Nutley Rent Leveling Board

Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2017
Meeting Place: Conference Room Town Hall
Meeting Called to order: 4:03 PM

Proper notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present: Lori Monaco Joseph Hannon
James Kuchta Marilyn Del Plato
Jason Kirk Patricia Williams
Dr. Gerard Parisi Alan Budd

Absent: Rosanna Tangorra Anthony Palmeri

1. Minutes of the January 12, 2017 were approved as distributed.
2. The following members were sworn in for a new term by Joseph Hannon: Patricia Williams, Gerard Parisi, Marilyn Del Plato, and Lori Monaco. (Note: Rosanna Tangorra was absent for the meeting but was sworn in at a subsequent date by the Township Clerk.)
3. There were no tenant/landlord issues.
4. Jason Kirk reported that rent rosters were received from all but two properties with Code Enforcement prepared to issue summons to the landlords who are noncompliant. He also distributed a report showing rent increases in excess of that permitted by the Township Code. Joseph Hannon, as the Board Attorney, will be notifying the landlords, with Jason Kirk’s assistance, that are in violation of the Code to either adjust the rent or show that the reported rents are in error and that the increase given is compliant.
5. The question regarding the need for exempt apartments reporting rent rosters which was raised at the previous meeting was discussed. N.J.S.A 2A:42-84.1 through 84.6 exempts new construction from restrictions on rent increases for a specified period of time. However, it was determined that the legislation only covers rent increased and, therefore, new construction in the Township must comply with the reporting requirements.
6. Mr. Hannon reported that he is working with the Township Attorney on the two Ordinances – Capital Improvement Surcharge and Reporting requirements – upon which the Board previously agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.