

Affordable Housing Board Meeting  
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The following are the minutes of the Affordable Housing Board meeting, which was held on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in the Community Development Conference Room, located in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building.

**I. Statement of Proper Notice**

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Affordable Housing Board has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

Present: Peter Ferrone, John Masso, Susan McCloskey, Kevin VanHise, Walker Ristau

Absent: William Capell, Jean Washington

Excused Absence: None

Also Present: James Kownacki, Council Liaison, Andrew Link, Liaison;  
Susan Snook, Secretary

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The November 15, 2012 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**IV. Status of Changes at State Level**

Chairperson VanHise stated that nothing has changed since last month. The Supreme Court heard the arguments and did not decide what they are going to do or not going to do. The arguments before the Supreme Court were all on the third round rules and specifically whether growth share is an acceptable methodology. There are two other cases that are on the Supreme Court docket and the first is whether or not Governor Christie has the ability to abolish COAH and consolidate it into the Department of Community Affairs and the other case is whether or not the State (COAH, DCA or the Governor) has the ability to actually seize the Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies that are older than four years old.

The two cases possibly are scheduled for next month, which there is no confirmation yet. If the Supreme Court in the third round rules challenge says COAH needs to enact new rules, it should say whether or not there is going to be a COAH or whether or not the Governor has the power because it does not make sense to remand back to an agency that the Governor may have the ability to abolish. Townships are continuing to move forward; however, things have slowed down a little.

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**VI. Other Business:**

Chairperson VanHise questioned if applications were still coming in or have things slowed down a little. Mr. Link stated things have slowed down some, but it is the time of the year. He stated we received five applications a week and three active foreclosures and a couple of properties that have liens on them that we are thinking about foreclosing on.

**VII. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2013.



Susan Snook  
Secretary

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