



**RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

RESOLUTION #2021-55

**APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13TH
2021**

Commissioner _____ presents the following Resolution and makes the motion

Commissioner _____ 2nd the motion on the following Resolution

WHEREAS, the Irvington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will meet on November 10th, 2021 for the Regular Board Meeting.

WHEREAS, The October 13TH 2021, Board Meeting Minutes were delivered to the IHA via e-mail on November 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Resolution #2021-55 (Approving the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 13th, 2021) is approved.

YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

Commissioner Magalia Lamy-Lockhart
Commissioner Zorana Figueroa
Commissioner Andre L. Francis III
Commissioner Quasim Salaam
Commissioner Alfonso C. Griffin
Commissioner Annette L. Beasley
Commissioner Darlene Brown

I certify that this is a true copy adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Irvington at the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th, day of November 2021.

Ramon Rivera, Secretary
Interim Executive Director

Darlene Brown, Chairwoman

IRVINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF IRVINGTON, HELD ON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, HELD
VIRTUALLY AT 5:08 P.M..

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT/READING OF SUNSHINE LAW

I, Darlene Brown, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Irvington and presiding officer at this meeting do hereby state that it is now 5:08 p.m. on October 13, 2021 and we are convening virtually and I do hereby announce publicly that notice of this board meeting has been provided in accordance with the law, that notice of same containing date, time and location was delivered or telephoned to the Irvington Herald or Star Ledger and also filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Irvington and that formal action may be taken if said adequate notice has not been provided.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All went into closed session to discuss contract negotiations by all ayes)

III. IN CLOSED SESSION

IV. MOTION MADE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC MEETING

Motion made by Commissioner Lockhart, seconded by Chairwoman Brown.

V. ROLL CALL

MR. BORIN: Commissioner Lockhart?

COMMISSIONER LOCKHART: Yes.

MR. BORIN: Commissioner Francis, III?

COMMISSIONER FRANCIS, III: Yes.

MR. BORIN: Commissioner Griffin?

COMMISSIONER GRIFFIN: Yes.

MR. BORIN: Vice Chairwoman Beasley?

VICE CHAIRWOMAN BEASLEY: Yes.

MR. BORIN: Chairwoman Brown?

CHAIRWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

ALSO PRESENT:

DOUGLAS DOYLE, ESQ.
PAUL MATTURRO, Accountant
FRANK BORIN, ESQ.
ESTHER EVELLARD

VI. PUBLIC PORTION: No members of the public

VII: RESOLUTIONS:

1. 2021-52 APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Commissioner Lockhart, Commissioner Francis, III,
Commissioner Francis, III, Commissioner Griffin,
Vice Chairwoman Beasley, Chairwoman Brown

VII: COMMISSIONER REMARKS:

COMMISSIONER LOCKHART: Will leave remarks for the Chair.

COMMISSIONER FRANCIS, III: Will leave remarks for the Chair.

COMMISSIONER GRIFFIN: Will leave remarks for the Chair.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN BEASLEY: Will also leave remarks for later.

CHAIRWOMAN BROWN: Has no remarks.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAMON RIVERA REMARKS:

Mr. Rivera stated that he wanted to emphasize that they were able to successfully turn the hot water back on for Crescent Lane on Friday. All tenants are now back in their apartments, the ones who chose to go to hotels. He stated they probably had 40 to 45 tenants that did go to a hotel at some point and stayed there for an extended stay. They ended the hotel stays over the weekend and all tenants are back in with hot water. They are also repairing the boiler system for Amp 1 and a temporary boiler was delivered

Sunday or Monday and is on site in a tractor/trailer next to the maintenance office. That is being connected to our heating system. He added that there may be occasional times where individuals' hot water or water is temporarily turned off during this installation and tenants have been notified of this. Also permanent repair on the hot water is being done and that is the resolution from the emergency meeting. So both the hot water and heating systems are being repaired for Amp 1 and they do have hot water now.

Mr. Rivera reported that the Chairwoman has given a lot of her time as they met with HUD representatives from DC and they participated in a call with Congressman Payne and the mayor to encourage HUD to assist us as we deal with the hurricane and other issues. HUD did allow us to pass the resolution which allowed us to make a disaster preference for our Section 8 vouchers.

Mr. Rivera said they had a meeting last week where he announced that they would be offering Section 8 disaster vouchers to all tenants impacted by the hurricane. The tenants were very pleased and we gave out the Section 8 vouchers to those tenants. Also, tomorrow they are going to start meeting with tenants to start the process for them to fill out the Section 8 application which is basically like a re-certification application where they have to confirm their income, the number of people in the household and fill out a pretty detailed application. Once that is submitted, it goes to the Section 8 folks and is submitted. They were able to provide them with a Section 8 voucher where they can go out in the market and secure a housing unit. He added that many tenants are excited for it. They are going in a preference system of those with medical needs, those who live in units with leaky roofs and just trying to deal with the tenants who need to move first for whatever reason.

Mr. Rivera stated that they are doing six tomorrow and meeting with the Section 8 folks. Esther is going to also join them to assist going through this process. Next week they will try and meet with as many as they can, three or four in the morning and three or four in the afternoon to try to move it along and get these folks their vouchers. The tenants are excited for this great news.

In addition they are continuing to do vaccine campaigns on site with the County. And they are putting back into effect the Quick Alert System, which does exist, but now they are going to open it up so that tenants can download an APP on their phone and get all of the quick alerts to see if the water goes out or an elevator goes down. He stated it's a better way to communicate with the tenants.

IX: RESOLUTIONS

1. 2021-53 APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 31, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,969.18.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Francis, III, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Commissioner Lockhart, Commissioner Francis, III,
Commissioner Griffin, Vice Chairwoman Beasley,
Chairwoman Brown

2. 2021-54 APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF A MASTER
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SILVER GEORGETOWN
LLC.

A motion to approve was made by Vice Chairwoman Beasley,
seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Commissioner Lockhart, Commissioner Francis, III,
Commissioner Griffin, Vice Chairwoman Beasley,
Chairwoman Brown

(Meeting adjourned - all ayes)

CERTIFICATION

I, JENNIFER WILSON, the assigned transcriber, so hereby certify the foregoing minutes of September 8, 2021, from 05:08 pm to 5:35 pm. digitally recorded and is prepared to the best of my ability.

/s/ Jennifer Wilson

Jennifer Wilson AD/T 623

AUDIOEDGE TRANSCRIPTION

FLORHAM PARK, NEW JERSEY

November 1, 2021

Date