

CALL TO ORDER

January 09, 2007
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Shamong Township
Shamong, NJ

This meeting of the Shamong Township Zoning Board of Adjustment is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, known as the "Sunshine Law". It was called to order at 8:10 pm.

Roll Call of Members

Present

.Roy Knight	Yes
Ed Bader	Yes
Martin Mozitis.	Yes
Noni Bookbinder Bell	Yes
John Pickens.	Yes
David Matchett (alternate 1)	Yes
Edward Moniot III (alternate 2)	Yes
Paul Lockrey.	Yes.
Ted Rosenberg (Solicitor)	Yes

A motion was made by RK and seconded by MM to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, held December 12, 2006.

Re-organization of the Zoning Board officers for 2007

RK made the motion of Paul Lockery for Chairman, NB seconded the motion.
NB made the motion of Martin Mozitis for Vice-chairman, RK seconded the motion.
RK made the motion of Pat Sutton for Secretary, JP seconded the motion.
All three motions were approved unanimously.

Appointment of a Board Solicitor for 2007

RK made a motion to re-appoint TR as solicitor. PL seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Approve the meeting dates for 2007

MM mad the motion. EB seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

Approve the Central Record as the official newspaper

EB made the resolution. RK seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

RK made a motion to pursue the hiring of an engineer and a planner as members of the Zoning Board, MM seconded the motion. A discussion followed.

RK mentioned that times have changed and the Board needs an authority to keep them up to date for correctness and authority on all issues that come up during each petition hearing.

TR said the Board had to inform the governing body of the Board's need for an engineer, not necessarily a planner. He said it could be funded by an escrow account. The applicant would pay for any amount over the escrow sum. The engineer must be required to keep accurate, detailed records and work closely with the governing body. The Board should meet en masse or by committee, with the governing body or its designated committee. The Board would be completely in charge of selecting the engineer. The governing body would advertise and pay for the person as a line item. Applicants would pay more to cover the cost. The engineer would look over the application before the Board and be a resource person for the Board. MM seconded the motion. It was approved with one negative vote from DM. PL asked TR to write up a resolution to present to the governing body.

RK made a motion that the Board should thank Steve Fritzsche for all his good work while on the Board.. PL seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously, PL asked TR to write up such a document.

PS read off the dates for the year's meetings. They were accepted. PS would have them published in the Central Record.

PS mentioned she had been asked by the Township administrator if the Board had any items they wished to have included in the budget. Nothing was mentioned. PS then she had been asked to check on terms of members, but TR had done that before the meeting.

The meeting was then opened to the public.

Two young ladies from the high school, Amanda Dulin and Danielle Larson, mentioned they had come to gather information for a paper they were to write for their American Government class. They asked a few questions and thanked the Board for its help. They were told they were welcome to come back for a second visit next semester. RK also mentioned to them they could read the official notices in the Central for more information.

A couple asked about how to go about replacing a collapsing building on there property. TR responded that they had to talk to the building officer as the Board was not allowed to make suggestions. RK mentioned that the officer was available on Tuesday evenings in the construction office. PL mentioned that this Board was only able to excuse applicants from regulations when needed.

PL made the motion to adjourn: It was seconded by DM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Pat Sutton
Board Secretary
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