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

MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2020

The reorganization and special meeting of the White Township Planning Board was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Present were: Timothy Matthews, Chanda Collom, Michael Grossmann, Robert Mackey, Sam Race, Joan Schnieber, Richard Nieuwenhuis, Drew Kiszonak, and David Pritchard. Board Member Absent: Joseph Phillips. Also present: Attorney Tara St. Angelo and Engineer/Planner Paul Sterbenz.

CALL TO ORDER:

Attorney St. Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She 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 St. Angelo administered the oath of office to Sam Race, Chanda Collom, Richard Nieuwenhuis, David Pritchard, and Joan Schneiber.

REORGANIZATION:

Election of Chairman

Mr. Pritchard stated that the personnel committee is recommending that Timothy Matthews be appointed as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Nieuwenhuis. With there being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of the election of Tim Matthews as Chairman.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman

Mr. Pritchard stated that the personnel committee is recommending that Robert Mackey be appointed as the Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Nieuwenhus. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of the election of Robert Mackey as Vice Chairman.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Pritchard made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm as the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Nieuwenhuis. 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. Pritchard made the motion to adopt the meeting, time, and place, as outlined in the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Mackey. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried.

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Newspaper Designation-Adoption of Resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Ms. Collom. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES The motion carried.

Notification of Fees-Adoption of Resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion to adopt the notification fees. Motion seconded by Ms. Collom. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES The motion carried

Appointment of Board Professionals/Contracts Awarded

Mr. Pritchard made the motion to appoint Paul Sterbenz, of Maser Consulting, as the Board Engineer and Board Planner. Motion seconded by Ms. Collom. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES The motion carried

Mr. Niuwenhus made the motion to appoint Tara St. Angelo, of Gebhardt & Kiefer, as the Board Attorney. Motion seconded by Ms. Collom. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES The motion carried

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Theresa Chapman read a statement/submitted into the record providing a timeline of master plan discussions.

Sarah Hare read a statement into the record with Resolutions from Hope, Knowlton, Harmony, Belvidere, Frelinghuysen, and Hardwick Township.

Tom Bodolsky reviewed 9 points related to the Jaindl December 12th testimony.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Hearing-Master Plan Amendment

Mr. Sterbenz updated the Board on the two subcommittee meetings held to evaluate the September 27, 2019 Master Plan and the possible options. He distributed a January 8, 2020 report and reviewed the 11 recommendations stated in the Master Plan and then the discussion points for Recommendations: #4, #8, #9, #10, and #11, which the Board discussed at great length. Mr. Mackey asked that the Board provide comments on the proposed discussion. Mr. Kiszonak asked if the Board is ready to dispose of the September 27, 2019 Master Plan Document so that Mr. Sterbenz can start working on a new Plan. Board Attorney St. Angelo addressed the potential motion to dispose of the current Master Plan Amendment and authorize Mr. Sterbenz to work on another Plan.

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The Board also discussed potential traffic generated from other projects in other townships.

Mr. Kiszonak made the motion to dispose of the September 27, 2019 Master Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Grossmann. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

VOTE: 9 AYES

The motion carried

The Board agreed that they want Mr. Sterbenz to work on a new Master Plan Amendment and that Board Members should provide comments, as soon as possible, so that he can distribute another draft. The Board then discussed setting up another special meeting to dedicate to the Master Plan discussion.

Board Attorney St. Angelo suggested that she prepare a short rules of order/conduct guidelines for the Board's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm Board Secretary 2/11/20