

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 18, 2022 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 16, 2021. 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 was administered to Mr. Birmingham.

Attendance – Roll Call

Present: Nella Hamtil
John Haug
Carl Ippolito
Rob Tomenchok
Bob Birmingham – Alt. #1
Engineer Burr
Attorney St. Angelo

Excused: Bob Balaam
Jim Cally
John Dale
Chris Morgan
Joe Petrucci
John Flemming – Alt. #2

Nominations/Appointments

Secretary Andrews asked for nominations for the Board's Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Haug and seconded by Ms. Hamtil to nominate Rob Tomenchok as the Board's Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Ms. Hamtil and seconded by Mr. Birmingham to close the nominations. 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. Haug and seconded by Ms. Hamtil to nominate Joe Petrucci as the Board's Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was approved by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Hamtil and seconded by Mr. Birmingham to appoint Linda Jacukowicz as the Planning Board Deputy Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Ippolito and seconded by Ms. Hamtil 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

A motion by Mr. Birmingham, seconded by Ms. Hamtil to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the 1/18/22 bill list was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolutions of Approval

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

PB#2022-01: Consent Agenda

PB#2022-02: Meeting Schedule

PB#2022-03: Designation of Official Newspaper

PB#2022-04: Appointment of Board Attorney

PB#2022-05: Appointment of Board Engineer

PB#2022-06: 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.

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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. However, Engineer Burr remarked that Dollar General is working to secure all other outside agency approvals so they can begin construction on their store. He also commented on the GMNJ, Inc. application noting the applicant is seeking to be on the Board's 2/15/22 agenda and recently submitted a revised site plan which he is currently in the process of reviewing.

Chairman Tomenchok commented on the Master Plan Re-exam noting Ms. Hamtil had submitted some good comments on the Land Use Plan Element which were forwarded along to Planner Slagle for consideration.

Open to the Public

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

Ms. Hamtil commented that the Environmental Committee is looking into any available grants for repairing the streambed and waterway buffers throughout the Township.

Activity Report

Chairman Tomenchok remarked that the website should be updated to reflect that the Board will be conducting a Master Plan Re-exam.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Ms. Hamtil, seconded by Mr. Haug to approve the Board's 1/18/22 minutes as revised was approved by voice vote with Mr. Birmingham abstaining.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Maria Andrews, Planning Board Secretary