

**March 12, 2014**

**To: Board of Directors TNH**

**From: John A. Brennan Administrator TNH**

**Subject: Board Meeting March 11, 2014**

**Attending:**

**Theresa Swartz    Chair**

**Gina Hyde RN**

**Deacon Alan Thadeu**

**Steve Linhares**

**Excused:**

**Joe Martin**

**Guests:**

**Carol Doherty                    148 Highland Street Taunton**

**Carl Brodeur**

- 1. The meeting was called to order.**
- 2. Minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting were approved.**
- 3. The bed spread was selected. We will order 100.**
- 4. The furniture was ordered with an expected delivery date of April 28<sup>th</sup>.**
- 5. TNH will paint and refurbish the Business Office the weekend before the delivery.**
- 6. John will send a letter to the Municipal Council for furniture disposal.**
- 7. A dumpster will be brought on site for disposal.**

8. VEOLIA turned down our request for funds to replace the toilets and faucets.
9. The hole in the front has been filled. Thank you Wayne Walkden.
10. Five of seven workers passed Serve Safe, including John.
11. Twelve workers passed CPR training.
12. TMLP will install new lights in the back of the parking lot; thank you Mr. Martin.
13. City Clerk Rosie Blackwell performed the Marriage Ceremony at TNH on Valentine's Day.
14. Red Sox Opening Day is April 4<sup>th</sup>.
15. John explained the dental law suit; Dr. Prohovich will be retained.
16. The Taunton Art Association donated more paintings.
17. The 1144 contract is under negotiation.
18. Charlie Crowley and John will discuss pictures for the Dining Rooms.
19. Pension expense for FY 2015 was discussed; it has not increased much.
20. Cash, census, and other financials eight months YTD were discussed.
21. John will repair the entrance walk way fence.
22. SYSCO will continue as our Prime Grocer.
23. John is proceeding with other approved capital repairs.
24. John is pursuing the DOE windows energy grant request of \$ 500K with Representative Kennedy and Senator Markey. The Mayor and City Solicitor will participate in meetings in Boston.
25. John discussed two employee accidents; the kitchen chemical event and one employee falling by the dumpster. No lost time.
26. The preliminary TNH FY 2015 budget was presented; the budget will be in the range of \$ 8.3M.
27. The Boudreau Medicaid Recovery Project was discussed; many questions must be answered before the TNH Board approves and the contract is signed. They include:
  - a. How much cash will be received?
  - b. How will the cash get to TNH? By RA or check? Will there be a separate RA?
  - c. What will the fee be; is it based on cash recovered or RA payments?

- d. Might the Commonwealth Fiscal Pend the payment and TNH be liable for the collection contract percentage?
- e. Might this impact CPE?
- f. Might this impact future Medicaid-Medicare cost report settlements?
- g. Cash is cash and it counts in all settlements.
- h. How will the city pay the collection fee?
- i. How will that impact budget?

28. The Taunton Community Garden met with the Board. The Board approved the continuation of the garden in 2014. The following points were discussed:

- a. The garden will be expanded 50%.
- b. An underground watering system will be installed. This is subject to City Building and Water Department approval.
- c. The fence will be expanded.
- d. A shed will be installed.
- e. A map was presented.
- f. What will be the expense of the water and electric meter?
- g. Does water use impact our sewer bills?
- h. John noted no problems with the garden in 2013; all gardeners were good neighbors to TNH.
- i. There is a Memorandum of Understanding for the community garden from 2013. John will send it to City Legal to review and approve with the noted additions to the size and watering system.

29. The next meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup>, the fifth Tuesday in the month.

30. The meeting was adjourned.