

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting
November 19, 2024
-Minutes-

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Vescio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Vescio read the OPMA Statement.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moench-	Absent	Mr. Banga-	Present
Councilman Kirsh-	Absent	Ms. Sikora-	Absent
Mr. Pappas-	Present	Mr. Choudhury-	Present
Mr. Magura-	Present	Mr. Atkins-	Absent
Chairman Vescio-	Present	Ms. Chartowich-	Present
Mr. Wang-	Present		

Others present: Board Attorney Mr. Mark Peck & Land Use Administrator Nancy Probst.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Vescio opened the meeting to the public.

A resident of Bridgewater refused to state his name and address for the record due to safety concerns, asked to address the Board. The gentleman referenced a residence on Harding Road that received a \$15,000 fine the Township issued to the homeowner. Mr. Peck advised the Planning Board does not have any enforcement authority and directed him to the Township Zoning Officer and Township Council.

Mr. Pappas asked the gentleman explain the situation. The gentleman advised 778 Harding Rd. is operating an illegal business and Mr. Pappas reconfirmed the Board has no jurisdiction in this matter. He further advised that a situation like this could take months to rectify due to court dates and other circumstances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

MEMORIALIZATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**App. #23-025-PB; Gerardo
Block 718, Lots 50 & 51; Mountaintop Rd.
Major Subdivision**

On motion by Mr. Magura, seconded by Chairman Vescio, the foregoing resolution was adopted as amended based on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Magura & Chairman Vescio
Nay:
Abstain:
Not Eligible: Mr. Wang, Mr. Banga, Ms. Chartowich
& Mr. Choudhury
Absent: Councilman Kirsch, Mayor Moench, Ms. Sikora & Mr. Atkins

**Designation of Area In Need of Redevelopment- 1200, 1210, & 1220 Route 22
Block 221, Lots 1.02, 1.03, 1.01, 2.00 & 2.01**

On motion by Mr. Magura, seconded by Chairman Vescio, the foregoing resolution was adopted as amended based on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Pappas, Mr. Magura, Mr. Wang, Mr. Banga, Ms. Chartowich,
Mr. Choudhury & Chairman Vescio
Nay:
Abstain:
Not Eligible:
Absent: Councilman Kirsch, Mayor Moench, Ms. Sikora & Mr. Atkins

Appointment of Katherine Sarmad, PP, AICP as Board Planner through 2024

Ms. Probst advised Ms. Sarmad is no longer with Harbor Consultants and that this resolution will appoint her specifically as the Board Planner through the end of December 2024.

On motion by Ms. Chartowich, seconded by Mr. Wang, the Board voted to appoint Ms. Sarmad as Board Planner based on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Pappas, Mr. Magura, Mr. Wang, Mr. Banga, Ms. Chartowich,
Mr. Choudhury & Chairman Vescio
Nay:
Abstain:
Not Eligible:
Absent: Councilman Kirsch, Mayor Moench, Ms. Sikora & Mr. Atkins

LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to be heard.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Ms. Probst reviewed the upcoming hearings and meeting dates for the Board.

ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Jo-Ann M. Ricks

Board Secretary Certified