

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 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:

- ❑ Adoption of an annual schedule of meetings
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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:

Andrea Levy, Greg Liss, Joseph Marscovetra, Michael Rose, Thomas Connolly, Sandra Coira, Lee Haymon, 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: Mmes. Coira and Levy, Messrs. Marscovetra, Liss, Rose, Connolly, Haymon, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.
Absent Members: None

Also in attendance was Mr. Joseph Russo, Esq., Board Attorney, Steve Lydon, Board Planner and John Yakimik, Board Engineer.

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

Chairman Potash announced that there was no public present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Oakland Smith Properties, LLC – Ryerson Ave., Block 3703, Lot 89.04. Request to carry public hearing for minor subdivision to the November 14th meeting.

Chairman Potash announced that this application will carry to the November 14th public hearing with no further notice.

2. Bank of America – 15 Yawpo Ave., Block 3902, Lot 1. Request to carry public hearing for an amended site plan to the November 14th meeting for an upgrade to lighting on the premises.

Chairman Potash announced that this application will carry to the November 14th public hearing with no further notice.

MEMORIALIZATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS:

1. Dewey Electronics Corporation – Muller Road, Block 310, Lot 27. Approval for a minor subdivision.

Mr. Russo informed the Board that it was agreed between Mr. Vogel, Mr. Lydon, Mr. Yakimik and himself that approval from the Highlands was not needed for this application.

Eligible voters: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Rose, Marscovetra, Connolly, Haymon, Morris, Councilman Levy, Mayor Schwager and Chairman Potash.

Motioned by Councilman Levy and seconded by Mr. Connolly, to memorialize the above resolution of approval.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motioned by Mr. Morris and seconded by Councilman Levy, to approve the September 12, 2019 Minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mrs. Coira, Messrs. Marscovetra, Rose, Councilman Levy, Morris and Chairman Potash.

Nays:

Abstain: Mr. Connolly and Mrs. Coira

Absent: Mr. Haymon and Mr. Mayor Schwager

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Levy questioned the possibility of updating the Borough's Stormwater Management ordinance to help with future projects involving NJDEP and the Highlands. Chairman Potash questioned if that is the state's responsibility. Mr. Yakimik responded that the state has jurisdiction over stormwater management for major developments however, Councilman Levy is referring to the local level ordinance that regulates all development within the town. He commented that soil moving requirements need to be updated and suggested that the Board start that. The Board discussed the possibility of creating a schedule for residential improvements where if an increase in impervious surface is being proposed, the applicant will be required to have their application reviewed by the Borough Engineer to see if seepage pits are necessary.

Councilman Levy informed the Board that delays in getting sewers are due to requirements being imposed by the NJDEP and NWBUA which are creating a hardship for the town. A discussion ensued concerning ways to increase water recharge, the expense of purchasing water through NJ Water or Suez Water and decommissioning sewage treatment plants and wells. Mayor Schwager suggested that Mr. Yakimik get an update on sewers from Mr. Boswell and Giselle Diaz and report back to the Board. The Board agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathlyn Gurney/Administrative Assistant

*Next meeting on December 12, 2019.