

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RENT LEVELING BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2021**

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SUNSHINE LAW: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this Rent Leveling Board meeting of the Borough of Dumont having been sent to The Record, the Ridgewood News, and posted on the Borough website and in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL: Ralph Williams, Gary Barber, Jennifer Grom, Kevin Grom, Siumy Keys, Michael Versace, Councilman Chae– Present

Also present at the meeting was Jeanine Siek, Board Secretary and Carlos Rendo, Attorney.

The new Board members took their Oaths of Office.

Motion to open the meeting to the public: Ms. J. Grom

Second: Mr. K. Grom

All in favor: Aye

1. Coleman Szely, Columbia Avenue, stated he is a former member of the Board. He noticed there are still two openings and would like to be reappointed.
2. Joseph Carlo, Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ, says he owns a couple of rentals in Dumont. With a 1.6% CPI, he can only raise the rent by \$35.00 and this does not even cover the tax increase.
3. Judy Parker, Susan Court, Closter, NJ, stated she is a former member and would like to fulfill any open positions.

Councilman Chae responded that he will follow up with any issues addressed at the meeting.

Motion to close the meeting to the public: Ms. J. Grom

Second: Mr. Barber

All in favor: Aye

Motion to approve minutes from December 9, 2019, as read: Ms. J. Grom

Second: Ms. Keys

All in favor: Aye

Discussion regarding Resolution 21-01, to advertise for legal counsel for 2021.

There was no discussion.

Motion to approve Resolution 21-01: Ms. J. Grom

Second: Mr. Barber

All in favor: Aye

Mr. Williams questioned why the apartments in town do not submit rent increases.

Ms. J. Grom requested copies of the rent leveling ordinances.

Mr. Versace responded to Mr. Carlo and said they would review the ordinances and get back to him at the next meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, motion to close the meeting: Mr. Barber

Second: Mr. Versace

All in favor: Aye

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine E. Siek