

MINUTES OF A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE SALEM HOUSING AUTHORITY  
JUNE 25, 2020

A closed executive session of the Salem Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020. This meeting was held virtually via the Go To Meeting platform. The meeting convened at 5:30 pm. Attending the meeting were: Paul Dice, Chairwoman Ferguson, Commissioner C. Lanard, Commissioner R. Lanard, Commissioner Smith, Solicitor Adam Telsey, and Karen Chiarello.

Executive Director Paul Dice requested a closed session to discuss his plan to retire at the end of March 2021, when his contract with the Millville Housing Authority (MHA) ends. He wanted to provide the commissioners with plenty of notice. This does not have to have any effect on the shared services agreement. Paul stated that the MHA Chairwoman would very much like to continue the contract with Salem. She would also like to include the Salem commissioners in the process of finding a new Executive Director. The current shared services agreement between Salem and Millville ends 12/31/20.

Paul let the commissioners know that this was a hard decision for him to make. It has been a privilege to work for them. However, at this point he needs to be available for his wife. He is committed to the Board and Salem for the transition to go smoothly.

Commissioner Cathy Lanard thanked Paul for letting them know of his plans, but it was definitely not what they wanted. Paul told her that he appreciated her comment. The commissioners have made his job so much easier. They have provided security and support to make the job an enjoyable one.

Paul informed the board that the contract has a 120-day cancellation clause that can be exercised.

Chairwoman Ferguson has spoken to Heather Santoro, the MHA Chairwoman, so she was able to confirm the information that Paul had provided. Chairwoman Ferguson is committed to being a part of the search process. She hopes that Betsy Loyle is putting her hat in the ring for consideration. She feels Betsy would do a great job. Commissioner Cathy Lanard would also like to be part of the search process.

Paul then stated that Betsy had been his partner for many years. She is definitely capable of doing the job, probably better than he had. He cannot say enough good things about her. Betsy would definitely be his choice for his replacement.

The closed session meeting ended at 5:42 pm

