

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
HELD AT OAKLAND SENIOR CENTER
20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey

Pursuant to Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by:

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

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Thomas Connolly, John Madden, Sandra Coira, Lee Haymon, Nicholas DiLandro, Dan Hagberg, Elaine T. Rowin, John Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Linda H. Schwager and Chairman Thomas Potash.

FLAG SALUTE, MEETING OPENED AT 7:03 P.M., ROLL CALL:

Present Members: Connolly, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.

Absent Members: Rowin, Coira, Madden and DiLandro.

Motioned by Councilman Levy and seconded by Mr. Morris, to excuse the absence of Members Rowin, Coira, DiLandro and Madden was voted unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Connolly sitting in for Mrs. Rowin.

Mr. Joseph Russo, Esq., Board Attorney, Steve Lydon, Burgis Associates and John Yakimik, Boswell Engineering were in attendance.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Haymon, to open the meeting to the public regarding matters not on the agenda was voted unanimously by the Board.

No Comments:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to close the meeting to the public regarding matters not on the agenda was voted unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

MEMORIALIZATIONS:

1. Garden State Lumber, Inc. – 22 Muller Road, Block 301, Lot 4. Approval for an amended preliminary and final site plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liability Training:

Mr. Russo explained that all board members are now required to take a one-hour liability course/training in order to be protected by the Borough for personal lawsuit. He's inquired to have someone from the Joint Insurance Fund give the training or he will give the training. He expects that they can schedule this training in September or October.

OLD BUSINESS:

POD/Accessory Structure ordinance:

Mr. Connolly questioned the status of the POD/Accessory Structure ordinance. Mr. Russo responded that he and Mr. Lydon are still working on amending the ordinance and hope to have a draft by the September meeting. Mr. Russo verified the approach the Board wants to take. He questioned if the Board wants to elaborate more on the description of an accessory structure or include "shipping container" in the POD ordinance. It was discussed that the name "POD" is a brand name and should not be used. Mr. Russo expressed that he and Mr. Lydon will come up with something for the next meeting.

Sign Ordinance:

Chairman Potash recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Lydon explained that as a result of a lawsuit between Interstate Advertising and the Board of Adjustment, a decision was made to amend the sign ordinance to allow a billboard sign off of Interstate 287. The amendments were based on the state ordinance for billboard signs and the Borough's conditional use requirements. This will allow a billboard sign to be 70-feet in height from the edge of the pavement upwards and lighting would comply with the state agency standards.

Mr. Yakimik reviewed his letter with the Board making recommendations to clarify parts of the ordinance.

The Board questioned if there would be any benefit to the town. Mr. Lydon informed the Board that Interstate has offered access to the billboard sign for public service announcement such as traffic advisories and emergency messages such as Amber Alerts. The Board authorized Mr. Russo to draft letter to Mayor and Council with the suggested changes and recommendations to the ordinance.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motioned by Mr. Haymon and seconded by Mr. Hagberg, for the payment of bills subject to the availability of funds.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Messrs. Connolly, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Mses. Rowin and Mr. Madden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Haymon, to approve the July 12, 2018 minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Messrs. Haymon, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Connolly
 Absent: Mses. Rowin and Mr. Madden.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

Motioned by Councilman Levy and seconded by Mr. Haymon, to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathlyn Gurney/Administrative Assistant

*Next meeting on September 13, 2018.