

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP HOUSING BOARD
Special Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024
11:00 AM via Zoom

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chair, Philip Lubitz at 11:11 am.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by public posting of the meeting agenda on the Kingwood Township web site, at the Kingwood Township Municipal Building, and sent to the newspapers as a public notice on July 24, 2024.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk.

The Housing Board meeting is a virtual meeting held on line. The meeting is hosted on Zoom and the link can be found on the Kingwood Township website

Roll Call-

Present- Leslie Bella, Philip Lubitz, Cynthia Ostergaard, James Moscaquiri, Esq.

Absent- Nancy Good

Public Comment – None

New Business- Affordable Housing – The meeting was called in order for the Kingwood Housing Board to discuss a request made by the Mayor of Montvale, New Jersey to join other municipalities in litigation to challenge the Affordable Housing legislation. The Mayor is respectfully requesting that each municipality who joins agree to pay \$10,000 towards a retainer, per year, for 2 years in order to cover the cost of the litigation. The Board decided that it would enter into Executive Session to discuss the matter since it involved a discussion about litigation.

A motion was made by Leslie Bella and Seconded by Phil Lubitz to enter into Executive Discussion. All were in favor.

At 11:30 am, the Housing Board returned from Executive Session.

Leslie Bella made a motion to recommend to the Township Committee that Kingwood Township does not enter into litigation with the other municipalities. Although there is sympathy for Montvale and other municipalities seeking assistance, the Housing Board does not feel that the expenses that could be potentially incurred would be beneficial to Kingwood Township. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Ostergaard.

Roll Call- Yay- Leslie Bella, Philip Lubitz, Cynthia Ostergaard. Nay- None. Absent- Nancy Good.

Other Matters

Next Meeting: August 15, 2024 1:00 pm via zoom

Adjournment- Cynthia Ostergaard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Leslie Bella. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.