

**ORADELL PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12th, 2021**

Notice of this meeting was published in official newspapers, prominently posted in Town Hall and filed with the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

ROLL CALL

Mr. Larson Present
Mr. Derian Present
Mayor Didio Present
Mr. Plucinski Present
Mr. Carnevale Present
Mr. Cohen Present
Mr. Kang Present
Mr. Baumann Present
Mr. Scalcione Present
Mr. Tankard Absent
Mr. Dressel Absent

Also Present:

Mr. Depken, Construction Official
Mr. Atkinson, Board Engineer
Ms. Reiter, Board Planner
Mr. King, Esq., Board Attorney

Reorganization

Mr. Carnevale, Mr. Scalcione, Mr. Kang, and Mr. Baumann were administered the oath of office by Mr. King in connection with their reappointment.

Nomination for Mr. Larson as Chairman was made by Mr. Derian and seconded by Mr. Kang.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Nomination for Mr. Derian as Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Scalcione.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Nomination for Mr. Scalcione as Secretary was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mayor Didio.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Nomination for Mr. King as Board Attorney was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Carnevale.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Nomination for Mr. Atkinson from Neglia Engineering as Board Engineer was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mayor Didio.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Nomination for Ms. Reiter from Christopher Statile, PA as Board Planner was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Derian.

ROLL CALL:

All in Favor

Mr. Larson confirmed that the current members of the subcommittees would like to keep their positions.

Approval of Planning Board Meeting Minutes:

None

Correspondence:

New Jersey Planner, September/October 2020, Vol. 81, No.5

NJ Municipalities magazine, December 2020 (chairman only)

12/16/2020 – Email to Stephen A. Depken, Construction Official/Zoning Officer, from Laura Lyons, Borough Admin, Clerk, re: information for proposed resolution and protocol for remote public meeting.

1/7/2021 – Letter to Stephen A. Depken, Construction Official/Zoning Officer, from R. Scott King - Planning Board Attorney, re: Resolution for Soil Moving Application CAL#S116-20 - 938 Amaryllis Ave., Block 607, Lot 13.02

Committee Reports:

Subdivision, Site Drainage & Soil Moving

Resolutions:

CAL# S116 – 20 – Soil Moving – Fermano/Shalhoub 938 Amaryllis Avenue, Block 607, Lot 13.02
Mr. Carnevale made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Derian. All in favor.

Business Buildings & Signage

None

Regional Planning Coordination

None

Zoning

None

Master Plan, Open Space, Environmental & Circulation Systems

Mr. Derian stated that the subcommittee had met twice since the previous meeting and they discussed recommendations. Mr. Derian concluded that the recommendations will be forwarded to all Board members to be reviewed at the February meeting.

Historical Preservation

None

Old Business:

Mr. Plucinski asked for an update on the status of the train station grants. Mayor Didio stated that the Borough is still waiting for the grant application.

New Business

Proposed Revised Meeting Dates for 2021

Mr. Depken asked if the September meeting date should be changed because it will take place during Rosh Hashana. Mr. Larson stated that the Board will revisit this question as the date gets closer because he is unsure if meetings will be live or virtual at that time.

Discussion on Proposed Remote Public Meeting Protocol

Mr. Larson stated that himself and Mr. King were going to collaborate on a proposed resolution for the Board to consider. Mr. King stated that the resolution would include a list of protocols that the Board has already been following and will continue to follow throughout virtual meetings. Mr. Larson asked that the Board members continue to check their emails so they may review the proposed resolution when Mr. King forwards same.

Mayor Didio asked Mr. King if there would be any benefit for the Planning Board Chair and Vice Chair meeting with the Zoning Board Chair and Vice Chair to discuss any issues they are facing. Mr. King stated that it is not uncommon for the Boards to discuss commonalities and the nature of the applications they are evaluating. Mayor Didio added that she has seen the practice in other municipalities and believed it could be implemented in Oradell and Mr. King agreed it would be a good idea. Mr. Larson asked if the Open Public Meetings Act would apply in such a situation to which Mr. King responded yes and it would have to be noticed. Mr. Carnevale asked Mr. King if the meetings are public or private. Mr. King stated that two of the Boards he serves notice the meeting but few members of the public attend. Mr. Larson concluded by stating that he would reach out to the Zoning Board Chair and coordinate.

Mr. Carnevale stated that the Mayor and Council have taken the next steps regarding the United Way Supporting Housing Project on Genther Avenue. Mr. Carnevale concluded by saying there will be more to come regarding this important project.

Open to Public

Sam Tripsas of 327 Maple Avenue asked if the signage approvals will be part of the public meeting. Mr. Larson stated that per the discussion at the December meeting, the Board will not be changing the way it operates. Mr. Carnevale added that a new business coming to the Borough or an existing business who wants to upgrade their signage should not be delayed. Mr. Depken added that Mr. Tripsas could make recommendations to the sign ordinance that can be reviewed by the ordinance committee. Mr. Depken continued by stating that the Building Department evaluates the size of the sign and its consistency with the Borough ordinance while the sign committee evaluates the aesthetics of the sign. Mr. Larson agreed that Mr. Tripsas has the ability to make recommendations that the sign ordinance be adjusted.

Motion to close public comment was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Carnevale.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mayor Didio.
All in favor.