

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD

Meeting of August 2, 2023

A public meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order by Ms. Kellett on August 2, 2023 at 7:31 p.m. Ms. Kellett announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader and the Star Ledger have been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Ms. Kellett
Mr. Nordelo
Ms. Didzbalis
Ms. Pedde
Commissioner Prunty
Ms. Rappa

Members Absent:

Mayor Andrews
Ms. Sen
Mr. Taylor

Alternates Present:

Mr. Leber
Mr. Pistol

Alternates Absent:

None

Also present:

Jonathan Drill Esq., Board Attorney, Kathy Lenahan, Board Administrator, Nicholas Dickerson, Board Planner

2. MINUTES

None

3. RESOLUTIONS

None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Master Plan Consistency Review of Township Ordinance No. 2023-09
Replacement of Chapter 225 with Floodplain Management Regulations, Adopting Flood Hazard Maps and Designating a Floodplain Administrator

Mr. Dickerson, the Board's Planner, reviewed the ordinance and stated it updates the Town's floodplain ordinance to model the ordinance by the State. Mr. Dickerson stated however, that the Township does go above and beyond what is required. He reviewed the goals in the Master Plan that are advanced, specifically, the need to elevate homes outside the floodplain. The 2019 Reexamination Report recommended a new Conservation Goal (#18) to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System and identify opportunities to improve the Township's rating class. He opined that the proposed amendment advances the Township's goals to minimize property damage and therefore, believes it is consistent with the Master Plan.

A motion that Township Ordinance No. 2023-09 is consistent with the Master Plan was made by Mr. Nordelo, seconded by Commissioner Prunty and passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Kellett, Mr. Nordelo, Ms. Didzbalis, Ms. Pedde, Commissioner Prunty,
Ms. Rappa, Mr. Leber, Mr. Pistol

Opposed: None

Ms. Kellett stated that due to lack of Board business, the meeting scheduled for August 16, 2023, is being cancelled and the next meeting will be on September 6, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.

Molly Hurley Kellett, Chair