

MINUTES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

Special Meeting:
Reorganization Meeting

January 10, 2019

Oath of Public Officers – Newly Appointed Members

The oath of office was administered to the following members by Daniel Bernstein, Esq. prior to the start of the meeting.

- Mr. Raymond Sullivan – 4-year term to end 12/31/2022
- Mr. John Sylvester – 4-year term to end 12/31/2022
- Mr. Joseph Ringwood – 2-year term to end 12/31/2020
- Mr. Michael Coviello – 2-year term to end 12/31/2020

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Adjustment was called to order at 7:35 PM by Connie Valenti in the Public Meeting Room.

It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in conformance with all regulations of the SUNSHINE LAW and proper notice had been given to the Courier News; also, the Agenda had been posted in Town Hall, Board Office, and supplied to the Township Clerk at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. The Agenda items will not necessarily be heard in the order listed and the meeting will not continue significantly past 10:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Siburn, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Delia, Mr. Mustacchi, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Ringwood, and Mr. Coviello.

Reorganization:

Connie Valenti was elected as Temporary Chair. Mr. Sullivan was nominated to serve as Board Chairman on the motion of Mr. Sylvester, seconded by Mr. Boyer. There were no other nominations and Mr. Sullivan was elected Board Chairman by roll call vote 7-0.

Mr. Siburn was nominated to serve as Board Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr. Mustacchi, seconded by Mr. Sylvester. There were no other nominations and Mr. Siburn was elected Board Vice Chairman by roll call vote 7-0.

Designation of and Adoption of Resolutions:

The following designations were made and the six resolutions memorializing those designations were adopted as a “package” on the motion of Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Delia, and carried by unanimous roll call vote 7 – 0:

- 1) The 2019 Meeting Dates
- 2) The firm of Schulman, Wiegmann & Associates as Court Reporter
- 3) The Courier News and the Star Ledger as Official Newspapers
- 4) Connie Valenti as Board Secretary
- 5) Regina Giardina to provide Secretarial Services
- 6) Connie Valenti as Escrow Official

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session in the Conference Room at 7:45 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Delia, seconded by Mr. Siburn, and carried 7-0 for the purpose of discussion of the candidates for the 2019 Board Attorney and holding interviews that were scheduled.

Return to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:11 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Siburn, seconded by Mr. Boyer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

It was announced that the Board did not make a decision on the 2019 Board Attorney. Of the four candidates interviewed in Executive Session, the Board agreed on two candidates who would be asked to return for a second interview on January 17, 2019. [This was subsequently changed to a Special Meeting on January 24, 2019, for the purpose of continued interviews.]

Open to Public

The hearing was opened to the public for questions or comments. There were no members of the public who had questions or comments and the hearing was closed to the public.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mr. Sylvester, to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Connie Valenti
Board Secretary