

**WHITE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
555 CR 519, BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

The reorganization and regular meeting of the White Township Planning Board was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Present were: Timothy Matthews, Anthony Wyhopen, Jeff Herb, William Godfrey, Joseph Phillips, James Carlson, Bryan Vande Vrede, Samuel Race, Joseph Magnini, and David Pritchard. Board Member Absent: Robert Mackey. Also present: Attorney Richard Dieterly, Engineer Paul Sterbenz, and Planner Joseph Layton.

CALL TO ORDER:

Anthony Wyhopen called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", with adequate notice to the appropriate newspapers and posting on the Township bulletin board.

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Attorney Dieterly administered the oath of office to Samuel Race, Jeff Herb, David Pritchard, and Bryan Vande Vrede.

REORGANIZATION:

Election of Chairman

Attorney Dieterly called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Magnini made the motion to nominate Anthony Wyhopen as Chairman. With there being no other nominations, in a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Chairman Wyhopen thanked everyone and he wished everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Wyhopen called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Pritchard of the nominating committee recommended Joseph Magnini for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mayor Race made the motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded by Mr. Carlson. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Magnini thanked the Board and welcomed back all of the Board Members.

Appointment of Board Professionals

Mr. Pritchard stated that the Nominating Committee is recommending the temporary appointments of Richard Dieterly, of Gebhardt & Kiefer, as the Board Attorney; Paul Sterbenz, of Maser Consulting, as the Board Engineer; and Joseph Layton, of Maser Consulting, as the Board Planner.

In a voice vote, all were in favor of the temporary appointment of the Board Professionals.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried

Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Magnini made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm as the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Carlson. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Designation of Meeting Date, Time and Place-Adoption of Resolution

Mr. Magnini made the motion to designate the Meeting Date, Time and Place as per the distributed Resolution. Motion seconded Mr. Herb. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Designation of Official Newspaper-Adoption of Resolution

Mr. Magnini made the motion to designate the Official Newspapers, as those set by the Township Committee, the Star Gazette as the primary newspaper and the Express Times as the secondary newspaper, as per the distributed Resolution. Motion seconded by Dr. Phillips. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Notification of Fees-Adoption of Resolution

Mr. Magnini made the motion to adopt the Notification of Fees Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Matthews. Discussion on the motion: Chairman Wyhopen asked if the Township has set up a policy in regards to requests of notification via Email. Board Secretary Schemm stated that she is unaware of any Township Policy. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Wyhopen opened the meeting, to the public, for non-agenda items.

Barry Wessner asked if the Board will open the meeting to the public after its discussion regarding solar energy. Chairman Wyhopen stated that he would.

A member of the public stated that he received a zoning approval for a proposal; however, he was told that he requires Minor Site Plan approval and he asked what would be involved in that process. He briefly reviewed his proposal with the Board and the Board Professionals and they stated that there is a Minor Site Plan checklist and they reviewed what may be required for a Minor Site Plan. The Board also discussed what may be required for temporary containers.

Chairman Wyhopen asked if there was anyone else from the public, wishing to speak. With there being no further comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2010, were distributed to all the Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Magnini made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Vande Vrede. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Pritchard, Dr. Phillips, and Mr. Carlson, who were not present at the October meeting and abstained.

VOTE: 6 AYES

The motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:**#757 PPL Renewable Energy, Block 7, Lot 3**

Board Secretary Schemm stated that this application is before the Board this evening for administrative purposes.

Board Engineer Sterbenz stated that the Red Bank office of their firm, did some survey work for PPL and he needed to disclose this information to the Board to see if the Board wishes to have someone else review the application. After a brief discussion, the Board was polled and they agreed that they did not perceive a conflict.

Board Engineer Sterbenz asked if the Board would consider hearing both completeness and a possible hearing/technical review at the Board's March meeting. The Board agreed

OTHER BUSINESS:**Alternative Energy/Renewable Energy**

Mr. Wessner asked if the Board will be discussing Solar Energy this evening. Chairman Wyhopen stated that a subcommittee will be set up to review Alternative Energy and then the subcommittee will come back to the entire Board with their recommendations. The Board discussed the solar energy seminar that was held a few weeks ago. Mr. Vande Vrede, Mayor Race, Mr. Pritchard, and Chairman Wyhopen agreed to sit on the subcommittee to review Alternative Energy. The Board also discussed that several Warren County Municipalities may already have Ordinances.

Township Website

Mr. Herb questioned the status of the website and whether the agendas and minutes are being posted. Board Secretary Schemm stated that the agendas are posted and she will work on getting the minutes posted.

Quick Check Treatment Works

Mr. Carlson questioned the status of extending the sewer lines. Chairman Wyhopen stated that the Quick Check application was heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and he does not know the status of the Township's Wastewater Management Plan. Board Engineer Sterbenz updated the Board on the status of the Township Wastewater Management Plan before the State.

Combination of the Boards

Mr. Godfrey questioned the status of the Boards. Mr. Herb stated that it is still in the discussion phase. Mr. Godfrey stated his concerns over combining the Boards.

Highlands Discussion

Mayor Race reviewed the correspondence sent to the Highlands. Board Planner Layton updated the Board on the remainder of the items that still need to be addressed. He suggested that the Township wait to hear back from the Highlands before moving forward.

Ms. Reichart was present and she stated that she senses a disconnect between the Township and the Highlands subcommittee and she questioned the procedure, which was addressed by Mr. Herb and Mayor Race.

Land Use Board

Mr. Magnini asked how much money will be saved by combining the two Boards. Mr. Herb stated that he does not have the information in front of him; however, he cannot see how the Township will not save money. Dr. Phillips stated that the Board activity might be slow now; however, he questioned what would happen if the Boards were to get busy. Mr. Magnini asked who is eligible to vote on matters before the Land Use Board. Mr. Herb stated that the Boards can always be brought back by referendum and he stated that any money that can be saved should be saved. The Board discussed the number of meetings held by both Boards. Mayor Race stated that there are a lot of reasons to maintain two Boards, as the functions of both Boards are different and the Township has enough volunteers willing to serve on both Boards and the Township would lose the expertise of Board Members. He stated that he cares about saving money; however, he does not feel that there will be a significant savings in combining the Boards and he is not in favor of combining the Boards at this time. Board Secretary Schemm stated that the Planning Board held 7 meetings in 2010 and the Zoning Board of Adjustment held 12 meetings in 2010.

BILLS:

In a motion made by Mr. Magnini and seconded by Mr. Pritchard, the bills were paid. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor Race, who abstained. .

Maser-Planning	195.00	PBOE
Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	696.00	PBOE
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VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary