

**Borough of Watchung
Planning Board
Reorganization Meeting
January 8th, 2008
Minutes**

Acting as Chairman Pro Tem, Mr. Speeney called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and stated that notice of this meeting had been posted at Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given in the way of notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Reporter and the Star Ledger in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

Present at the call of the roll were: Speeney, Boyd, Havas, Haveson, Pennett, Schaefer, Spratford and Mayor Ellis. Mr. Addario arrived at 7:37PM. Also present was Frank Linnus, Board Attorney.

Mr. Speeney assumed the role of Chairman Pro Tem and turned the meeting over to Mayor Ellis for the purpose of swearing in the Board members. Mayor Ellis swore in Board member Peter Havas whose position expires 12/31/11, Mrs. Tracee Schaefer whose position as Board member expires 12/31/08 filling an unexpired term, and Mrs. Carol Spratford whose position as Alternate #1 expires on 12/31/09. Mr. Speeney thanked the newly sworn in members for their renewed commitment to the Board.

Mr. Speeney asked for a nomination for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Addario made a motion to nominate Don Speeney as Chair. Mr. Haveson seconded that motion. Hearing no other nominations the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Boyd commented on Chairman Speeney's dedication to the Board and thanked him for all his great work and guidance.

Chairman Speeney asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair to the Board. Mr. Haveson made a motion to nominate Jim Boyd as Vice-Chair. Mr. Addario seconded the motion, and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Boyd was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Speeney asked for a nomination for Secretary to the Board. Mr. Haveson made a motion to nominate Mr. Havas as Secretary. Mr. Addario

seconded the motion, and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Havas was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Havas read: PB08-R4 Resolution to appoint Board Professionals including Frank Linnus as Board Attorney, Tom Herits of Maser Consulting as Borough Engineer, Heyer & Gruel as Board Planners. Other professionals were Atlantic Traffic & Design as Board Traffic Consultants, B.W. Bosenburg as Board Landscape Expert and Ferriero Engineering, Inc. as Adjunct Board Engineer.

The Chair accepted the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve and Mr. Havason seconded the motion. The Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll call was as follows:

Roll Call

Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Havason [yes] Addario [yes]

Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Spratford [yes] Ellis [yes]

The motion carried.

Havas Read: PB08-R5 Appointment of Carolyn Taylor as Board Clerk
The Chair accepted the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve and Mrs. Pennett seconded the motion. The Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll call was as follows:

Roll Call

Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Havason [yes] Addario [yes]

Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Spratford [yes] Ellis [yes]

The motion carried. The Chair, Mr. Boyd and Mayor Ellis thanked the Mrs. Taylor.

Havas read: PB08-R1 Resolution to approve calendar of meeting dates. The Chair accepted the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve and Mr. Havason seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a voice vote and the Board approved PB08-R1 unanimously.

The motion carried.

Havas read: PB08-R2 Resolution to Accept the By-Laws as they stood on the July 12th, 2007 revision. The Chair accepted the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve and Mrs. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The Chair asked for a voice vote and the Board approved PB08-R2 unanimously.
The motion carried.

Havas read: PB08-R3 Resolution to accept the Courier News, the Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger as the official newspapers of the Board. The Chair accepted the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, and Mrs. Schaefer seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a voice vote and the Board approved PB08-R3 unanimously.
The motion carried.

The Chair had some comments to the Board. He re-emphasized the need for the Board to adhere as strictly as possible to the zoning ordinance.

A discussion took place by the Board that covered subjects such as Affordable Housing, third round COAH rules, the LDO and when it would be passed.

Hearing no more new business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Ellis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer. The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of January 15th, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Taylor
Planning Board Clerk