

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – REGULAR MEETING  
May 28, 2019 Minutes – 7:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman 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 February 28, 2019. Notice has been posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall on May 23, 2019 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.

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

**Attendance – Roll Call**

**Present:** John Ashton  
Brian Fitting  
George Fisher  
Rob Fulper  
Marvin Hartpence  
Joe Romano – *(arrived at 7:36 PM)*  
Michael Rassweiler – Alt. #1  
Mark Bowles – Alt. #2  
Attorney Palilonis

**Excused:** John Cronce

**Presentation of Minutes – 4/23/19**

A motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ashton to approve the Board's 4/23/19 minutes with no revisions noted was approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fitting and Mr. Hartpence abstaining.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Ashton: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Rassweiler: Yes, Mr. Bowles: Yes, Mr. Fulper: Yes

**Resolutions of Approval**

**Resolution #2017-16: Affordable Self Storage – Block 5 Lot 8: Variance Approval for Front Yard Setback and Floor Area Ratio (FAR)**

A motion by Mr. Fitting, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve Resolution #2017-16 as revised was approved by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Fitting: Yes, Mr. Ashton: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Fulper: Yes

**Resolution #2019-08: Affordable Self Storage – Block 5 Lot 8: Variance Approval for Steep Slope and Stream Corridor Buffer Disturbance**

A motion by Mr. Romano, seconded by Mr. Ashton to approve Resolution #2019-08 as revised was approved by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Romano: Yes, Mr. Ashton: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Fulper: Yes

**Resolution #2019-09: Annual Report (2018) to the Township Committee and Planning Board**

A motion by Mr. Fitting, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve Resolution #2019-09 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Fitting: Yes, Mr. Romano: Yes, Mr. Ashton: Yes, Mr. Fisher: Yes, Mr. Hartpence: Yes, Mr. Rassweiler: Yes, Mr. Fulper: Yes

**Applications: Completeness/Public Hearing**

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

**Approval of Bill List**

A motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ashton to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Open to the Public**

Chairman Fulper opened the floor to public comment. Andrea Little came forward and stated she owns property located at 68 Hancock Street. She remarked that she had been advised Columbia Fire Company had an application on the Board of Health agenda for the 5/23/19 meeting which was subsequently cancelled. Ms. Little explained that in preparation for that meeting, she had come to the Township to review the plans from Columbia's previous Board of Adjustment approval and discovered that they never submitted final plans for signature and therefore the Township has no signed, approved plans on file. Ms. Little stated that the approval was subject to many conditions because the lots are so small in this part of town and believes the applicant is out of compliance.

Attorney Palilonis commented that Mr. Tillett sent a letter out stating he is closing his business and soliciting donations for the Fire Company project. Ms. Little remarked she was aware of the letter and expressed concern that it implies the Township has "blessed" their project.

Attorney Palilonis clarified that signed plans would have to be provided prior to any permits being pulled for the project and also referenced that the approval has time limitations under the Municipal Land Use Law.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, Chairman Fulper closed the floor to public comment.

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**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Maria Andrews, Zoning Board Secretary