MILFORD REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Digitally Conducted - Emergency Preparedness Protocol Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership was digitally conducted (following emergency preparedness protocols) with electronic means of participation for the public at Catherine McKeen Village, 95 Jepson Drive in the Community Room on October 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bergami III at 12:06 p.m..

PRESENT

Commissioner Samuel S. Bergami III (Zoom attendance)
Commissioner Charles Montalbano (Zoom attendance)
Commissioner Jake M. Joseph (Zoom attendance)
Commissioner Richard Borer (Zoom Attendance)

ALSO PRESENT

Anthony J. Vasiliou, Executive Director Christopher M. Cody, Attorney (Zoom attendance)

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING - September, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Joseph

SECOND: Commissioner Montalbano

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION # 1550 - ACCEPTANCE OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE MONTH OF September 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Montalbano

SECOND: Commissioner Borer

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION # 1551 - APPROVAL FOR DISBURSEMENT OF ACCRUED PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH September 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Joseph SECOND: Commissioner Borer

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony J. Vasiliou talked about the status of completion for the garage roof at Foran Towers. Anthony went on to mention that we hired a new Maintenance employee via a temporary employment agency to round out our team. Anthony updated the Commissioners regarding Former Tenant Commissioner, Gale Uberti. Gale was moved to long-term care due to her declining health. An update was offer regarding the Electrical Upgrade Project at Catherine McKeen Village; it is going well and expected to wrap up soon. Anthony announced that MRHP has been awarded \$90,000.00 in CDBG funding for combination carbon monoxide and smoke detector upgrades. Mr. Vasiliou went on to talk about the next modernization project. Bathroom Upgrades are being planned for Alan Jepson Manor. The current bathrooms were last upgraded in 2005. The subject of replacing our 2003 Ford Econoline 250 work van was discussed. Anthony explained that the transmission is failing. According to Steven's Ford, the engine was replaced and the vehicle is extremely rusted. Anthony went on to talk about the potential of using funds from the 'non-routine operating-expense' budget to purchase an electric vehicle to replace the van. There are various discounts offered for buying EV vehicles. Purchase of the EV Transit van would put an end to repair costs of the old van and would project a sense of modernizing the MRHP to the community. The charging station was discussed and an electrician will be contacted for an estimate. The new EV will have multiple safety features and will require less maintenance. Anthony discussed the prospect of centralizing or replacing mailboxes at Catherine McKeen Village following complaints from the Postmaster about the size of the current mailboxes. A project of this size will require planning, budgeting and many other factors will have to be considered. Anthony will work with legal counsel and discuss with the Postmaster the serious 'implications' of discontining mail service at the property. Initially, the MRHP was required to rectify the situation within a two week period. This is not feasible. Finally, Anthony informed the Commissioners that he is researching the possibility and cost of installing additional equipment at Catherine McKeen

Village Community Room to facilitate tenant participation in the monthly Commissioner's meetings. The Executive Director supported Commissioner Bergami's suggestion of restoring Public Time.

OLD BUSINESS - None Scheduled

NEW BUSINESS - None Scheduled

PUBLIC TIME - No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergami called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:38 p.m. via Parliamentary Procedure as there was not a quorum present at the time due to Chairman Montalbano leaving the meeting at 12.30 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Joseph SECOND: Commissioner Borer Jr.

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Vasiliou Corporate Secretary