

ROME HOUSING AUTHORITY

June 24, 2025

Board of Commissioners Meeting

200 N. Levitt St, Rome, NY 13440

Call to Order: 4:52

Roll Call

Denice Golden

Feidy Miner

Tami Lucia, Executive Director

Kim Rodgers

John Reilly

Joanna Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Gallery

Kathy Stockbridge

Sarah Bowers

Tiffany Gray

Tina Baker

Joan Darling

Wanda Delahunt

Lorica Messenger

Eileen Whaley

Bonnie Platt

Dawn Rivenburgh

Ola Pritchard

Jennifer Marsh

Susan Millson

Tanya Fox

PUBLIC FORUM:

Bonnie: Flag hasn't worked since the fall.

Tami: Flag has already been fixed. Maintenance took care of it this afternoon.

Bonnie: Can we have water hoses?

Tami: Not out of the spickets. Out of your kitchen faucet is fine.

Everyone talking about the non-smoking policy at once: telephone number to call NYS provided.

NYS Insurance policy – Not a Rome Housing/LGA policy.

Regulations state you must be 50 feet away from LGA property. You must get off our property. Everyone has been told to go to an outside sidewalk

Yes, you can smoke in your car.

Policy had to be signed so that we had proof we put the policy in place.

Tami: Anyone that calls and asks for paint we give them paint.

Voucher is attached to the unit. You cannot take it with you.

Tina: Will you please send my petition to the proper people? I worked very hard on it.

Denice: Everyone read the minutes? Any questions? Can I get a motion to approve the minutes? 1st – John 2nd – Feiday All

FINANCIALS:

Denice: April 2025 for public housing 1st – John 2nd – Feidy All

Section 8 April 2025 1st – John 2nd – Kim All

Delinquency May 2025: LGA 1st Feidy 2nd Kim All

Delinquency May 2025 Colonials – 1st Kim 2nd Joanna All

Delinquency May 2025 Valentine – 1st Feidy 2nd John All

Executive Directors Report:

Connected Community hired a full-time employee. We will finally have more structured activities.

Issued 1st Foster Youth Voucher. Michelle met with a participant last week. She is looking for a unit in Utica.

Unaudited financial was submitted on time and was accepted by HUD.

HCR is coming for a walk through the Colonials - with Kim.

In August Hudson will do a walk-through of the Colonials with JP Morgan then just Hudson for LGA.

Hudson audit finalized 20 LITCH folders. We passed with flying colors.

Received Capital Fund Grant for 2025 of \$472,321. Funds are designated specially for public housing.

Instituted new procedures for background checks. Is expected to yield cost savings.

Low-income public housing audit is expected to be finished in August. Not due until December.

Everything came back great, and we are ahead of schedule.

Denice: motion to approve the Executive Director's report. 1st – Joanna 2nd – Kim All

OLD BUSINESS:

Denice: Ithaka Advisory update

Tami: There isn't much. For the 15-year plan Diane finished the contract. He signed the contract. He wanted a one-year term. \$10,000 retainer. It was changed to 80 hours. He has everything he needs. He has already started working.

NEW BUSINESS:

Denice: Resolution for SEMAP

Tami: just an FYI if we want to put this on our calendars for next year resolution for SEMAP should be done in April.

Denice: then we have a review of the social media policy.

Denice: can I get a motion to accept this policy? 1st – John 2nd – Kim All

Denice: I have a question about this. I remember years ago there was something for employees. Does it mirror this?

Tami: I don't know. I remember Maureen had us all sign one but I couldn't tell you where they are.

Denice: I'd like to make a motion that when we'd like to change a rule we do it once a year. What would be a convenient date?

Tami: We should do it when we do our annual meeting in April.

Denice: Ok. I'd like to make a motion that we renew these policies at the annual meeting in April every year.

Kim: My only question on this, as the person that has been a person that has been a person of conversation of on social media, it should not be done anonymous. If you become consistently harassed. I am no longer an elected official. I am a community person just like the rest of us. It is unacceptable to be verbalbeaten up by another member or employee. The policy is good but it should cover that it should include that it cannot be done anonymously. Creating fake profiles needs to be prohibited.

John: Or we solve all of that and say you cannot run a public website that allows any of that.

Tami: I have been speaking to Diane about this for months and I do not want to speak for her but, her concern is freedom of speech and being sued.

John: Right but the way the law is it is a consistent continual course of conduct that harasses, annoys, alarms and changes someone's life. That's a civil suit.

Tami: Yes, but you can sue for money now.

Denice: Can we table this until we have Diane here?

Kim: I am fine with that.

Tami: I wasn't expecting to vote on it today.

Kim: I do think it is serious. The last thing we need is to bring negative attention to an organization that is working hard for the betterment of the community.

John: If you are going to be on this board you have to act properly.

Denice: both on and off this board.

John: if you want to be on this board you have to be able to disagree with people and still get along. en

Kim: I make a motion to table this until everyone is present.

John: Second

Denice: All in favor? All

Kim: Can I bring one thing up under new business? I think we need to strive to keep our meetings on the dates we set. We should not be moving them around like we have been.

Tami: Typically, we don't move them around that often but I was out of town. It just happen to be two months in a row.

Kim: Going forward we should cancel instead of change dates. How many do we need to have a quorum?

Tami: 4

Kim: Do we allow proxy?

Tami: It is not in our by-laws.

Denice: the date for the next meeting is July 8, 2025. Can I get a motion to adjourn: 1st – Kim 2nd – Joanna All

Adjourn

5:26

Next Meeting July 8, 2025