

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE
LAND USE BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiCicco at 7:00 p.m. who then advised that the meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and by sending notice to the Courier Post and the South Jersey Times. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag then followed.

Solicitor Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Board Member Dennis Morina, Board Member Charles Murtaugh, Board Member John Louis and Board Alternates Christian Ruff and Brian Waters.

Roll Call was taken with the following in attendance:

Solicitor Thompson, Chairman Vincent DiCicco, Board Members: George Baker, Raymond Berry, Travis Lawrence, Dawn Leamy, John Louis, Dennis Morina, Chuck Murtaugh, Bruce Nordaby, Christian Ruff and Brian Waters. Mayor Welsh was absent.

The nomination of Vincent DiCicco as Chairperson, was made by Board Member Baker and Board Member Murtaugh seconded the nomination. A motion to close the nomination was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Morina. With no other nominations made, the appointment of Vincent DiCicco as Chairperson was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The nomination of George Baker, as Vice-Chairperson was made by Board Member Murtaugh and seconded by Board Member Louis. A motion to close the nomination was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Lawrence. With no other nominations made, the appointment of George K. Baker, Vice-Chairperson was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Board Member Murtaugh stepped down for the the nomination of Nicole O'Hara, as Board Secretary. A motion was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Morina. A motion to close the nomination was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Lawrence. With no other nominations made, the appointment of Nicole L. O'Hara as Land Use Board Secretary was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 18, 2017, was made by Board Member Louis and seconded by Board Member Nordaby. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-01 DESIGNATING A SOLICITOR, PLANNER AND ENGINEER FOR THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE LAND USE BOARD

A motion to appoint Gary D. Thompson as Solicitor for the Land Use Board and Bach Associates as the Professional Planner/Engineer for the Land Use Board was made by Board Member Murtaugh and seconded by Board Member Berry. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-02 DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE LAND USE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2018

On a motion made by Board Member Bittner and seconded by Board Member Nordaby, Resolution No. R-18-02, designating the Schedule of Regular Meetings Dates for the year 2018 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-03 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE LAND USE BOARD

A motion to designate the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post as the official newspapers was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Berry. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

REPORT(S)

2017 Annual Report on all applications received was submitted by Board Secretary. As Solicitor Thompson commended this report, although required by State Law, it is not provided by many Land Use/Zoning Boards. A report of recent Sub Committee applications from September- December was also reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Amy Lynch of 324 W. Olive St spoke regarding the last council meeting. She was advised that the last council meeting was in January and this is Land Use. Board Member Murtaugh answered Ms. Lynch's question and advised her as to when the next council meeting was. Motion to close the public portion was made by Board Member Nordaby and seconded by Board Member Morina.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Board discussed the Ordinance Amending Chapter 205 of the Code of the Borough of Westville Establishing Regulations for Small Wind Energy Systems and Solar Energy Systems. The board started to have a discussion regarding this ordinance but decided it would be best to meet at the February 5th meeting to allow some time for the Members to review and make recommendations. A motion was made to table the decision on the ordinance until the February 5 meeting by Board Member Baker and seconded by Board Member Morina.

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A short discussion took place regarding the Master plan that must be completed this year by July 2018.

Board Member Lawrence inquired about medical marijuana dispensaries since the elected governor would like to make it now legal. A brief discussion took place where Solicitor Thompson suggested waiting for legislation and looking into the ordinances.

Chairman DiCicco mentioned the dates for any members who still have to go to class for the mandatory training.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion made by Board Member Louis and seconded by Board Member Nordaby. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L. O'Hara
Secretary, Land Use Board