

Preston Housing Authority

11 Lincoln Park Rd. Ext.

Preston, CT 06365

The monthly meeting of the Preston Housing Authority was called to order on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:08pm.

In attendance are Dave Goss, Sara Vegliante, Marie Perrin and Leigh Pappas. Carol Onderdonk, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

The minutes from the February 21, 2018 special meeting and February 12, 2018 monthly meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes by M. Perrin and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

NEW BUSINESS: A representative from the Mac-Gray Services, the laundry machine rental company, gave a presentation on the changing out the machines to a key card system instead of coin-operated. Cost per load would increase. The Board will review the information as well as the current contract and re-address at the next meeting.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS/TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. Perrin provided a complete review of the February 2018 receipts and disbursements. A motion was made to accept bills and communications by S. Vegliante and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented for February.

February 2018

Checking	\$31,947.46
Citizen's CD	\$32,290.19
<u>Dime CD</u>	<u>\$21,809.17</u>
Total:	\$86,048.82

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by S. Vegliante and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

REPORT OF RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR:

Fran Minor reported the craft group took a break from crafts this session and enjoyed a friendly game of bingo. Residents were asked to donate random household goods as prizes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action items from February: Tax abatement request to town. S. Vegliante composed and L. Pappas delivered a letter for the request on 1/30/18. We are waiting for a response.

Emergency exit from Lincoln Park- Two letters have been submitted to the town for this request. First Selectman Congdon recommended we turn this over to Chief Casey. L. Pappas will follow up with Chief Casey.

Duplex control panel- complete. D. Goss said water was running somewhere. The septic line was flowing at a good pace.

NEW BUSINESS (con't):

Cable charges- S. Vegliante reviewed the current cable charges. PHA entered into a contract with Comcast 5 years ago to provide cable TV for 40 units at a reasonable price. PHA is billed directly and then tenants have an option to opt-in for about \$32. Carol had mentioned a couple months ago many people are not opting in anymore. Currently the Comcast bill is \$1,349.29 for 40 units. PHA opt-in income for cable: \$988.80. Therefore, PHA is paying Comcast an additional \$360.49 for cable that's not being used. It was decided that we will meet with the Comcast representative to either renegotiate the contract to include wi-fi and optional cable or cancel the agreement entirely. This would allow the tenants to contact Comcast directly for their cable/wifi needs.

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Carol has a few phone calls in to Orrie Vardar regarding the base rent increase. There is quite a process for this.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tenant Annette questioned if we have to go through Comcast? Can they use frontier or dish? Nothing states they have to use Comcast.

Tenant Kelly noted that her roof leaks during windy rainstorms. The rain water comes through the fan area.

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Perrin and seconded by S. Vegliante at 4:50pm. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Vegliante
Secretary/ Preston Housing Authority