

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD REORGANIZATION

January 25, 2017

Bobbi Anderson, 2016 Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Ms. Anderson announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader or the Star Ledger had been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required.

1. Members Present:

Ms. Anderson
Mr. Chapman
Ms. Feder
Mayor Hannen
Ms. Murray
Commissioner Dooley
Ms. Pedde
Ms. Steinbach
Mr. Taylor

Members Absent:
None

Alternates Present:
Mr. Aschenbach
Ms. Didzbalis

Alternates Absent:
None

Also present:

Patricia Cullen, Administrator; Nicholas Giuditta, Esquire (2016 Legal Counsel)

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Chapman, Class II member (Environmental Commission) for a three-year term ending December 31, 2018 was sworn in by Nicholas Giuditta, Esquire.

Daniel Aschenbach, Alternate No. 1 member for a two-year term ending December 31, 2018 was sworn in by Nicholas Giuditta, Esquire.

Thomas Hannen, Jr., Mayor/Class I member for a one-year term ending December 31, 2017 as sworn in by Nicholas Giuditta, Esquire.

Ann Dooley, Commissioner/Class III member for a one-year term ending December 31, 2017 was sworn in by Nicholas Giuditta, Esquire.

Motion was made to go into closed session to conduct interviews with Robbins & Robbins, Bruinooge Associates and Nicholas A. Giuditta, III, Esquire for the position of Planning Board Attorney was made by Deputy Mayor O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Feder and passed on unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made to return to open session was made by Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Mayor Hannen and passed on unanimous voice vote.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY

Mark Rothman of Robbins & Robbins was nominated as Planning Board Attorney by Ms. Steinbach, seconded by Mr. Aschenbach and passed on unanimous vote.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kathleen Murray was nominated as Chairperson by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mayor Hannen with the following voting in favor of the nomination: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Feder, Mayor Hannen, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Ms. Steinbach, Mr. Taylor.

Bobbi Anderson was nominated as Vice-Chairperson by Ms. Murray, seconded by Mayor Hannen with the following voting in favor of the nomination: Ms. Murray, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Feder, Mayor Hannen, Ms. Murray, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Ms. Steinbach, Mr. Taylor.

Ann Steinbach was nominated as Secretary by Ms. Pedde, seconded by Ms. Feder with the following voting in favor of the nomination: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Aschenbach, Ms. Feder, Mayor Hannen, Ms. Murray, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Taylor.

Linda Feder was nominated as Alternate Secretary by Chairman Murray, seconded by Ms. Anderson with the following voting in favor of the nomination: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Aschenbach, Mayor Hannen, Ms. Murray, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Taylor.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SCRIBE/ADMINISTRATOR

Patricia Cullen were nominated as Co-Board Administrators by Mayor Hannen, seconded by Ms. Anderson with the following voting in favor of the nomination: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Feder, Mayor Hannen, Ms. Murray, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Ms. Steinbach and Mr. Taylor.

6. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT

Motion was made by Ms. Feder, seconded by Ms. Steinbach to designate Maser Consulting and Neglia as outside-planners as needed on application as commensurate with their area of expertise and passed on unanimous voice vote

7. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

A motion to designate The Westfield Leader and/or The Star Ledger as the Planning Board official newspaper was made by Mayor Hannen, seconded by Ms. Feder and passed by voice vote.

8. TIME/DATE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The proposed Planning Board Time Schedule of Meetings was discussed, amended and agreed to by the members. Motion to adopt schedule was made by Mayor Kalnins, second by Ms. Murray and passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER

A motion to designate Carl O'Brien of Maser Consultants and Neglia as Planning Board Engineer was made by Ms. Steinbach, second by Ms. Feder and passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. ADOPTION OF BYLAW

A motion to adopt the Planning Board By-Laws with section 2.4-9 amended to reflect current state statute was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Taylor with the following voting in favor of the motion: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Feder, Mayor Hannen, Ms. Murray, Commissioner Dooley, Ms. Pedde, Ms. Steinbach and Mr. Taylor.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

12. MINUTES:

13. RESOLUTIONS OF MEMORIALIZATION:

14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS and GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2017

Discussion about the MDTV Redevelopment

15. PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION.

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made, seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 10:23 P.M.

Ann Steinbach, Secretary