

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 26, 2021 Minutes – 7:30 PM**

The West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Rob Fulper.

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 17, 2020. Notice has been posted accordingly and 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.

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

**Oaths of Office**

Board Secretary/Township Clerk Andrews administered the oaths of office to Mr. Fulper, Mr. Fitting and Mr. Bowles.

**Attendance – Roll Call**

**Present:** John Cronic  
George Fisher  
Brian Fitting  
Marvin Hartpence  
Rob Fulper  
Michael Rassweiler – Alt. #1  
Mark Bowles – Alt. #2

**Excused:** John Ashton  
Joe Romano

**Nominations/Appointments**

Secretary Andrews asked for nominations for the Board's Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Cronic and seconded by Mr. Bowles to nominate Rob Fulper as the Board's Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Cronic and seconded by Mr. Bowles to close the nominations. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Chairman Fulper thanked the Board and took over the meeting at this time.

Chairman Fulper asked for nominations for the Board's Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Cronic and seconded by Mr. Rassweiler to nominate John Ashton as the Board's Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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A motion was made by Mr. Cronic and seconded by Mr. Hartpence to appoint Maria Andrews as the Zoning Board Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cronic and seconded by Mr. Fisher to appoint Linda Jacukowicz as the Zoning Board Deputy Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

### **Re-organization Resolutions**

A motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Hartpence to approve the following motions was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

ZBA#2021-01: Consent Agenda

ZBA#2021-02: Meeting Schedule

ZBA#2021-03: Designation of Official Newspaper

ZBA#2021-04: Appointment of Board Attorney

ZBA#2021-05: Appointment of Board Engineer

ZBA#2021-06: Appointment of Board Planner

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Cronic: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Fitting: Yes, Mr. Hartpence: Yes, Mr. Rassweiler: Yes, Mr. Bowles: Yes and Mr. Fulper: Yes

### **Resolutions of Approval**

**ZBA#2020-10: David Dobrowolski – 242 Rocktown-Lambertville Road – Block 13 Lot 54.01: Conditional Use Approval with Bulk Variances for Construction of a Detached Garage with Second Floor Game Room**

A motion by Mr. Cronic, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve Resolution ZBA#2020-10 as revised was approved by roll call vote by those members who were eligible to vote on the matter.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Cronic: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Fitting: Yes, Mr. Hartpence: Yes, Mr. Rassweiler: Yes and Mr. Fulper: Yes

### **Presentation of Minutes – 12/22/20**

A motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Cronic to approve the Board's 12/22/20 minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote.

### **Applications: Completeness/Public Hearing**

**Completeness and Public Hearing: James Devine and Lis McCormick - Block 47 Lots 1.01 & 10 – Use Variance to Allow Temporary Housing to Become Permanent Housing**

Chairman Fulper noted the application had been withdrawn and read the following email from the Applicant's Attorney into the record: "We are withdrawing our application for this evening and will resubmit and renotice once we firm up our plans."

### **Approval of Bill List – 1/26/21**

A motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Hartpence to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the Board's 1/26/21 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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### **Comments from the Board Members**

Mr. Fitting suggested a simple paragraph up front in the resolutions explaining what is being asked for along with what was approved or why it was denied to “streamline” the document rather than having to read through all of the “legalese” would be helpful.

### **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 Mr. Cronic, seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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Maria Andrews, Zoning Board Secretary