

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RENT LEVELING BOARD

Minutes – March 5, 2020

Mr. Manning , Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and requested the Secretary to call the roll. The following members were present: Constance Holmes, Ruth Johnson, Naomi Riley, Bryan Acciani, James Manning, Alternate #1 Jeff Klein; Alternate #2: Absent: Naomi Riley and Wendel Thomas.

Mr. Manning stated adequate notice of this meeting as required by P.L. Chapter 231 has been provided by notice in the Coaster, which was posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Complex and filing a said notice with the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Manning announced that the Consumer Price Index [December's price index was 282.020, Area prices up 0.8 percent over the month and 2.5 percent over the year]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Johnson offered a motion, moved and seconded by Mrs. Holmes to approve the minutes of the meeting for February 6, 2020; all those that were eligible to vote voted aye

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #20-07

RESOLUTION OF THE NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RENT LEVELING BOARD ACCEPTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPLAINT OF JAMIE LANDSMAN AGAINST JUMPING BROOK APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Jamie Landsman filed a Complaint on September 9, 2019, with the Neptune Rent Leveling Board challenging her Capital Improvement Surcharge submitted by her Landlord; said surcharge was adopted by the Rent Leveling Board by Resolution on April 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Landsman did not appeal the Resolution of April 4, 2019 and testified before the Rent Leveling Board on February 6, 2020 that she needed clarification from counsel for the Landlord, from the law firm of Giordano, Halleran and Ciesla, PC, who was present at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, after hearing from the Complainant and having her questions answered by both members of the Rent Leveling Board and counsel for the Landlord, Jamie Landsman suggested withdrawing her Complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Neptune Township Rent Leveling Board, that the Neptune Township Rent Leveling Board accepts the Complainant, Jamie Landsman's, withdrawal of her Complaint previously filed on September 9, 2019 and will take no further action with regard to this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Complainant, Jamie Landsman, at 3805 Highway 22, Apt. 72, Neptune, New Jersey and to the Landlord through its attorney at the law firm of Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, PC, 125 Half Mile Road, Suite 300, Red Bank, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both parties have a right to appeal before the Mayor and Township Committee within the time period allowed by Ordinance should they choose to do so.

OFFERED BY BOARD MEMBER: Jeff Klein

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER: Constance Holmes

AND ADOPTED ON ROLL CALL BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

ROLL CALL

Affirmative: Holmes, Manning, Johnson, Acciani, Klein

Negative: -----

Absent: Riley and Thomas

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Case #20-01 Keonna Brown vs Harlee Gardens....Settlement Agreement

Mr. Anthony stated this complaint was brought before the Board for an illegal increase and the landlord was passing a capital charge onto the tenant. He stated Mr. Ragan, the attorney for the landlord reached a settlement with the tenant and the rent went back to the original rent amount with credits.

Ms. Keonna Brown introduced herself and gave her address as 1514 Monroe Avenue, Apt 21B.

Mr. Anthony stated he wanted the settlement on record and asked if she was in agreement to it.

Ms. Brown stated that she was in agreement of the arrangement.

The Board recognized the agreement and Mrs. Johnson made an offer that no further action would be taken, moved and seconded by Mr. Acciani; all were in favor.

Mr. Anthony informed Ms. Brown that this agreement was binding and that a resolution would be on the next meeting pertaining to this matter.

Mr. Manning reminded Ms. Brown that she could always file a claim.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Mrs. Ruth Johnson offered a motion, moved and seconded by Mr. Acciani to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Pamela D. Howard
Secretary