

MINUTES

PLANNING BOARD

TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

Re-Organization Meeting

January 7, 2015

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:40 PM for the discussion of the appointment of the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman and for the discussion of the submissions received from potential attorneys and engineers for the positions of Board Attorney and Board Engineer. The Executive Session concluded at 8:00 pm.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 8:00 PM by Michael Einbinder in the Public Meeting Room.

Mr. Einbinder confirmed that the meeting was being held in conformance with all regulations of the SUNSHINE LAW and proper notice had been given to the Courier News; also, the Agenda had been posted in Town Hall, Board Office, and supplied to the Township Clerk at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. The Agenda items will not necessarily be heard in the order listed and the meeting will not continue significantly past 10:30 PM.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to the following members prior to the meeting:

Mr. Robert Woodruff – Mayor – 4-year term to end 12/31/2018

Mr. Craig Johnson – 4-year term to end 12/31/2018

Mr. Thomas Pirone – T.C. Rep. – 1-year term to end 12/31/15

Mr. Robert Bocchino – Town Official – 1-year term to end 12/31/15

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Einbinder, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Niceforo, Mr. Graziano, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Bocchino and Mr. Cunningham.

Reorganization

Election of Officers

Michael Einbinder was nominated as Chairman on the motion of Mr. Graziano, seconded by Mr. Woodruff. There were no other nominations and Mr. Einbinder was elected Chairman by unanimous roll call vote.

Reorganization continued

Craig Johnson was nominated as Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano. There were no other nominations and Mr. Johnson was elected Vice Chairman by unanimous roll call vote.

Designation and Adoption of Resolutions

William Willard of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis and Lehrer was designated as Board Attorney, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Thomas Solfaro of the firm of Neglia Engineering was designated as Board Engineer, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The firm of Schulman, Wiegmann & Associates was designated as Court Reporter, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Courier and The Star Ledger were designated as Official Newspapers, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Regina Giardina was designated to provide Secretarial Services, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Niceforo, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Connie Valenti was designated as Planning Board Secretary, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Woodruff, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Connie Valenti was designated as Escrow Official, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

The 2015 Meeting Schedule was approved, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Woodruff, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of Minutes:

Executive Session November 5, 2014

Regular Meeting December 10, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Bocchino, to adopt the Minutes of the Executive Session of November 5, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2013 as presented. The voice vote was unanimous.

Discussion

Discussion took place with regard to a concept review heard by the Board last year for a property on Springfield Avenue. It was suggested that the Board members visit the site.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Mr. Einbinder, seconded by Mr. Graziano, to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Regina Giardina, Secretary Pro-Tem