

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
AUGUST 8, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Miller at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Mr. Miller read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chairman Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Turner, Gleba, VanDeursen,  
Opdyke, Sheola, Boyle, Miller  
Absent: Post, Schlader  
Also Present: Robert Miller, Board Engineer  
Stuart Ours, Board Attorney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of July 11 2005:

No comments on the minutes. Therefore, it was moved by Gleba, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Gleba, VanDeursen,  
Opdyke, Sheola, Boyle, Miller  
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1(Miller)  
Motion carried.

Special Meeting of July 25, 2005:

Marianne noted that "attorney" should be inserted before Larry Cohen's name instead of "Mr." and on page 4 Counsel should replace Council. Therefore, it was moved by VanDeursen, seconded by Turner, to approve the minutes with corrections.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Gleba, VanDeursen,  
Opdyke, Sheola, Boyle, Miller  
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1(Gleba)  
Motion carried.

**APPLICATION:**

Warren Thompson – Driveway Design and Soil Erosion Plan:

Bob Miller stated that the soil erosion plan is only being reviewed/approved. There are four items on his 7/8/05 review letter that need to be addressed. Other than that, the plan can be approved. Andrew Turner abstained from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. Therefore, it was moved by Sheola, seconded by Opdyke to approve the plan with the items being addressed as listed in the 7/8/05 review letter.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Gleba, VanDeursen,  
Opdyke, Sheola, Boyle, Miller  
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1(Turner)  
Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing – Stormwater Management Plan:

Marianne commented that a good job was done on the plan. Bob Miller stated that the purpose of the plan is to comply with state regulations to adopt a stormwater management plan. This is the first step. It becomes an element of the master plan. Volumes of water were calculated considering all land developed. There is no county regional plan. Rich asked about a sub-regional plan. Bob said it could be done. The plan also looks at pollution to streams in the area.

Bill Miller noted on page 25 if recharge was possible. Bob stated it may or may not be. Bill asked if Highlands could deny an application if it is in the recharge area. Bob stated no. Attorney Ours noted that on page 26 the Baker tract is in the R6 zone instead of the M3 zone. Bob stated that he is waiting for the litigation to be completed.

The public hearing was opened. Two people in the audience. No comments. The public hearing was closed.

Bob stated that the next step is the ordinance that should be done within a year. Bill noted that the master plan matches the ordinances and asked how well the Borough's match. Carl was not in attendance to speak on the issue. Bob Opdyke stated that the water quality does not mention the Shabbecong. Bob Miller answered that the State considers it a part of the Pohatcong Watershed. The State goes into detail with testing and analysis of water quality.

Therefore, it was moved by Sheola, seconded by Turner to adopt the plan.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Gleba, VanDeursen,  
Opdyke, Sheola, Boyle, Miller  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:** None

**UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:** None

Marianne stated that Channel 69 News did a report on the emergency squad and that it was on the 6:00 news. There was also an article in the Express-Times.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Pat Boyle asked about education for Board members as noted in the NJPlanner. Bill stated that he went to a training on ethics. Is a big issue. Cannot discuss your feelings with the public. Must vote on the issues and only after all testimony has been heard. Marianne stated that the League of Municipalities has very good seminars during the convention. She also commented that perhaps the municipality could host some seminars.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk