

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 17, 2023 Minutes – 7:00 PM**

The West Amwell Township Planning Board reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Secretary Andrews followed by the salute to the flag.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as listed on the meeting agenda was read into the record by Secretary Andrews: This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Times of Trenton on December 15, 2022. Notice has been posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall on January 13, 2022 and has remained continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Planning Board and Township Clerk.

The following general policy statement of the Planning Board was read into the record by Secretary Andrews: The Board's general policy is to end the presentation of testimony on applications by 10:30 PM and to conclude all Board business by 11:00 PM. When necessary, the Chairman may permit a reasonable extension of those time limits.

Oaths of Office

The oath of office were administered to Mr. Cally, Mr. Petrucci, Mr. Dale and Mr. Montferrat.

Attendance – Roll Call

Present: Bob Balaam
Jim Cally
John Dale
Nella Hamtil
John Haug
Carl Ippolito – *(arrived at 7:15 PM)*
Chris Morgan
Joe Petrucci
Rob Tomenchok
John Flemming – Alt. #1
Connor Montferrat – Alt. #2
Attorney St. Angelo

Excused: No one

Nominations/Appointments

Secretary Andrews asked for nominations for the Board's Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Mr. Dale to nominate Rob Tomenchok as the Board's Chairman. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Chairman Tomenchok thanked the Board and took over the meeting at this time.

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Chairman Tomenchok asked for nominations for the Board's Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Petrucci and seconded by Mr. Balaam to nominate Chris Morgan as the Board's Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Dale and seconded by Mr. Balaam to appoint Maria Andrews as the Planning Board Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Haug and seconded by Mr. Montferrat to appoint Suzanne Zambella as the Planning Board Deputy Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cally and seconded by Mr. Balaam to appoint the following subcommittee members:

By-Laws: John Haug and Nella Hamtil

Subdivision: Carl Ippolito, Rob Tomenchok and Jim Cally

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Approval of Bill List

It was noted for the record that no vouchers were received from the Finance Office.

Resolutions of Approval

A motion by Ms. Hamtil, seconded by Mr. Haug to approve the following resolutions was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

PB#2023-01: Consent Agenda

PB#2023-02: Meeting Schedule

PB#2023-03: Designation of Official Newspaper

PB#2023-04: Appointment of Board Attorney

PB#2023-05: Appointment of Board Engineer

PB#2023-06: Appointment of Board Planner

Applications

It was noted for the record that there were no applications listed on the agenda for public hearing.

Unfinished Business

It was noted for the record that there were no unfinished business matters listed on the agenda for discussion. However, Chairman Tomenchok reminded the Board of the Master Plan Re-examination and suggested everyone take a look at a section and review it for clarification and consistency.

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New Business

It was noted for the record that there were no new business items listed on the agenda for discussion.

Open to the Public

It was noted for the record that no members of the public were present at the meeting at this time.

Mr. Haug commented that the access to the old High School property in Lambertville had recently been paved and he asked if anyone knew what was going on. Mr. Cally remarked that there are 3 residential properties that utilize the access and believed it was just general road maintenance.

Activity Report

It was noted for the record that no activity report was discussed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Mr. Cally, seconded by Mr. Dale to approve the Board's 6/21/22 minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote with Mr. Flemming and Mr. Montferrat abstaining.

A motion by Mr. Petrucci, seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the Board's 7/14/22 minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote with Mr. Montferrat abstaining.

A motion by Mr. Balaam, seconded by Mr. Haug to approve the Board's 7/19/22 minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote with Ms. Hamtil, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Montferrat abstaining.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Balaam, seconded by Ms. Hamtil to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Maria Andrews, Planning Board Secretary