

MINUTES OF A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF MILLVILLE  
November 23, 2010

A closed Executive Session of the Housing Authority of the City of Millville was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at Maurice View Plaza Community Room, 1 E. Vine Street, Millville, New Jersey. The meeting convened at 6:23 p.m.

Solicitor Robinson advised an agreement was reached between Nancy Thompson and the Millville Housing Authority. Nancy will receive 50% of her accumulated sick time and signed an agreement releasing the Millville Housing Authority from any future suits.

Secretary Dice reported a Housing Discrimination Complaint had been filed by Ms. Jonnell Labas. We will be responding to the complaint by November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Solicitor Robinson reported a judge recently decided the MHA does not have to pay property taxes on our scattered sites. This means the City of Millville will owe the MHA \$133,000. A discussion followed as to how the MHA should negotiate with the City for this overpayment. The board members advised it is important the MHA leaders should negotiate fairly with the city.

An ALP employee will be terminated for violating MHA policy 701 J. "Exploitation of Residents or Employees". This policy specifically states MHA employees are prohibited from managing resident funds and accounts or becoming financial advisors to residents. Ms. Ellen Cossaboon agreed to be a joint account holder on a resident's checking account.

Ivy Evans advised the Board of the HUD Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program Grant that we are going to submit on January 14, 2011. There will be 12 grants awarded of approximately 5 million dollars each. The grant would allow us to build or rehab an existing PHA building into an early childhood center. This would include a pre-school on site, as well as offering adult training in the evenings. Ivy looked into purchasing a lot across from Holly Berry Court, but the owners want too much money for the property. We are now hoping to build on the Holly Berry Court property if we are awarded the grant. Secretary Dice explained the MHA has done the weeding – now comes the seeding. This project would not be just for residents of HBC, but the entire community.

Secretary Dice advised Ray Meir, Executive Director, is retiring in May from the Bridgeton Housing Authority. Paul would like to approach the BHA Board and contract to provide services. We would like to take over certain key areas like Accounting Services. It is important the MHA try to find a foothold and branch out. Chairman Miller asked if Mayor Kelley had been briefed on this idea. Solicitor Robinson agreed that Chairman Miller, the Solicitor and Secretary Dice should meet with the Bridgeton Mayor to see if he is agreeable. Mayor Kelley would then discuss with the BHA Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Kelley commented that Dave Leek, Maintenance, has still not been given a company vehicle to use for MHA business. Ivy Evans advised she did authorize one of the trucks be given to Sherry Kauffmann for her crew to utilize when it was necessary.

There being no further discussion or business; Chairman Miller asked for a motion to adjourn the Closed Executive Session. Commissioner Parent made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Tomlin seconded. All present were in favor.