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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

A PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT VOTE IN RELATION TO
THE PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN FOR THE 2020 SECTION
8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter
by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on
October 10, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall,
534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- DAVID GREEN
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- PAUL ROSANO
- CHRISTOPHER CAREY

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk

1 MS. GANSLE: This public hearing is being held
2 by order of the Town Board for the purpose of receiving
3 comments from the public on the proposed public housing
4 plan for the 2020 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
5 Program. Notice of such issue has been published in the
6 official Town newspaper which is the Spotlight and has
7 been posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board. I have
8 an affidavit for each. The Town Board will now hear all
9 persons interested in this proposal.

10 MR. MASTRIANNI: Good evening. My name is Jim
11 Mastrianni. My company is Joseph E. Mastrianni,
12 Incorporated, JEM, Inc. for short. Our organization
13 administers housing choice options programs on behalf of
14 municipalities like yourself and we do this in nine
15 counties helping more than 3,000 families.

16 This is the 40th year that we have
17 administered the Town's Housing Choice Voucher
18 Program. For just a quick refresher the HCV, Housing
19 Choice Voucher Program helps our elderly and our low
20 income families to afford safe, sanitary decent
21 housing that is done by providing a subsidy. This
22 program is fully funded by the Federal Housing and
23 Urban Development and an estimate of the funding this
24 year is \$2.7 million dollars. It lets us help 350
25 families per year.

1 So, the reason that we are here tonight is we
2 have to allow for public comment on a plan. We do this
3 plan every five years. The plan is - what it boils
4 down to is that it comes down to a handful of goals.
5 Those goals are: We are going to expand the supply of
6 assisted housing in the community. We are going to
7 improve the quality of service that we deliver. We are
8 going to promote self-sufficiency and asset
9 development of families and individuals. We are going
10 to ensure equal opportunity in housing and we're going
11 to reduce fraud and program abuse.

12 My personal opinion is that this is a very
13 important program because we know that if you have
14 stable housing, you are able to achieve positive
15 outcomes in life. This helps the most vulnerable
16 members of our community achieve stable housing.

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, Jim.

18 Does anyone from the Board have any
19 questions?

20 (There was no response.)

21 Anyone from the audience?

22 (There was no response.)

23 Thank you, very much, Jim.

24 MR. MASTRIANNI: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We will close the public

1 hearing.

2 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution adopting the
3 Town of Colonie's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
4 Program Public Housing Agency Plan for 2020 and
5 authorizing the Supervisor to submit said plan to the
6 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7 MR. CAREY: So moved.

8 MR. GREEN: Second.

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,
10 call the roll.

11 (The roll was called.)

12 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
13 Supervisor.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

15 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was
16 concluded at 7:09 p.m.)

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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby
CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and
place noted in the heading hereof is a true and
accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability
and belief.

Dated: _____

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