

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
May 26, 2020 Minutes – 7:30 PM**

The West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chairman John Ashton.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as listed on the meeting agenda was read into the record by Vice Chairman Ashton: 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 2/13/20. Notice has been posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment and Township Clerk.

Vice Chairman Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Attendance – Roll Call

Present: John Cronce
Brian Fitting
John Ashton
George Fisher
Marvin Hartpence
Michael Rassweiler – Alt. #1
Mark Bowles – Alt. #2

Excused: Joe Romano
Rob Fulper

Presentation of Minutes

A motion by George Fisher, seconded by Marvin Hartpence to approve the Board's 2/25/20 minutes as revised was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolution ZBA#2019-12: Joseph Wright – Block 13 Lot 24 – 1222 Route 179: Appeal of Zoning Official's Decision – Upheld

A motion by Brian Fitting, seconded by Michael Rassweiler to approve Resolution ZBA#2019-12 was approved by roll call vote by those members eligible to vote on the matter.

Fitting: Yes, Ashton: Yes, Fisher: Yes, Hartpence: Yes, Rassweiler: Yes

Resolution ZBA#2020-07: Affordable Self Storage, Inc. – Block 5 Lot 8 – 1337 Route 179: Approval of Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan to Expand the Storage Facility

A motion by Mark Bowles, seconded by Marvin Hartpence to approve Resolution ZBA#2020-07 was approved by roll call vote by those members eligible to vote on the matter.

Cronce: Yes, Fitting: Yes, Fisher: Yes, Hartpence: Yes, Rassweiler: Yes, Bowles: Yes

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Applications: Completeness/Public Hearing

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

Approval of Bill List

A motion by George Fisher, seconded by Mark Bowles to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the Board's 5/26/20 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Comments from the Board Members

Vice Chairman Ashton commented that Chairman Fulper had informed him that he has noticed a slight increase in the Board Attorney's billing and wanted the members to know that he will reach out and remind him to be mindful of the Township's tight budget. Mr. Fitting commented that the quality of work is clearly reflected in the level of detail contained in Attorney Van Hise's resolutions. Mr. Bowles remarked that he believes he is worth the cost.

Open to the Public

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

Adjournment

A motion by John Cronce, seconded by John Ashton to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Maria Andrews, Zoning Board Secretary