

**Minutes Open Session  
White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment  
January 16, 2020**

There was a reorganization and regular meeting of the White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Present were Board Members: Donald Weidlick, Barry Wessner, James Cooper, Elaine Reichart, Kyle Shoemaker, Paul Mourry, and Jack Shade. Also Present: Attorney Tara St. Angelo. Attorney St. Angelo led the Board in the pledge to the flag and she called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She then announced that notice of this meeting was given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act."

**SWEARING IN:**

Attorney St. Angelo administered the oath of office to Jack Shade, Kyle Shoemaker, and Elaine Reichart.

**REORGANIZATION:**

**Election of Chairman**

Attorney St. Angelo called for nominations for Chairman. Ms. Reichart made the motion to nominate Jack Shade for Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. With there being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of the nomination of Mr. Shade as Chairman.

**Election of Vice Chairman**

Ms. Reichart made the motion to nominate Paul Mourry as the Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. Roll call vote, all were in favor of the nomination of Mr. Mourry as Vice Chairman.

**Appointment of Board Professionals**

Ms. Reichart made the motion to appoint the Paul Sterbenz, as the Board Engineer/Planner. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. Discussion on the motion: Board Secretary Schemm stated that the Engineer and Planner only review applications as needed. Ms. Reichart and Mr. Cooper agreed to amended their motion to also include the appointment of Tara St. Angelo, as the Board Attorney. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

**Appointment of Board Secretary**

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

**Designation of Meeting Date, Time and Place**

Ms. Reichart asked if the meetings could begin earlier. Ms. Reichart made the motion to adopt the Resolution, as amended, designating the meeting dates as the third Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 p.m., at the White Township Municipal Building, 555 CR 519, Belvidere, N.J. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

**Designation of Official Newspaper**

Mr. Cooper made the motion for the designation of the Official Newspapers, same as the Governing Body. Motion seconded by Mr. Mourry. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Chairman Shade opened the meeting to the public.

Sharon Haggerty questioned the noticing procedure, which the Board addressed.

With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**#470 Frederick W. Tocce, Block 14, Lot 51**

Fred Tocce was sworn in and he stated that he wishes to construct a garage in his front yard and he reviewed his conversation with the Zoning Officer. The Board discussed the proposal and whether other variances might be needed (size of the proposed garage and side yard setback).

The hearing was opened to the public. With there being no public comments, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Cooper made the motion to grant the variances (front and side yard setback) as discussed this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Mourry. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

The minutes of the December 20, 2018, meeting were distributed to all Board Members prior to this evening's meeting.

Ms. Reichart made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Wessner. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Mourry, Mr. Shoemaker, and Mr. Cooper, who abstained.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** The following vouchers were submitted:

Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	644.00
Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	330.00
Gebhardt & Kiefer-Cheema	66.00
Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	198.00
Howard Shoemaker-Escrow Refund	519.00

Mr. Cooper made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Ms. Reichart. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

**OTHER:**

**Annual Report**

Ms. Reichart asked about the status of the 2018 Annual Report, which will need to be prepared. The Board had not met in 2019 and the 2017 Annual Report was distributed, with no recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT:** In a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. In a voice vote all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary  
2/18/20