

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.
HELD AT OAKLAND COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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:

Joseph Marscovetra, Michael Rose, Thomas Connolly, John Madden, Sandra Coira, Lee Haymon, Dan Hagberg, John Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Linda H. Schwager and Chairman Thomas Potash.

FLAG SALUTE, MEETING OPENED AT 7:04 P.M., ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Members: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

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

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

Chairman Potash informed the Board that two new Alternates have been appointed, Mr. Rose and Mr. Marscovetra and Mr. Madden and Mr. Connolly move into the two Class IV openings as regular members.

NO PUBLIC:

REORGANIZATION:

CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Mr. Haymon, to nominate Thomas Potash to continue on as Board Chairman.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Connolly, Madden, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris,
 Councilman Levy and Mayor Schwager.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Mr. Connolly, nominating John Morris to continue as Board Vice Chairman.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Connolly, Madden, Haymon, Hagberg,
 Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

SECRETARY:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mayor Schwager and seconded by Mr. Haymon, nominating Sandra Coira as Secretary to the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Messrs. Connolly, Madden, Haymon, Hagberg, Councilman Levy,
 Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

Chairman Potash reminded the Board that a sub-committee was formed to the review RFQ's of professional engineers, planners and attorney. The sub-committee met before the meeting to discuss their findings.

BOARD ATTORNEY:

Chairman Potash explained that only one proposal was received for Board Attorney from Mr. Russo. Mr. Russo has done an outstanding job for many years and the sub-committee recommends that Mr. Russo continue as Board Attorney. He entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mrs. Coira, nominating Joseph Russo to continue as Board Attorney.

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

BOARD ENGINEER:

Chairman Potash explained that two proposals were received for Board Engineer from Neglia and Boswell Engineering. Both firms are reputable, highly qualified and rates for both were comparable. However, the sub-committee suggests that the Board with the services of Boswell Engineering. He entertained a motion.

Motioned by Councilman Levy and Mr. Connolly, nominating Boswell Engineering to continue as Board Engineer.

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

BOARD PLANNER:

Chairman Potash explained that two proposals were received for Board Planner from Neglia And Burgis Associates. Both firms are reputable, highly qualified and rates for both were comparable. However, the sub-committee suggests that the Board with the services of Burgis Associates. He entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. Haymon, to nominate Burgis Associates to continue as Board Planner.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to nominate Kathlyn Gurney to continue as Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to nominate The Record as the official newspaper for the Board.

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

BY-LAWS:

Chairman Potash entertained a motion.

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Hagberg, to adopt the Planning Board By-Laws.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Connolly, Madden, Haymon, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
 Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

MEMORIALIZATIONS:

1. Innocenzi – 16 River Road, Block 1807, Lot 1. Approval for a side yard setback for a deck in the floodplain.

Eligible voters: Mmes. Rowin and Coira, Messrs. Connolly, DiLandro, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.

Motioned by Mrs. Coira and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to memorialize the above resolution of approval.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Connolly, Hagberg, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Connolly, Madden, Haymon, Hagberg, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Messrs. Rose and Marscovetra.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to approve the November 8, 2018 Minutes.

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

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to approve the December 13, 2018 Minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A copy of the Absentee Ordinance was handed out and Mr. Russo expanded on the reason and guidelines for this ordinance.

Mr. Lydon updated the Board on the Borough's affordable housing litigation and plans to amend the Housing Plan later this year. A discussion ensued concerning affordable housing numbers and rezoning of certain parcels of land.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Connolly confirmed that the POD ordinance has been amended.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathlyn Gurney/Administrative Assistant

*Next meeting on February 14, 2019.