

Minutes Open Session
White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment
April 20, 2017

There was a reorganization and regular meeting of the White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Present were Board Members: Donald Weidlick, Barry Wessner Alt #1, James Cooper, Elaine Reichart, Paul Mourry, Kyle Shoemaker, Myron Rasley, and Joseph Magnini. Also Present: Attorney William Gold and Secretary Alfia Schemm. Ms. Schemm led the Board in the pledge to the flag and she called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. She then announced that notice of this meeting was given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act."

SWEARING IN:

Attorney Gold administered the oath of office to Paul Mourry.

REORGANIZATION:

Election of Chairman

Attorney Gold called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Cooper made the motion to nominate Joseph Magnini for Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Rasley. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of the nomination of Mr. Magnini as Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman

Mr. Cooper made the motion to nominate Myron Rasley as the Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Weidlick. Mr. Wessner made the motion to nominate Ms. Reichart. Motion seconded by Ms. Reichart. Discussion on the motions: the Board discussed procedure and Robert's Rules and it was agreed to call the roll on the first motion and then if it does not pass, the Board would proceed with the other motion. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of the nomination of Mr. Rasley as Vice Chairman, except for Mr. Wessner and Ms. Reichart, who abstained.

Appointment of Board Professionals

Chairman Magnini stated that he spoke with the Engineer Modzelewski and he is willing to maintain his same rates. He went on to state that he did not hear back from Maser Consulting and Attorney Gold is keeping his meeting rate the same; however, he is requesting an increase in his hourly rate to \$165.00. Ms. Reichart questioned the hourly rate of the Planning Board Attorney.

Mr. Cooper made the motion to appoint the existing Board Professionals, with Board Attorney Gold's increased hourly rate. Motion seconded by Chairman Magnini. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Reichart who abstained without knowing the hourly rate for the Planning Board Attorney.

Appointment of Board Secretary

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

Designation of Official Newspaper

Mr. Cooper made the motion to designate the official newspaper. Discussion on the motion: Board Attorney Gold stated the Governing Body designates the Official Newspaper. Motion seconded by Mr. Rasley. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Designation of Meeting Date, Time and Place

Mr. Cooper made the motion to designate the meeting dates as the third Thursday of the Month, at 7:30 p.m., at the White Township Municipal Building, 555 CR 519, Belvidere, N.J. Motion seconded by Mr. Mourry. In a voice vote, all were in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

#462 Cheema Oil Corp., Block 39, Lot 10, Block 70.01, Lots 6 & 6.01

It was noted that the Applicant's Attorney has agreed to renote before returning back to the Board, as they are working with the DOT. The Board discussed the alternatives/options. Ms. Reichart commented on the DOT letter that was sent by Board Attorney Gold and whether the DOT should be contacted again. The Board went on to discuss the procedure.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Magnini made the motion to open the meeting to the public for non-agenda items. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The following vouchers were submitted:

William Gold- General	\$ 975.00
William Gold-Cheema	\$ 225.00
NJPO-Dues	\$ 185.00
Dynamic Traffic-Cheema	\$ 2062.92
Maser-Cheema	\$ 68.00
Maser-Cheema	\$ 99.75
Maser-Cheema	\$ 133.00
Mott MacDonald-Cheema	\$ 153.00
NJPO	\$ 185.00

Mr. Rasley made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Mourry. Discussion on the motion: Board Attorney Gold briefly reviewed the 5 Acres voucher and he stated that the Board may hear the appeal at a future meeting or it may be withdrawn. Mr. Wessner went on to state his disappointment at the cost and the content of the traffic study that was received by the Board. It was stated that the Board may wish to ask more questions when retaining experts in the future. Ms. Reichart stated her concerns about not providing comments to the DOT, prior to the deadline, and them making a decision. After a brief discussion, Ms. Reichart stated that she will contact the DOT, to inquire on the status of the matter. In a voice vote, all were in favor of approving the bills.

OTHER:

Mr. Mourry stated his concern over the position that the Zoning Officer, has taken, in regards to the Appeal application. It was agreed that the Board will get all the facts during the hearing and once the testimony is provided. The Board then briefly discussed the requested waiver of the fees and escrow.

ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. In a voice vote all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
10/11/17