

January 15, 2009 - Minutes #187

A meeting of the Otsego County Housing Committee was held in room 212 of the County/City Building. Chair, Steve Riozzi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Clark Bates, Kenneth Glasser, LaVerne Harden, Steve Riozzi,
Edwin Vinecki
EXCUSED: Deborah Clement, Jim Mathis
OTHERS: John Burt, Richard Deuell, Dale Gehman, Marlene Hopp

Additions to agenda: None

MOTION: by Vinecki approve minutes #186 of 12/18/2008.

Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Dale Gehman from Rotary reported that they found HUD's "Good Neighbor Program" difficult to research. Richard Deuell from Northeast Michigan Counsel of Government (NEMCOG) presented a summary of HUD's policy of the "Dollar Homes Initiative". Each interested party discussed their role on how to proceed.

Director presented a draft letter addressed to Congressman Bart Stupak regarding the difficulty of HUD's Good Neighbor Program; modifications were recommended.

MOTION: by Harden to approve NEMCSA Memorandum of Understanding regarding MSHDA's Supportive Housing and Homeless Initiatives program.

Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

MOTION: by Vinecki that financial reports be approved.

Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A concern of the amount of service fees charged to housing account 232 was discussed. It was recommended to discuss this with the County Treasurer.

It was recommended that default mortgage accounts be reviewed for hardship.

Additional/Other Business:

Glasser reported that NEMCSA's Weatherization Program will receive more grant funds this year and the Energy Assistance Program is currently available.

Director reported that the CDBG County Allocation and Rental Rehabilitation applications are currently in the environmental review process.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Marlene K. Hopp, Director
Otsego County Housing
Committee

Steven D. Riozzi, Chair
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