

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REORG/BUSINESS MEETING
January 26, 2016**

The West Amwell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment regular meeting was called to order at 7:37PM by Chairman Fulper.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law as listed on the meeting agenda was summarized by Chairman Fulper: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 27, 2015. Notice has been posted accordingly and a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office. The meeting was recorded via digital recording system and a copy of the CD is on file in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office.

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

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

Board Attorney Palilonis administered oath of office to the following Board members:

Joe Romano - (4 yr. term through 12/31/19)

Frank Sabatino - (*alt.#1*) (2 yr. term through 12/31/17) absent, carried to next meeting

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL:

Roll call on attendance: Brian Fitting-present, Joe Romano-present, Ruth Hall-present, John Ashton-present, Kevin Koveloski-present, Robert Fulper-present

Absent: John Cronce, Frank Sabatino (*alt.#1*), Ken Turi (*alt.#2*)

Professionals Present: Stewart Palilonis, Board Attorney

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

Chairperson - Secretary Hall opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Nomination was cast by Ashton for the appointment of Rob Fulper. Motion was seconded by Romano. Hearing no other nominations, motion to close the floor for nominations was cast by Fitting with a second by Koveloski. Roll call: Fitting-aye, Romano-aye, Hall-aye, Ashton-aye, Koveloski-aye, Fulper-abstain. Motion carried. Robert Fulper II appointed as Chairperson for 2016.

Vice Chairperson – Chairman Fulper opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Nomination was cast by Fitting for the appointment of John Cronce. Motion was seconded by Romano. Hearing no other nominations, motion to close the floor for nominations was cast by Fitting with a second by Ashton. Roll call: Fitting-aye, Romano-aye, Hall-aye, Ashton-aye, Koveloski-aye, Fulper-aye. Motion carried. John Cronce appointed as Vice Chairperson for 2016.

Secretary - Motion was made by Fitting with a second by Ashton for the appointment of Ruth Hall as Board Secretary. Motion to close the floor for nominations was cast by Fitting with a second by Koveloski. Roll call: Fitting-aye, Romano-aye, Hall-abstain, Ashton-aye, Koveloski-aye, Fulper-aye. Motion carried. Ruth Hall appointed as Board Secretary for 2016.

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NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS: con't.

Deputy Secretary - Motion was made by Fitting with a second by Koveloski for the appointment of Maria Andrews as Deputy Board Secretary. Roll call: Fitting-aye, Romano-aye, Hall-aye, Ashton-aye, Koveloski-aye, Fulper-aye. Motion carried. Maria Andrews appointed as Deputy Board Secretary for 2016

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

ZBA2016-01 – Consent Agenda

ZBA2016-02 – Meeting Schedule

ZBA2016-03 – Designation of Official Newspaper

ZBA2016-04 – Appointment of Board Attorney

ZBA2016-05 – Appointment of Board Engineer

ZBA2016-06 – Appointment of Board Planner

Motion was made by Ashton with a second by Koveloski for the adoption of resolutions 2016-01, thru 2016-06 and execution of professional services agreements by way of formal adoption of consent agenda 2016-01. Motion carried on voice vote - all ayes.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2015 - Motion was made by Fitting with a second by Ashton to accept the minutes with minor change as discussed. Roll call: Fitting-aye, Romano-abstain, Hall-aye, Ashton-aye, Koveloski-abstain, Fulper-aye

RESOLUTION(S) OF APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items were distributed as correspondence:

From Clerk Olsen re: **Ordinance 11, 2015**, (Environmental Features), introduced 12/2/15, adopted 12/30/15

Forwarded from Clerk Olsen re: **Ordinance 15-17 East Amwell Twp.** expiration of variance.

Forwarded email from Clerk Olsen re: **2016 Temporary Budget**

From Clerk Olsen - Copy of **Resolution #17-2016** - closed session minutes & website updating. Secretary Hall stated there were no closed session minutes in 2015, also stating that the website is viewed often and current information is forwarded for posting as available.

CORRESPONDENCE Con't:

Secretary Hall offered that member Sabatino was due to attend a training class, stating that she has a list of the available 2016 classes and would scan and email the information to Sabatino.

Forwarded from Clerk Olsen: re: **HC Board of Chosen Freeholders – County Ordinance #2015-02** – Eliminating Fees for Subdivision and Site Plan Review.

From Clerk Olsen re: **Ordinance 02, 2016**, Checklist No 1. Land Development Application, introduced 1/20/16, adopted 2/17/16

November/December Planner

Approval of Bill List 1/26/16:

Secretary Hall advised of a revision to the Bill List, increasing the total to \$3044.45. Motion was made by Ashton with a second by Koveloski for the approval of the Bill List contingent upon certification of funds. Motion carried on voice vote - all ayes.

DISCUSSION:

Board members agreed Secretary Hall will submit recommendations for the 2016 operating budget to remain the same as the 2015 budget.

Secretary Hall advised the board that **Garden Solar** submitted a partial application and would be **returning in February**.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

The floor was opened to the public. Hearing no comments/questions, the floor was closed. (8:13PM)

ADJOURNMENT:

All members voted in favor of adjournment at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth J. Hall