

MINUTES

CLINTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

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January 6, 2020

7:00PM

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

1370 Route 31N

Annandale, NJ 08801

Attorney Drill called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Attorney Drill led the Flag Salute.

Attorney Drill read the Public Notice.

This is a public meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that an Annual Notice was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the notice of and agenda for this meeting was posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Express Times, the Courier News, the Hunterdon Review, and the Star Ledger, no later than the Friday prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glaser, Higgins, Kleinhans, Kochanowski, Lazarus, Cimei

MEMBERS ABSENT

Butcher, Kilduff, Scheick

BOARD PROFESSIONALS/STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Drill, Esq., Board Attorney

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Higgins motioned and Mr. Kochanowski seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Cimei as the Board Chairman for 2020. The vote record follows.

Roll Call: Nomination of Kevin Cimei as Board Chairman						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins	X		X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			
Kochanowski		X	X			
Lazarus			X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

Board Attorney Drill turned the meeting over to Mr. Cimei.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR

Mr. Lazarus motioned and Mr. Kochanowski seconded a motion to nominate Suzanne Kleinhans as Vice Chair for 2020. The vote record follows.

Roll Call: Nomination and election of Suzanne Kleinhans as Board Vice Chair						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			
Kochanowski		X	X			
Lazarus	X		X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

NOMINATION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR PRO TEMP

Mr. Cimei motioned and Mr. Kochanowski seconded a motion to nominate John Lazarus as Vice Chair Pro Temp for 2020. The vote record follows.

Roll Call: Nomination and election of John Lazarus as Board Vice Chair Pro Tem						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			

Kochanowski		X	X			
Lazarus			X			
Scheick						X
Cimei	X		X			

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF

Ms. Kleinhans motioned and Mr. Lazarus seconded a motion to approve appointment of the Board Professionals and Staff for 2020. The vote record follows.

<i>Roll Call: Appointment of 2020 Board Professionals and Staff</i>						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans	X		X			
Kochanowski			X			
Lazarus		X	X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

**APPROVAL OF NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES;
DELEGATION OF COMPLETENESS AND WAIVERS; APPROVAL OF THE 2020
MEETING CALENDAR; RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE 2020 RULES AND
REGULATIONS**

Mr. Lazarus motioned and Mr. Glaser seconded a motion to Approve the 2020 Newspapers, Delegation of Completeness & Waivers, 2020 Meeting Calendar and 2020 Rules & Regs. The vote record follows.

<i>Roll Call: Appointment of 2020 Newspapers, Delegation of Completeness & Waivers, 2020 Meeting Calendar and 2020 Rules & Regs</i>						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)		X	X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			
Kochanowski			X			
Lazarus	X		X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

None.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:20pm. The Board resumed the Public Meeting at 7:22pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Glaser motioned and Mr. Lazarus seconded a motion to adopt the December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes. The vote record follows.

<i>Roll Call: Approval of the December 16, 2019 Minutes</i>						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)	X		X			
Higgins					X	
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans					X	
Kochanowski					X	
Lazarus		X	X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

RESOLUTIONS

None.

REPORTS

Report from Council - Mr. Higgins reported that Council held their annual reorganization meeting. Mayor and Council shifted responsibilities in the Zoning Department. The Planning Board Secretary, Denise Filardo will now be the Zoning Official and the former Zoning Official, Mr. Silvia will now be the Assistant Zoning Official. Ms. Filardo's office will be supplemented with additional hours for support. The Zoning Official will be handling the permit process and Mr. Silvia will be handling zoning enforcement. With the removal of permitting, Mr. Silvia will now be Parks & Recreation and will handle the outsourcing contracts of grass mowing to free up DPW workers.

ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Cimei motioned and Mr. Kochanowski seconded a motion to appoint Ordinance Subcommittee Members for 2020. The vote record follows.

Ordinance Subcommittee members as follows:

- Bill Glaser
- John Higgins
- John Lazarus

Roll Call: Motion to appoint Ordinance Subcommittee Members for 2020						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			
Kochanowski		X	X			
Lazarus			X			
Scheick						X
Cimei	X		X			

Report from Open Space – Mr. Higgins reported that Councilwoman Switlyk is the Liason.

Report from Environmental Commission – Mr. Cimei reported that they met on January 2nd and agreed on a Mission Statement. There is a farm dump on Prostak Farm that the EC will be asking the Town to look into cleaning up. The EC will come forward with some proposal on plastic bag ordinances.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Attorney Drill asked the Board to add an agenda item and for a motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss two related issues:

- 1) Pending Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgement Appeal which is being argued tomorrow by Attorney Drill and the Appellate Division and;
- 2) To obtain attorney client privileged legal advice from Attorney Drill regarding the status of our Affordable Housing projects where confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his duties as a lawyer.

Ms. Kleinhans motioned and Mr. Lazarus seconded a motion to enter into Closed Session. The vote record follows.

Roll Call: Motion to enter Closed Session						
Member	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Butcher						X
Glaser (Alt. 2)			X			
Higgins			X			
Kilduff (Alt. 1)						X
Kleinhans			X			

Kochanowski			X			
Lazarus		X	X			
Scheick						X
Cimei			X			

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:31pm. The Board resumed Open Session at 7:51pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cimei motioned and Mr. Kochanowski seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Filardo

Planning and Zoning Board Secretary

These minutes were approved on February 3, 2020.