

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD MEETING  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

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**December 17, 2009**

The following are the minutes of an Affordable Housing Board Meeting, which was held on December 17, 2009, in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building Manager's Conference Room.

**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.

The roll was called as followed at 7:33 PM:

Present: Chairperson Kim Taylor, Vice-Chairperson Barbara Lavine, Skip Conover, and Kevin VanHise

Absent: Bob Bostock, Council Liaison

Excused Absence: Nancy Becker and Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate,

Also Present: Danielle Hickey, Secretary

**Review and Revision of Agenda**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The November 19, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

**Public Comment**

None

**Sustainable Opportunities**

This agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting. The Board would also like to extend an invitation to Mayor Mount to discuss this agenda item.

**Other Business**

The upcoming year could be busy for the Affordable Housing Board with the changes in government. Judge Skillman, the original Mt. Laurel judge came to agreement that COAH's rules were baseline assumptions and COAH's current rules are flawed. Returns to Round 1 and 2 of the COAH guidelines need to be examined to figure out what the actual numbers should be and there is no decision expected before the spring. COAH has approved approximately 50

plans since the courts have been reviewing this information. Lawrence Township was the first application approved. There is a possibility that the application will be dissolved. The Affordable Housing Board may need to adopt new rules. The courts ruled that COAH cannot be trusted, and Governor Christie's team has already met with the League of Municipalities to discuss this topic. COAH may be disbanded or not kept in its' current form. Currently, there is a lot of confusion with COAH and Affordable Housing.

The question was raised, "What happens if you are in the middle of a current project?" More than likely, there will still be some type of affordable housing, however the legislative courts needs to decide what affordable housing means. This definition has not been reconciled yet. It is not clear how the courts are going to rule yet.

The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Affordable Housing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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Danielle N. Hickey,  
Affordable Housing Board Secretary