

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING**

7:30pm

July 24, 2018

The West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Fulper.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law as listed on the meeting agenda was summarized by Chairman Fulper: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on February 1, 2018. Notice has been posted accordingly and a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office. The meeting was recorded via digital recording system and a copy of the CD is on file in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office.

Chairman Fulper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL:

Roll call on attendance: John Cronic-present, Brian Fitting -present, Joe Romano - present, George Fisher-present, Marvin Hartpence (Alt. #1)- present, Michael Rassweiler (alt. #2)-present, Robert Fulper-present

Absent: Frank Sabatino and John Ashton were absent

Professionals Present: Stewart Palilonis, Board Attorney

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018- Mr. Fitting commented favorably on the minutes. Mr. Cronic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitting to approve the July 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes with two typographical corrections and the addition of the motion to deem the application for Michael Verga Block 11 Lot 5.29 complete.

Roll call vote: Cronic-aye, Fitting – aye, Romano-aye, Fisher-abstain, Hartpence-abstain, Rassweiler-aye, Fulper-aye

RESOLUTION(S) OF APPROVAL:

1. Mary Ann Kollmer- Block 11 Lot 14 - C Variance (side setback)

Mr. Romano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cronic to approve this resolution with two typographical corrections.

Roll call vote: Cronic-aye, Fitting – aye, Romano-aye, Fisher-abstain, Hartpence-abstain, Rassweiler-aye, Fulper-aye

APPLICATION(S):

1. Completeness and Public Hearing: Carl Symone – Block 28 L 16 – C Variance (height and rear setback, pole barn) (7:42)

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The following were provided to the Board Members, Attorney, and Engineer previous to the meeting:

Letter to Engineer Decker from Carl Simonye dated 7/9/18 re: Requested waiver of topographical map.

Completed application form for variance.

Zoning Board of Adjustment checklist dated July 9, 2018.

Letter dated June 6, 2017 from West Amwell Township Zoning Officer determining that the proposed 30' X 40' pole barn does not meet the maximum permitted height of 15 feet.

Zoning Permit Application

Tax Collector's certification that taxes are current.

Escrow Agreement

Certified list of property owners within 200 feet

Deed Book 890 pages 765-767 dated April 14, 1983

Undated sketch of subject property and proposed pole barn location

Color photos of shed to be razed and proposed building site

Letter dated July 21, 2018 from Engineer Decker.

Chairman Fulper said Engineer Decker requested Mr. Simonye provide a survey. Mr. Simonye provided a survey dated 1983 at the meeting tonight.

Attorney Palilonis inquired about the slope of the lot. Mr. Simonye said it is gently sloping. Chairman Fulper commented on the area where the proposed barn will be being level and flat. Mr. Simonye said it is level as there was a chicken coop there.

Chairman Fulper referred to Engineer Decker's letter; a survey and topographical map are needed. The topographical map can be waived at the Board's discretion.

Chairman Fulper went over Engineer Decker's letter with the applicant. He advised Mr. Simonye to contact Engineer Decker and provide a copy of the survey to Engineer Decker and the Board.

Attorney Palilonis said the notices are in order.

Chairman Fulper does not believe they will need the topographical map; the Board is comfortable waiving this requirement.

Mr. Simonye asked that his application be carried to the next regular meeting.

Chairman Fulper announced that the application will be carried to the August 28th regular meeting. No further notice is necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

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APPROVAL OF 6/26/18 BIL LIST

The bill list totaling \$708.75 was presented for approval. Mr. Cronic made a motion to pay the bills providing funds are available. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor via voice vote.

DISCUSSION:

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Chairman Fulper announced that Board Secretary Rosikiewicz has submitted her resignation. Mr. Cronic commented on the great job Ms. Rosikiewicz did, Board members agreed. Chairman Fulper spoke of how she stepped into the position cold and learned on the go, taking the courses right away on her own.

The Board discussed advertising for the position including placing an ad in the newspaper.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

There were no comments from any public.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cronic, seconded by Mr. Fisher. All members voted in favor of adjournment at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz