

Meeting with Northwest Human Services

January 29, 2013

A special meeting of the Upland Borough Council was held with Vice-President Christine Peterson presiding. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.

Present were Vice-President Christine Peterson along with Council members Mr. Harold Peden, Mr. Leland Hunter and Mr. Dan Smith. Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq. and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary were also in attendance. There were 9 guests from Northwest Human Services as well as their affiliates present.

Chief John Easton and Deputy Chief Ocasio of the Upland Borough Police Department were in attendance.

Vice-President Peterson announced this was a follow-up meeting to a previous meeting with Northwest Human Services. From what she understands, Northwest Human Services has done an acceptable job of complying with what the Borough has asked. She turned the meeting over to Mrs. Purcival so she can fill everyone in on the current situation.

Mrs. Purcival wanted everyone to know that our inspectors have gone through all the apartments at the facility. There were only minor repairs necessary which would be estimated to be less than one thousand dollars. Our Building Code Official has visited the site several times and notes excellent progress with the deck construction. They also inspected the Main House recently. Again, there were only minor incidences and the Building Inspector felt that the building was in very good shape considering the wear and tear that the building gets and that there would probably be two thousand dollars of maintenance work to be done.

Vice-President Peterson asked Chief Easton if he had any comments. Chief Easton stated that he did not. She asked him if the calls have gotten better? Chief Easton stated that they are doing to same things. A couple of fire alarms but Chief Smith would be able to address that. Chief Smith stated that they only had four calls since the last meeting. The majority alarms are normal alarms we get; one alarm was fresh as it was a new alarm. Two alarms were the water on the head of the alarm in Apartment C. When the fire department first arrived, we were going around the apartment and we could not figure out where the problem was. The fire department was able to reset the alarm and we cleared the scene. We were called back later only to find out that it was water from a washing machine located on the second floor had went through the ceiling and into the head on the first floor. Chief Smith stated that the problem was fixed by Northwest Human Service's fire alarm company. In the Main Building, there was a cooking alarm, for which the alarm did its job. Chief Smith stated that they have not had any issues with alarms.

Mrs. Peterson asked if everything was up to compliance. Mr. Smith stated the only compliance issue they have still is if the alarm company came back to map out their alarm system. He was not able to return to the property to check into this issue. He did contact the alarm company's

installer and he did not map out the zones. A representative from Northwest Human Service stated that the alarm system was mapped and labeled.

Mrs. Peterson asked Mr. Smith to go back to check all is in compliance. Mr. Smith stated that he would.

Mrs. Peterson asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Bill diGeorge, of Northwestern Human Services, stated he was very glad that things were going so well.

Mrs. Purcival stated that she wanted to remind everyone that when they have a new tenant move into one of the apartments in the back, that you need a Use and Occupancy Inspection. Mrs. Purcival explained the procedure about scheduling a Use and Occupancy Inspection; new and re-inspection.

Mrs. Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peden seconded the motion.

Mrs. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary