

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**

A Special Meeting of the Housing Authority of the Town of Phillipsburg was held on March 6, 2019 at 6:30 P.M., in the offices of the Housing Authority, 530 Heckman Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Korp at 6:30P.M. and upon roll call the following members were present: Commissioners: Korp, Baptista, Clark, Franceschino, Shelly, Swick, & Mugavero. Also present was General Counsel, Katharine Fina, Esq. and Andrew Kinsey, Esq.

There were no members of the public present.

Chairperson Korp announced in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting was delivered to the Express-Times, Municipal Clerk, posted in the Municipal Building, posted in the Housing Authority Office and on the website. Chairperson Korp directed said announcement to be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Franceschino moved to enter into Executive Session which motion was seconded by *Commissioner Clark*. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Shelly moved to exit Executive Session, which motion was seconded by *Commissioner Mugavero*. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Baptista moved to re-enter into Regular Session, which motion was seconded by *Commissioner Swick*. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Attorney Fina announced that during executive session, the Commissioners discussed matters of potential litigation and employment matters.

FORMAL ACTION

Commissioner Swick moved to appoint and retain Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (CSG) as Special Counsel at the rate of \$395 per hour to investigate the claims alleged by Jaffe Glenn Law Group, P.A., on behalf of J.T., which was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Mugavero moved to authorize Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli to communicate and work with the Housing Authority's Insurance Carrier relating to the claims alleged by Jaffe Glenn Law Group, P.A., on behalf of J.T., which was seconded by Commissioner Swick. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Swick moved to authorize Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli to communicate and cooperate with Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (CSG) with regard to the claims alleged by Jaffe Glenn Law Group, P.A., on behalf of J.T., which was seconded by Commissioner Baptista. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous.

Discussion was held relating possible conflict of interest. Following discussion, Commissioner Swick moved to rescind the action appointing and retaining Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (CSG) as Special Counsel, which was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion was unanimous. Commissioner Swick moved to appoint and retain Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (CSG) as Special Counsel at the rate of \$395 per hour to investigate the claims alleged by Jaffe Glenn Law Group, P.A., on behalf of J.T., which was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 5-0-2, with Commissioners Baptista and Shelly abstaining due to conflicts of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Authority, Commissioner Clark moved at the call of Chairman Korp, the meeting be adjourned, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mugavero. Upon roll call the motion was unanimous.