CATSKILL HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 CAPITAL FUND GRANT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 5:15 P.M. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Patrick Hernandez Clark McKinnon Samuel Aldi Rich Ahlberg Megan Zahn

Timothy Mattice, Executive Director

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Timothy Mattice called the Public Hearing to order at 5:14 p.m.

Timothy Mattice spoke about the Capital Fund Grant for 2023. Funds are allocated from HUD to use for capital improvements for the facility. The authority will be receiving \$282,469.00, about a 10,000 increase from last year's grant amount. He explained that a public hearing is required to allow the public to have discussions about the grant. There is a 45-day public comment period that was submitted to the newspaper and on our website on March 9, 2023. The public comment period ran to April 24, 2023. Timothy Mattice opened the hearing up for public comment. There were no people from the public present at the hearing.

Timothy Mattice opened the floor for the Board members to ask questions. Rich Ahlberg asked the question about how much reserves a housing authority should have, past practices. HUD doesn't like to see housing authorities have more than 12 to 18 months in Reserves. We are probably at a little over 12 months in reserves. There are projects that need to be completed this year. 2 buildings need gutters replaced. Sidewalks need to be resealed. We will go out to bid for those projects. There is still flooring that is being completed in the units.

A question was raised about window replacements. We are waiting to hear from the County about our grant request of \$250,000. We would move forward and match that money if it comes through, to start replacing windows in the buildings.

The Capital Fund Grant money will be placed into general operations fund due to the size of the authority. Under HUD regulations, housing authorities with less than 250 units are allowed to put all the money into operations.

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Samuel Aldi raised the question about the hot water system and if it would be replaced. We have repaired the hot water boilers, all is up and running.

Samuel Aldi motioned to close the Public Hearing

Clark McKinnon Seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, Timothy Mattice closed the Public Hearing for public discussion at 6:05 pm. Board will move on to the regular Board of Commissioners meeting at this time.