

**PARKING AUTHORITY—CITY OF RAHWAY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2016**

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioners:

Present: Walker, Flynn, Kennedy and Fishinger (via phone conference call).

Absent: Kabel

Bier- Executive Director/Attorney

Bart- Secretary

Commissioner Walker announced that notice of this meeting has been posted and advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law).

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Walker commented that he had inspected all parking authority lots and they had withstood the high winds experienced by the City during the past week, very well.

**20-16 Motion: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2016**

Motion made by: Commissioner Walker

Seconded by: Commissioner Flynn

**Commissioner Vote:**

Ayes: (3) Fishinger, Walker, Flynn

Nays :( 0) None

Abstain: (1) Kennedy

Absent :( 1) Kabel

**ACCOUNTANT**

Commissioners reviewed Authority financial statements as of February 28, 2016. Mr. Bart reported that earnings were ahead of budgeted amounts through the first two months of 2016. Mr. Bart reported that he and staff are preparing for the 2015 year-end audit, and that the auditors are scheduled to arrive by the end of the week.

## **ATTORNEY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Leonard T Bier –RPA Executive Director Report: March 2016

Mr. Bier discussed the various revenue variances with the Board, as well as future sources of revenue for the Authority.

Mr. Bier reported that the redeveloper and purchaser of 52 E Cherry Street, R2N2 LLC scheduled environmental testing and tank removal for April 8, 2016. Once the underground storage tank is located, removed and the soil is certified to be clean, the Authority can move forward on the conveyance of title to the redeveloper. The Authority is responsible for the expense of tank removal and any environmental remediation, which will be deducted from the purchase price. The property is being sold to facilitate the R2N2 East Cherry Street Redevelopment Project approved by the City's Planning Board and the Redevelopment Agency.

The Authority purchase of 804 Leesville Ave closed on March 25, 2016.

The Authority is moving forward with the acquisition 107 Monroe Street as a replacement parking lot to offset the loss of the B-Lot to Main and Monroe Street redevelopment by the Dornoch/Slokker Project.

Mr. Bier recommended that the Commissioners pass a resolution appointing the law firm of DeCotis, Fitzpatrick, & Cole to represent the Authority, as Special Legal Counsel on certain real estate matters. The law firm has already been prequalified by the City and Redevelopment Agency as Special Counsel pursuant to a Fair and Open RFQ and the Authority will utilize the firm as qualified by the City of Rahway.

### **21-16 Motion: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS TOTALING \$ 211,187.79 (SEE ATTACHED LIST)**

Motion made by: Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by: Commissioner Flynn

#### **Commissioner Vote:**

Ayes: (4) Fishinger, Kennedy, Walker, Flynn

Nays :( 0) None

Absent :( 1) Kabel

### **22-16 Motion: TO APPOINT THE FIRM OF DECOTIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNCIL FOR YEAR 2016.**

Motion made by: Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by: Commissioner Flynn

#### **Commissioner Vote:**

Ayes: (4) Fishinger, Kennedy, Walker, Flynn

Nays :( 0) None

Absent :( 1) Kabel

**SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Bier reported that Slokker sent the Authority a check in the amount of \$50,000, which will be placed in escrow to offset expenses incurred by the Authority to facilitate final settlement of the Luciano lawsuit. The escrow funds will be released to the Authority when a Final Stipulation of Settlement/Dismissal is executed by all parties to the law suit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM  
Michael R. Bart, CPA  
Recording Secretary