

1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
2 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
3 BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

4 Monday, March 17, 2014
5 Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

6 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

7 LEANE SURMA, CHAIRPERSON

8 MARIE BARCKETT

9 EDWARD J. DABAL

10 NOEL QUILES

11 EDWARD PUZIO

12 ROSEMARIE RIBAUDO

13 JUDITH SUSINO

14
15 ALSO PRESENT:

16
17 MARTIN P. GEISLER, ESQ.
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

19 COLLEEN DAY
20 ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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22 MARY MC KAY
23 Certified Court Reporter
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1 Notice of the time, date and place of this
2 meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance
3 by publication in The Record and by posting a notice of
4 this meeting on the community bulletin board at the
5 Garfield Housing Authority and Garfield City Hall.

6 MR. GEISLER: Roll call for the regular
7 meeting held on March 17, 2014.

8 MS. BARCKETT: Present.

9 MR. PUZIO: Here.

10 MS. RIBAUDO: Here.

11 MS. SUSINO: Here.

12 MR. QUILES: Here.

13 MR. DABAL: Present.

14 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Here.

15 MR. GEISLER: Flag salute.

16 (All rise for the recitation of the Pledge of
17 Allegiance.)

18 MR. GEISLER: Approval of the minutes from
19 the transcript of the caucus and regular meeting held
20 on February 17th, 2014. Is there a motion?

21 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I'll make it.

22 MS. RIBAUDO: Second.

23 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

24 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

25 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

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1 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

2 MR. QUILES: Yes.

3 MR. DABAL: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

5 MR. GEISLER: Bills presented for payment,
6 March 17, 2014, for a total amount of \$140,015.17. Is
7 there a motion?

8 MR. DABAL: Make the motion.

9 MS. BARCKETT: Second.

10 Yes.

11 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

12 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

13 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

14 MR. QUILES: Yes.

15 MR. DABAL: Abstain on check number 12186.
16 Yes on the rest.

17 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

18 MR. GEISLER: Resolution 2014-03.

19 Appointment of Attorney to Garfield Housing Authority.
20 And that is Michael DeMarco, Esquire. And the fee is
21 the same as last year. Anybody want to sign it?

22 MS. RIBAUDO: I do.

23 MR. GEISLER: I figured that. That's why I
24 took it out. Make a motion?

25 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I will.

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1 MR. GEISLER: Ribauda and Surma.

2 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

3 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

4 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

5 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

6 MR. QUILES: Yes.

7 MR. DABAL: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

9 MR. GEISLER: Resolution 2014-04. Hiring of
10 Fee Accountant. That would be Mr. William Katchen at
11 the same fee as last year. Anybody want to make a
12 motion?

13 MR. DABAL: I'll make a motion.

14 MR. PUZIO: I'll second it.

15 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

16 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

17 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

18 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

19 MR. QUILES: Abstain.

20 MR. DABAL: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

22 MR. GEISLER: Hiring of the IPA Auditor.
23 That is Mr. Policari and Company. At a total cost of
24 \$8,000. Do we have a motion?

25 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I'll make it.

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1 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll second.
2 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.
3 MR. PUZIO: Yes.
4 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.
5 MS. SUSINO: Yes.
6 MR. QUILES: Yes.
7 MR. DABAL: Yes.
8 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.
9 MR. GEISLER: Adoption of the annual budget.
10 Resolution 2014-07. Do I have a motion?
11 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I'll make it.
12 MR. GEISLER: Anybody want to second?
13 MR. DABAL: I'll second.
14 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.
15 MR. PUZIO: Yes.
16 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.
17 MS. SUSINO: Yes.
18 MR. QUILES: Yes.
19 MR. DABAL: Yes.
20 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.
21 MS. BARCKETT: What about 06, the bad debt
22 write-off? You did seven before you did six.
23 MR. DABAL: He jumped one.
24 MR. GEISLER: I'm very sorry. Resolution
25 2014-06. Bad write debt off. Bad debt write-off. For

1 a total amount of \$9,347.29. Is there a motion?

2 MS. RIBAUDO: Are those deceased people?

3 MS. DAY: Some of them are deceased, some of
4 them we're never going to get.

5 MR. GEISLER: Stu Walters. He died. Almost
6 \$3,000. The other girl is in a shelter and she's
7 got -- okay. That's enough now. All right. Anybody
8 make a motion?

9 MS. SUSINO: I'll make a motion.

10 MR. GEISLER: Second?

11 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Okay.

12 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

13 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

14 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

15 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

16 MR. QUILES: Yes.

17 MR. DABAL: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

19 MR. GEISLER: Resolution 2014-08. To join
20 the Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting. Do I have
21 a motion?

22 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I'll make it.

23 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll second.

24 MS. BARCKETT: I have a question. Can I ask
25 a question? It says here that attached is the Joint

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1 Contract Joinder Agreement. Do we need to see that?
2 Because it's not attached.

3 MR. GEISLER: You don't have to. It's just
4 that we're joining. It's somewhere. Okay.

5 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

6 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

7 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

8 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

9 MR. QUILES: Yes.

10 MR. DABAL: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

12 MR. GEISLER: Do we have any commissioner
13 comment? What's the date of our Easter party, do we
14 know?

15 MS. DAY: We didn't say it yet because Easter
16 is not until April 20th.

17 MS. RIBAUDO: No chicken.

18 MR. GEISLER: Just breakfast. Let me tell
19 you something. Anybody who hasn't been there, our
20 Easter party is the best party. It's wonderful. The
21 kids have a ball. We have an Easter egg hunt, weather
22 permitting. There's baskets, things, good breakfast.
23 I want to tell you something, they really enjoy it. I
24 think they enjoy it better than anything we have.

25 MR. DABAL: Especially if they have good

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1 weather and they can be outside.

2 MR. GEISLER: For the Christmas party we
3 had -- what did we make?

4 MS. DAY: Crafts.

5 MR. GEISLER: This year I don't know what
6 we're going to do. We'll figure something out. Paint
7 eggs or make baskets or do something. I don't know.

8 Motion to adjourn?

9 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll make it.

10 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: I'll second.

11 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

12 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

13 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

14 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

15 MR. QUILES: Yes.

16 MR. DABAL: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON SURMA: Yes.

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