

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 30th, 2023**

Board Members Present: Dave Zimmerman, David Baric, Kelly Neiderer, Linda Plesic, James Good, and Ray Palmer

Board Members Absent: Rick Smith, Elizabeth Harriger, Terry Miller

Staff Present: Mary Kuna, Commissioner DiFilippo, Sue Dunfee, Mikayla Kitchen

Public Present: Gale Gallo

Meeting was called to order at 3:29 pm.

Board Action: Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program

Mary Kuna introduced Sue Dunfee and Gale Gallo. Sue explained that the \$20,000 cap on contributions toward the purchase of a home was too limiting. This cap made it difficult for program graduates to find a home within their budgetary needs and excluded otherwise eligible families from enrolling into the program. Gale Gallo showed examples of recent home purchase deals that showed that the \$20,000 cap was almost not feasible in today's market. She proposed that the budget be raised to at least \$30,000, if not more. David Baric motioned to raise the limit of funds allowed to be contributed to a home purchase to \$30,000. Kelly Neiderer seconded. Commissioner DiFilippo made a statement of support for the increase. Linda Plesic opposed. The motion carried.

General Discussion: Gale Gallo thanked the board members and made a statement of special thanks to the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors for her statistical evidence.

Adjournment: Kelly Neiderer motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Baric seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Next meeting: July 11, 2023