

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Westmoreland County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Abraham. The following were present:

Thomas S. Abraham, Vice Chairman  
Joseph A. Dalfonso, Secretary  
Robert T. Regola, Member

Absent: Daniel J. Wukich, Chairman  
Norene Price, Treasurer

Also present: Michael L. Washowich, Executive Director  
William J. McCabe Solicitor  
Linda Metz, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Erik Spiegel, Director of Architect and Engineering  
Mark Swetz, Comptroller  
Rich Cholodofsky, Tribune Review  
Westmoreland County Commissioner Doug Chew

There being a quorum present, Mr. Abraham declared the meeting in session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public in attendance wanting to speak.

**READING OR DISPENSING OF THE READING OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Dalfonso moved, and Mr. Regola seconded the motion to dispense from the reading of the January 13, 2024, reorganization meeting and regular meeting minutes as submitted to the Board of Commissioners and accept them as presented, subject to any correction or deletions.

On a roll call, the motion was carried unanimously.

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**RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Regola moved, and Mr. Dalfonso seconded the motion to ratify the payment of bills that are properly authorized and signed as presented and travel expenses for the Commissioners attending this meeting.

On a roll call, the motion was carried unanimously.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Mr. Washowich said that he just wanted to thank Commissioner Chew, Commissioner Kertis and Commissioner Kopas for their continued support of this agency specifically for funding for WCHA’s sewage plant in Sewickley Township.

“Our expertise is in housing and social services, not sewage. And this will enable us to get out from underneath that sewage plant,” he said. “We will continue to partner with the county on various projects. We look forward to a potential partnership on an energy project located behind Hempfield Towers.”

MODERNIZATION REPORT: Mr. Spiegel presented a hard copy of his report to the board. He also mentioned a potential partnership with the county on an energy project to be located behind Hempfield Tower.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Swetz presented a hard copy of his financial report for the three months ending December 31, 2023.

Prior to continuing with the agenda items, Mr. Abraham questioned Mr. Washowich on the status of illegal immigrants in the county. Mr. Washowich assured Mr. Abraham that WCHA follows all HUD regulations regarding these people, and none are currently residing in any WCHA communities. In fact, Mr. Washowich explained that illegals are simply not eligible for the authority’s services.

Commissioner Chew pointed out that in Westmoreland County there are no services that are offered to non-US citizens. In fact, there the county has had only a very few cases of non-documented people, he stated.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Hope in Life newsletter for March 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dalfonso moved, and Mr. Regola seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 the ex-tenants accounts written off to collection loss for December of 2023 and January of 2024.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Public Housing</u>	<u>Section 8 New Construction</u>
December 2023	\$ 18,927.53	\$ 00.00
January 2024	\$ 28,893.24	\$ 00.00

On a roll call, the motion was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dalfonso moved, and Mr. Regola seconded a motion to adjourn.

On a roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Abraham declared the meeting adjourned.