

## NAHRO Award of Merit

MMHA Executive Director Skip Sipos recently attended the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) National Conference. Mr. Sipos accepted the NAHRO Award of Merit for the Menwa Apartments comprehensive renovation project. The initiative, which included over \$2 million in renovations, modernized the apartments to include central air conditioning, energy efficient fixtures and appliances, and enhanced access for those with mobility and sensory impairments. Menwa, originally named due to it being first development by the Mennonite Church of Wadsworth (hence Menwa), was built in 1974 as a HUD 236 project. The Menwa Board of Trustees engaged the Housing Authority in 2014 to begin property management and resident services for Menwa Apartments as well as to develop a comprehensive recapitalization and rehabilitation program. The work was completed in 2016.

The project also earned the Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce 2017 Rosie Award for Community Improvement of the Year.”

