

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**

A Meeting of the Housing Authority of the Town of Phillipsburg was held on July 16, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., via telephone conference pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Korp at 6:00P.M. and upon roll call the following members were present: Commissioners: Shelly, Swick, Decker, Baptista, & Corcoran. Also present was Executive Director Paul Rummerfield; and General Counsel, Katharine Fina, Esq.

Chairman 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. Chairman Korp directed said announcement to be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Attorney Fina announced that during executive session, the Commissioners discussed matters of potential litigation, contracts, and matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

Commissioner Decker moved to pass a Resolution to appoint Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC as Special Legal Counsel/Conflict Counsel to investigate a personnel complaint at the rate of \$355.00/hour for all partners, \$265.50/hour for all counsel and associates, and \$157.50/hour for all paralegals, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, exclusive any fees associated with information technology. The Motion was seconded by *Commissioner Corcoran*. Upon a roll call vote, all Commissioners Decker, Swick, Corcoran, and Korp were in favor and Commissioners Shelly and Baptista were opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Authority, Commissioner Baptista moved at the call of Chairman Korp, the meeting be adjourned, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelly. Upon roll call the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:58P.M.