

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Adjustment held on November 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 531 Speedwell Avenue. The following members were present:

Present: Mr. Jack Cox
Mr. Mark Karr
Mrs. Ruth Mills
Ms. Joan Scaccia
Mr. Michael Bozza, Chairman

Absent: Mr. Robert Webster
Mr. Shaji Eapen
Mr. Doug McCabe
Mr. David Schulz, Vice Chairman
Ms. Kate Keller, Borough Planner
Mr. Leon Hall, Borough Engineer
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Board Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bozza. Mr. Bozza made the statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bozza stated the next matter for action at this meeting is the approval of the Board minutes for the October 26, 2015 Regular meeting.

Ms. Scaccia moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting, seconded by Ms. Mills.

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Mills, Ms. Scaccia, Mr. Bozza
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Cox, Ms. Karr
Absent: Mr. Webster, Mr. Eapen, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Schulz

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bozza opened the meeting to the public to speak on matters other than those on the agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

BA-2-15 Dayton Avenue Developers, LLC Preliminary /Final Site Plan w/ Variances – Completeness and Public Hearing 453 Speedwell Avenue – Block: 25 Lots: 1, 2 & 23

Mr. Bozza stated there will be a memorialization of the Resolution in this matter.

Ms. Scaccia moved that the Resolution be approved, seconded by Ms. Mills.

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Mills, Ms. Scaccia, Mr. Bozza
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Cox, Mr. Karr
Absent: Mr. Webster, Mr. Eapen, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Schulz

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Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Mr. Bozza stated that there is correspondence in the members' meeting packet from Mr. McSkimming from Dayton Road.

Mrs. Mills asked if there will be an official response to the correspondence received.

Mr. Bozza advised he has prepared a response and offered to share this response with the Board members. This related to the mailing of meeting notice in connection with applications pending before the Board; in this case the application relating to the Dayton Avenue development for the bank.

Cross discussion about the subject correspondence, including that Mr. Bozza finalized his letter today; that he provided it to Mr. Sullivan for his review; that Mr. Sullivan agreed with Mr. Bozza's response letter; the proposed buffering for the new bank and its area; and Resolution conditions that the developer must adhere to.

The Board Secretary stated there are no bills to be addressed at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Meeting Dates

Mr. Bozza stated he does not see any date conflicts in connection with the 2016 dates being proposed.

The Board Secretary explained that the normal meeting date pattern was followed for the 2016 dates; however, there are some changes such as certain dates needing to be changed, generally due to holidays falling within the month. These meeting dates will be acted on at the Board's January meeting with a Resolution.

2016 Budget

Cross discussion about the 2016 budget, including that the Board is considerably below budget for 2015; that expenses were kept low due to the small number of applications during the year; and the low number of applications reduced costs for the Professionals to review documentation and to attend meetings. In light of the cross discussion comments and not being aware of any significant application actions pending for 2016, Mr. Bozza recommended retaining the same budget allocations for 2016 as in 2015.

The Board Secretary indicated to Mr. Bozza that if he and members would like, he could complete the 2016 budget paperwork, state that all remains essentially the same for 2015, and then sign the paperwork tonight. She will pass it along for the Board to the Finance Office.

Mr. Bozza announced that due to a variety of work and personal commitments he will have in 2016, he will be stepping down as Chair of the Board. So, someone will need to be prepared to assume the post of Chair in time for the January meeting when nominations will be accepted. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Scaccia moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Karr. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Roll: voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Coffey

Karen

M.

Commission Secretary

Maureen Sullivan
Recording Secretary