

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING OF PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2020.

The Special Meeting of the Piscataway Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Zoom (online), Piscataway, New Jersey by Chairperson Smith.

Chairperson Smith stated: IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- *Posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and made available through the Township Clerk;
- *Notice published in the Courier News;
- *Notice sent to The Star Ledger;
- *Notice made available through the Township Librarians.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Cahill, Dawn Corcoran-Gardella, Carol Saunders, Dennis Espinosa and Chairperson Brenda Smith.

ABSENT: Rev. Henry Kenney, Mayor Wahler and Michael Foster

Also present: Thomas Barlow, Esq., Laura Buckley, John Chadwick, P.P.

It was determined that a quorum was present by roll call.

Thomas Barlow, Esq., states that he would like to place on the record that we are doing this meeting through an online meeting platform in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. In keeping with the guidelines that have been disseminated by the Department of Community Affairs, the Planning Board has tried it's best to comply with the open public meeting act and the Governor's guidelines in dealing with the current situation. In addition, the applicant whose matter will be heard this evening had the login information for the online meeting platform put forth in their notice; members of the public who wish to be heard will be afforded an opportunity as if we were in an actual, physical space. He believes we have done our absolute best to comply with the DCA guidelines and the open public meetings act.

- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 5. SWEARING IN OF PROFESSIONALS: John Chadwick, PP**
- 6. MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION PRESENTATION:**

John Chadwick, PP, has already been sworn in to testify. Mr. Chadwick states that it is really a collaborate effort from the Township Professionals, Planner, Engineer, Landscape Architect as well as Administration and Mayor Wahler. The document is structured under a section under the Municipal Land Use Law; 40:55D-89 and spells out what must be included in a reexamination report. This report goes well beyond that, it goes into each element of the current Master Plan. It examines the objectives and recommendations; provides a log of the accomplishments and those items that have since been abandoned due to circumstances.

Mr. Chadwick states that the it (report) is up to date in terms of the most recent amendment to the Land Use Law that is subparagraph "F" that deals with renewable resources. The Town is actually ahead of the curve on that; there are ordinances requiring and permitting solar as well as requiring electronic charging stations within new developments. All of those items have been brought up within this document. Mr. Chadwick states that for someone to sit down and read this, it shows how Piscataway Township is and how it's developed, what it's forecasts are; this is the first document that should be picked up.

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Mr. Chadwick states that it provides for population projections, an economic development plan and it deals with the roads system and how that has been developed. He states that Route 18 took several decades to complete and is finally accomplished. It addresses the evolution of land uses within the Route 18 corridor as well as Centennial Avenue. Centennial Avenue was originally a major office complex; thousands of jobs at that time. It is different today, and it has been repurposed over time; the plan speaks to those items. The report is in full compliance with the requirements of the Law as stated prior. He is here to answer and questions or take any comments from the Board.

Chairperson Smith asks the Board if they have any questions or comments or would like any further explanations of anything in this report. Public portion is open/closed. Dennis Espinosa asks if anyone would like to look at the Master Plan or obtain a copy, how would they go about doing that. Ms. Buckley states that all the Clerks in the surrounding areas were noticed and well as a publication in the Star Ledger; 10 days prior to the hearing. If anyone would like a copy they could put in an OPRA request through the Clerk's office or send an email requesting a copy.

MOTION was made by Ms. Corcoran to approve the reexamination report; seconded by Ms. Saunders. **ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Cahill, Carol Saunders, Dawn Corcoran-Gardella, Dennis Espinosa and Chairperson Smith voted yes on the motion.

7. DULY AUDITED BILLS TO BE PAID

MOTION was made by Ms. Saunders to pay the bills and seconded by Mr. Espinosa.

ROLL CALL: Carol Saunders, Dawn Corcoran-Gardella, Dennis Espinosa and Chairperson Smith voted yes on the motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION made by Mr. Foster to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Saunders; All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

NEXT PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.

NEXT SITE PB/WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura A. Buckley
Planning Board Clerk for Carol A. Saunders, Secretary

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 23, 2020, same having been fully adopted by the Planning Board of Piscataway on January 13, 2021.

CAROL A. SAUNDERS, Secretary
PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD