

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 9, 2015**

Chairman Schmidt called the Housing Authority of the Borough of Clementon Special Meeting to order at 6:00PM and announced that the meeting has been properly advertised pursuant to N.J.S.A., 10:6, the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was held in the Community Room of Wooster Towers located at 22 Gibbsboro Road, Clementon, New Jersey.

Salute to flag.

Upon roll call the following were present: Commissioner Armbruster, Commissioner Casella, Commissioner Closs, Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Watson, Vice-Chairperson Cater (via phone), and Chairman Schmidt. Also present at this meeting were William J. Harris, Executive Director, Anthony Ogozalek, Jr., Solicitor, and Barbara J. Murray, Secretary.

**OATH OF OFFICE – COMMISSIONER CASELLA**

Chairman Schmidt stated that the purpose of this meeting was to swear in Commissioner Casella to his new term as Commissioner; Solicitor Ogozalek administered the oath of office to Commissioner Casella.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Commissioner Nicholson had a few questions concerning point of order; Chairman Schmidt opened the floor to Commissioner Nicholson for five minutes. Commissioner Nicholson asked who called for the special meeting; Chairman Schmidt said that he did and that before he asked Mr. Harris to advertise for the special meeting he spoke to every Commissioner except himself (Commissioner Nicholson).

Commissioner Nicholson said that the By-Laws require that two Commissioners have to contact the Chairman to request the special meeting; Commissioner Schmidt said that took place thru conversation. Commissioner Schmidt went on to say that he had a conversation with Solicitor Ogozalek, Mr. Harris Commissioner Cater, and Commissioner Closs on Sunday and made the decision on Monday to have the special meeting.

Commissioner Nicholson asked if anyone had a copy of the By-Laws; Mr. Harris read the section of the By-Laws that pertains to meetings, more specifically special meetings. Commissioner Nicholson asked Solicitor Ogozalek for his opinion; Solicitor Ogozalek said that the By-Laws are guidelines and do not have to be followed as long as the Open Public Meetings Act is followed.

Commissioner Nicholson asked how the agenda included the appointment of Auditor; Chairman Schmidt said that because Commissioner Casella was not sworn in, his vote technically did not count; therefore there were not the four affirmative votes needed to pass the motion. Commissioner Nicholson also asked if Commissioner Cater was sworn in; Chairman Schmidt advised that Commissioner Cater was sworn in at the special meeting in June by Commissioner Watson.

**NOMINATION OF TREASURER**

Chairman Schmidt said the second order of business was the nomination on the vote for position of treasurer, giving the Commissioner the authority to sign checks. Commissioner Closs, seconded by Commissioner Watson, made a motion to nominate Commissioner Casella for the position of treasurer. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Armbruster, Commissioner Casella, Commissioner Closs,

Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Watson, Vice-Chairperson Cater, and Chairman Schmidt. The motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – FY 2015**

Chairman Schmidt advised that the final order of business was the appointment of Auditor for the FY 2015 and opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Casella, seconded by Commissioner Watson, made a motion to appoint Hymanson, Parnes, and Giampaolo, LLC. as Auditor for FY 2015. Hearing no other nominations, Chairperson Schmidt asked for a roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Armbruster, Commissioner Casella, Commissioner Closs, Commissioner Nicholson, Commissioner Watson, and Vice-Chairperson Cater. Neys: Chairperson Schmidt. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC**

Chairman Schmidt opened the floor to the public; seeing no public, Chairman Schmidt closed the floor to the public and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Closs, seconded by Commissioner Watson, made a motion to adjourn at 6:11PM. Voice vote: All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William J. Harris  
Secretary