

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2016**

Board members Don Eller and Larry Durfee were sworn in as reappointments before the meeting.

Chairman Vitalos led the members of the Board in the flag salute and read the Open Public Meetings Act into the Record.

Roll Call: Turner, Carroll, Durfee, Mangiacotti, Eller, Vitalos – 6 Present

Absent: Post

Vacancy: Alternate

Also Present: Steve Gruenberg, Board Attorney
Gene Weber, Board Engineer
Patricia Titus, Clerk

NOMINATIONS:

Attorney Gruenberg conducted the nominations for Board Chair.

Chair: Motion by Turner, seconded by Durfee to nominate Chris Vitalos as Chair. Nominations closed. All in favor.

Vice-Chair: Motion by Turner, seconded by Carroll to nominate Don Eller as Vice-chair. Nominations closed. All in favor.

Secretary: Motion by Eller, seconded by Turner to nominate Frank Mangiacotti as secretary. Nominations closed. All in favor.

Clerk: Motion by Turner, seconded by Mangiacotti to appoint Patricia Titus as board clerk. All in favor.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2016:1 – Appointment of Board Attorney Steve Gruenberg; Resolution 2016:2 – Appointment of Board Engineer Gene Weber; Resolution 2016:3 – Appointment of Board Planner Heyer, Gruel & Associates; Resolution 2016:4 – Open Public Meetings Act. It was moved by Turner, seconded by Carroll to adopt Resolutions 2016:1 through 4. All in favor.

2016 meeting schedule – It was moved by Eller, seconded by Durfee to adopt the 2016 Meeting Schedule. All in favor.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – November 24, 2015

Chairman Vitalos entertained additions or corrections to the minutes. No comments on the minutes. It was moved by Eller, seconded by Carroll, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 24, 2015, be approved as presented.

Roll Call: Turner, Carroll, Durfee, Mangiacotti, Eller, Vitalos
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstained: 1 (Turner)
Motion carried

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RESOLUTIONS: None

APPLICATIONS:

2015:2 – Buchra AlDakkak – request to withdraw application

Ms. AlDakkak requested that the application be withdrawn as the driveway has been removed. Attorney Gruenberg stated that the applicant will need to keep the escrow account open until all professional fees are paid. Mr. Weber asked if the ramp to the road had been removed. Ms. AlDakkak stated that it had also been removed. The applicant asked if she can still park in the same spot where the driveway had been removed. Chair Vitalos stated that she would need to speak to the zoning officer since parking in the yard is not allowed.

Therefore, it was moved by Turner, seconded by Durfee to grant the withdrawal of the application.

Roll Call: Turner, Carroll, Durfee, Mangiacotti, Eller, Vitalos
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0
Motion carried

Public comment open.

Tom Doty approached the Board. He wanted to make sure that the Board knew that the driveway was put in before permission was obtained and that the remediation was not yet complete. Attorney Gruenberg noted that the zoning officer can help if the remediation is not completed.

Public comment closed. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments.

REPORTS:

There were no reports at this meeting.

REMARKS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 pm. All in favor.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Mangiacotti, Secretary