

The November 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Managers was called to order by Chairman Greci at 9:30 A.M. with the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

Secretary McDougall stated that this meeting has been included in the Annual Notice of Meetings and has been advertised in the Star Ledger and posted on the Home WEB Site.

A Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. DeLaurentis who had been excused and Mr. Oser who was absent.

Minutes of the September and October 2021 Meetings were approved upon a Motion by Mr. Sutphen and Second by Mr. Signorello. Approved by a voice vote of all present.

Treasurer Sutphen reported that everything with the budget is in order.

Superintendent Veras reported that Lathrop Station is open and currently has two guests. Other approved applicants have been contacted to arrange for admission. Some indicated they wanted to wait until after the holidays. Pass cards and codes for managers to use to gain access to the facility are available to managers by contacting him. There some clerical issues to be resolved with the State Board of Health from the inspection. Staff is working to begin more normal visiting procedures beginning on December 1st. For the various County Christmas Parties, plans are being made to limit the number of visitors entering the facility. Booster Vaccinations for staff are continuing.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: Mr. Signorello reported that a Sky Lift has been rented to paint the flag pole and clean out gutters. Dining Room Renovations have been completed and looks very good. Other items included in the budget are ongoing.

Applications. Mr. Horvath reported 60 Guests and 4 applications for admittance were approved. Full Report attached to the minutes.

Budget and Finance. Mr. Silvestri read his report and same is attached to the minutes.

Legislative: Mr. Lugossy reported the Legislature is in Lane Duck Session. One bill A5075 S4001 that Removes the State Fire Museum from the DEP and reorganizes as an independent Non Profit Organization was approved by the Assembly.

By-Laws Mr. Lugossy said the committee will be reviewing the By- Laws for some "House Cleaning".

Ethics & Code of Conduct: Mr Sutphen asked that all Managers complete and return the forms that he put in everyones mail drawer ASAP. This form is required by the State of New Jersey.

Museum: Mr. Hull reported that an old extension cord has been replaced and a replacement window with termite damage has been ordered. Some badges and challenge coins from Newark FD have been received. A clean up for the committee will be announced. The committee is seeking prices for jack stands so as to lift the vehicle from the floor. Mr. Wilson is looking to get a new tire donated on one apparatus that has a flat.

Inventory: Mr. Veras reported that a proposal through Hughes Plummer to conduct the full inventory is in progress.

Golf: Mr. Greci reported the committee will meet in January.

Memorial Plaque: Mr. Greci reported that to have all counties on one plaque will be special order costing \$6,500.00 A motion was made by Mr. Freeman second by Mr. Signorello to have the plaque ordered with the three smaller plaques as previously discussed noting the lesser cost to have it done that way. Approved by a voice vote.

Community Nursing Home: Mr. Dutch reported progress on facilities in Woodstone and Cape May. He asked anyone having knowledge of a 4 or 5-star facility in their county to notify the committee.

Liaison to State Association: Mr. Lugossy reported State President and Vice President and other Ex. Committeeman are present. Nothing further to report.

State Association: Mr. Ordway reported that Ocean County is having a special caucus meeting Monday to select an Executive Committeeman. Hunterdon County will meet on 12/8 to select a new manager. Mr. Greci added that he and Mr. Ordway had talked about setting up a meeting to discuss items of concern.

Solicitor Ward reported he has been in contact with the Special Counsel concerning the rental property and doesn't expect any action until at least January. He noted that the courts will be backlogged for some time with the many cases. Talks continue with Rockaway Valley Sewerage Authority on their request for a piece of our property where they had installed syphon tanks. He is drafting a contract for use with the Community Nursing Home program. Mr. Veras and he are preparing a RFP for House Cleaning Services and the Special Counsel on the Memory Care Construction disputes continues.

Payment of Bills: Mr. Silvestri moved payment of bills in the amount of \$431,197.22. Second by Mr. Hull A roll call vote showed all in favor.

Mr., Sutphen moved Resolution 9-2021 Awarding a contract to Princeton Public Affairs Group second by Mr. Sanders. Mr. Wilson said it's a shame that we have to spend this money along with the State Association spending money when the two groups should be sitting down to resolve issues. Mr. Jeffer wanted it on record that he speaks for himself and wants it known that this is not the Board of Managers but a majority of the managers. Mr. Freeman stated that this work must start fast. Mr. Signorello stated this is due process, majority rules, let it go through the process. Mr. Hull said this works both ways, noting if it wasn't for a few managers drafting 5210 we would not have to be doing this. He wanted to know how the process has worked as to retaining this firm. Chairman Greci stated he asked Secretary McDougall to get a proposal from PPAG and that a committee consisting of the Officers, Finance Chairman, Ex. Board Chairman and Legislative Chairman interviewed the representative and feel they are the right group to represent us. Mr. McDougall will be the contact person and will report any

issues to Chairman Greci and the Committee. Regular reports will be made to the full board. A roll call vote was taken with all managers in favor excepting for Mr. Jeffer who voted no and Mr. Ordway who abstained.

Mr. Matthews moved for Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget second by Mr. Strube. Mr. Jeffer stated he has a problem with us putting \$2.5 Million in the budget for the Community Nursing Home Project. He said this should be discussed at a convention. Mr. Silvestri responded that this is the way it works with us getting the required amount first after approval of the budget from the Governor. Mr. Horvath asked why anyone would be against this program noting we are all here for the firemen of the state. Mr. Greci noted the committee is working on the project and this is the start with funding in the proposed budget. Mr. Signorello stated there is a need for this program and need to put it into the budget. A roll call vote was taken and all managers in favor with the exception of Mr. Jeffer who voted no and Mr. Ordway who abstained.

Public Portion: Former Manager Anthony Frato stated there was a good discussion on the budget. It goes to the Governor for approval. Several years ago the Governor had questions about the proposed budget and we needed to take some money out of the budget in response to the questions. He also congratulated Mr. Versa and staff for the work seeing the Memory Care Unit finished and receiving guests.

Good and Welfare. Mr. Denny stated he went to Friends Village and spoke with the director. A written report is attached to the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M.


Paul C. McDougall, Secretary