

October 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NORTH HAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

555 Pool Road

North Haven, CT 06473

The regular Commissioners meeting of the North Haven Housing Authority was held on Tuesday October 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard LoPresti at 4:04 PM.

Present:

Richard LoPresti, Chairman
Anthony Solli, Vice Chairman
Marvin Wilson, Commissioner
Nancy Leddy, Secretary
Virginia Ballough, Tenant Commissioner

WHA Staff:

Chris Pisani, Acting Executive Director
Sophia Rosa, Acting Assistant Executive Director

Tenant Council Members Present:

Marie Comfort, Felix Cordova Gloria Dubey, Joe Mastriano.

Welcome and Announcements:

Richard LoPresti, Chairman opened the meeting with a roll call.

Public Comment:

Temple Pines Resident, Roberta Volpati, commented on the shutdown of the Temple Pines elevator and lack of communication with all residents in the building. She mentioned that the tenants spread the word after it was confirmed with Acting Executive Director Pisani. Additionally, it was mentioned anytime the elevator temporarily breaks down, maintenance is there right away to address the issue. Chairman LoPresti responds to present residents about the restricted elevator use and strongly urging tenants to reach out to Housing Management with any concerns about the building. He concluded that Tenant Council is not responsible for informing tenants about any issues, again reiterating the need to reach out to Housing Management. Chairman LoPresti and Acting Executive Director Pisani explained the issues and the

additional financial assistance needed to repair the elevator and updates to the units. Acting Executive Director Pisani then continued by discussing the importance of protocol and the need for tenants communicate their needs to the Housing Authority by trusting the process and management. Chairman LoPresti then added all tenants can contact him as well at any time by telephone or e-mail.

Tenant Council Corner/Discussion:

Resident Gary Stackpole submitted a proposal on behalf of the Tenant Council regarding activities they would like to plan throughout the year. Additionally, Mr. Stackpole inquired about the new community room furniture that the Temple Pines Building will be getting post renovations. Acting Assistant Director Rosa let the tenant council know that NHHA is not there in the process yet. Once the community room renovations are underway, management will revisit the tenant council for discussion on suggestions.

Tenant commissioner Ballough comments on communication between tenant commissioner and the Tenant Council. Chairman LoPresti clarified the role of Tenant Commissioner as a representation of the tenant perspective during board proceedings. The Tenant Council members then asked for clarification about the budget. Acting Executive Director addressed the process of passing the budget for the Tenant Council with the board.

Commissioner Marvin Wilson left the meeting at 4:52PM.

New Business:

A) *Approval of Finance Reports:* Vice Chairman Soli made a motion to approve the September Finance Reports. Tenant Commissioner Ballough second the motion. All present board members in favor.

B) *2021 Temple Pines Small Cities Application Update:* Chairman LoPresti stated that the Housing Authority is still in the process of closing on the grant however, the start of renovations has been pushed back due to pending contract negotiations between the selected construction manager, and the state whom is providing the grant. Chairman LoPresti went on to address elevator repairs that are included in the list of repairs being made under this funding. Due to the delayed closing, The NHHA has put in an application for priority needs funding through The Connecticut Finance Housing Authority (CHFA) specifically to address the elevator repairs that that need to be made as soon as possible. He went on to mention that The NHHA received a quote for a new elevator. It will take 2-3 weeks to get funding approval. As management gets any further updates, it will be communicated to the tenants.

Vice Chairman Solli made a motion to adjourn. Tenant Commissioner Ballough second the motion. All present board members in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.