extension of the Scholarship deadline.

Ten vendors have been secured for the Fall 2021 Conference. Eight out of the ten have sent payment already. A notice was sent out to other vendors regarding the opportunity to be on a virtual video and to date there has been no response.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Mahon stated he is putting together a presentation for the Region which includes reopening strategies, policies, and protocols for the middle of June. President DeJohn thanked Victor Cirilo for inviting her to his Housing Authority while Marcia Fudge, Secretary of HUD was there visiting the vaccination center in Newark.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Gary Centenaro

SECOND: Lynn Bartlett

All members present voted in the affirmative, none were opposed.

TIME: 11:33 AM