

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 8, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
HELD AT THE OAKLAND SENIOR CENTER
20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, NJ
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Pursuant to Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by:

- ❑ Adoption of an annual schedule of meetings
- ❑ Posting a copy of same at Borough Hall and the Borough's website
- ❑ Advertised in The Record more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting
- ❑ Mailing a copy to any person requesting same

**** MEETINGS CONCLUDE AT 10:30 P.M., THEREFORE, NO TESTIMONY WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 10:00 P.M.**

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Andrea Levy, Gregory Liss, Joseph Marscovetra, Michael Rose, Thomas Connolly, Sandra Coira, Lee Haymon, John Morris, Councilman Kulmala, Mayor Linda H. Schwager and Chairman Thomas Potash.

FLAG SALUTE, MEETING OPENED AT 7:06 P.M., ROLL CALL:

Present Members: Mrs. Coira Messrs. Rose, Marscovetra, Connolly, Haymon, Morris, Councilman Kulmala, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
Absent Members: Ms. Levy and Mr. Liss

EXCUSE ABSENCES:

Motioned by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to excuse the absences was voted unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Joseph Russo, Esq., Board Attorney and Mr. David Novak, Burgis Associates were also in attendance

BOARD PROFESSIONALS SWORN IN:

None

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

No public.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Karni – 637 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 1301, Lot 40. Public hearing for a major subdivision.

Chairman Potash announced that due to improper notice given to the neighbors, this matter will be heard at the August 12, 2021 public hearing. Mayor Schwager informed the Board that she was contacted by one of the residents who was noticed expressing disappointment about not being informed that the application was being carried. A discussion ensued concerning this and it was explained that it is not up to the town but up to the resident to confirm that an application is still moving forward by contacting the town or checking the website.

REVIEW:

Chairman Potash explained that they were supposed to review the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan but there was some confusion with the dates for the Planning Board meeting so Mr. Yakimik will not be in attendance. This matter will be carried to the August 12, 2021 public hearing.

MEMORIALIZATIONS:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Chairman Potash informed the Board that while reviewing the bills placed on the agenda, he noticed that some of the bills were not related to Planning Board matters. He eliminated those bills by number on the agenda and entertained a motion to approve the remaining bills.

Motioned by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to approve the bills list subject to the availability of funds.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Marscovetra, Rose, Connolly, Haymon, Morris, Councilman Kulmala, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Ms. Levy and Mr. Liss

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to approve the June 10, 2021 Minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Messrs. Marscovetra, Rose, Connolly, Haymon, Morris,
Councilman Kulmala, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
Nays: None
Abstain: Mrs. Coira
Absent: Ms. Levy and Mr. Liss

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rose requested that invoices received by the Borough be date stamped. He expressed concerns with some of the inaccuracies that have been occurring in the Planning office which may be caused by under staffing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Potash informed the Board that it was going to discuss with Mr. Lydon, this evening, if August would be a good time to revive the Downtown Committee meetings. Mayor Schwager informed the Board about the defunct Chamber of Commerce and her plans to meet with former members to try to reactivate it. She offered to give their input once she meets with them. Chairman Potash informed the committee members that he would reach out to Mr. Lydon and he, the Mayor, Ms. Levy and Mr. Connolly will meet at 6:30 p.m., August 12th, prior to the meeting.

Chairman Potash questioned Board members concerning vacations and attendance for the August meeting. He informed the Board that he will need to recuse himself from the application scheduled and Mr. Morris will be on vacation for the August meeting. A poll was taken to determine a meeting quorum for the August meeting. Chairman Potash requested that Mrs. Coira chair the meeting during the scheduled application and she agreed. Mr. Morris requested that before the next meeting, he would like to discuss with John Yakimik some inconsistencies and clarity with the plan.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.

Motioned by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mayor Schwager, to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kathlyn Gurney, Administrative Assistant

*Next meeting on August 12, 2021