

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 11, 2010**

The reorganization meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chair VanDeursen at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Chair VanDeursen 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." Chair VanDeursen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Fitting, Jewell, Blanchard, VanDeursen
Absent:	Truman
Also Present:	Steven Gruenberg, Attorney William Gleba, Board Engineer

Professional Appointments:

Attorney – motion by Post, seconded by McDonald to appoint Steven Gruenberg as Board Attorney for 2010. All in favor.

Engineer – motion by McDonald, seconded by Jewell to appoint William Gleba as Board Engineer for 2010. All in favor.

Planner – motion by Fitting, seconded by Aron to appoint Heyer, Gruel & Associates as Board Planner for 2010. All in favor.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The oath of office was administered by Attorney Gruenberg to the following members: Board Member Patricia Post, Employee Representative Kristine Blanchard and Councilman John Valentine.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary Post conducted the elections for Chair.

Motion by Post, second by Valentine to open nominations and to nominate Marianne VanDeursen as Chair.

Motion by McDonald, second by Aron to close nominations for Chair. All in favor.

Chairperson VanDeursen conducted the elections for the remaining positions.

Motion by Post, seconded by Fitting to open nominations and to nominate Justin Jewell as Vice-Chair.

Motion by McDonald, second by Post to close nominations for Vice Chair. All in favor.

Motion by McDonald, seconded by VanDeursen to open nominations and to nominate Pat Post as Secretary. Motion by Fitting, second by Aron to close nominations for Secretary. All in favor.

Motion by Jewell, seconded by Fitting to open nominations and to nominate Dan Aron as Assistant Secretary. Motion by McDonald, second by Fitting to close nominations for Assistant Secretary. All in favor.

COMMITTEES:

Budget – Post, Truman & Aron

Soil – Jewell, Valentine & Board Engineer

Technical Review Committee – McDonald, VanDeursen, Fitting, & Board Engineer

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Open public meetings act, meeting dates for 2010:

Motion by McDonald, second by Blanchard to approve as submitted. All in favor.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009 and Executive Session of December 14, 2009: It was moved by McDonald seconded by Jewell to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald,
Fitting, Jewell, Blanchard, VanDeursen
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 2
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/APPLICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

February meeting – age-restricted conversion law discussion. Chair VanDeursen stated that Ray Rice now has ownership of the Toll property. Would like Planner’s opinion on this law. Attorney Gruenberg stated that discussion should be limited to the law and not any specific application.

Bill Gleba stated that Park Hill maybe ready for the February meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor McDonald motioned to move and file correspondence.

Bill Gleba discussed the soil removal at the cemetery in Washington Borough/Twp. Application was made for both properties. Applicant took out the Borough portion and has approval from Soil Conservation District for the Township. Borough property has some disturbance but it is up to the zoning officer to enforce.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk