

Watkins Glen Housing Authority  
Jefferson Village Community Room  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

**Roll Call** at 4:30pm:

Present – Peter Widynski, Nan Woodworth, Brad Eakins, Patti Schimizzi, Billy Pylypciw and Beth DeCaro.

**Reading and Approval of Previous (Annual) Meeting (May 21, 2019):**

Motion to approve by Nan, seconded by Brad, carried

**Treasurers Report:**

Bed Liners, insurance premiums, parking lot sealing and striping were May's expenditures Motion to approve by Brad, seconded by Patti, carried.

**Communications Sent/Received:**

Weekly In-House Team Meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project – attached and discussed during “old business.”

**Executive Director's Report:**

Active Guard liners have been distributed and installed. Extra liners also purchased for the use of the aides, if they were interested. The exterminator did a walk through as well.

Spectrum vs. Empire Access – The cost per month will be \$50 per month for the 155 channels, 2 boxes and internet, contingent on 35 tenants signing up. To date, 30 tenants have shown an interest. The contract, when signed will be for six years with a projected raise of up to 6% per year over the course of the six years. The cost per month will also cover vacant apartments, if needed.

Connections Retreat – The owner of Connections Retreat Center for People and Dogs, Rich Greenberger brought his dogs to Jefferson Village for his presentation and attended by 10-12 residents. Connections is located in Burdett where residents can be bused by ARC for \$8 per person to walk around and hang out with the dogs for an hour and the residents can even bring their own dogs. This type of “connection” has proven to help in “healing and regaining a balanced perspective.” Rich will also bring a couple of dogs to JV every Tuesday to visit with the residents. Brad made a motion to allow Beth to arrange with both ARC

and Connections for weekly visits for the residents' field trips. Motion seconded by Nan. Carried.

Rent Increase – 1.031% as of November 11, 2019, and will be absorbed by HUD.

Website is up and running. Facebook page has not caught on with the residents as of yet, but need time.

**Old Business:**

Clarity on disability spots at Jefferson Village – up to five units under the age of 62 and disabled. Nan wanted to reiterate to everyone that many disabilities are not always visible, for everyone to keep an open mind if, and when a person under 62 with a disability applies for an apartment at JV. The question of “why only five units’ and this is based on HUD’s guidelines when the building was originally constructed. It is not a policy, but a regulation.

INHS-WGHA In-House project meeting for the Second Street Apartments – the first meeting took place in Ithaca on Monday, June 17, 2019, Peter Skyped in. This meeting is required to keep the project team coordinated and productive. Anyone on the board can attend the Monday meeting, Peter will try to make all the meetings, Skype connections are not great.

**Name of the New Project:**

Time to name the project cross the street from Jefferson Village, which up until today has been referred to as the Second Street Apartments, but that name has already been taken by the complex at the TOP of Second Street.

The winner among the Board is Glen Lake Apartments, unless a listener from Wet Couch Podcast comes up with a clever name.

**New Business:**

None

**Next meeting:**

July 16, 2019, 4:30pm at the Village Offices (upstairs).

**Motion to adjourn** at 5:35pm by Nan, seconded by Brad, carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Schimizzi