

January 11, 2024, Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Reorganization Meeting Minutes

These minutes were approved at the February 8, 2024, meeting.

Call to Order and Notices: Attorney Peach called the Reorganization meeting of the Union Township Planning Board to order at 7:00p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Notice: The Open Public Meeting Requirements of Law have been satisfied by our notice dated January 4, 2024, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and notice dated December 26, 2023, as published in the Courier News. A copy of the notice has also been posted on the Township Website, the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Attorney Peach swore in members David DeGiralamo, Kara Cherney, Alan Ford, Robert Nace, Michael Gatanis, Jim Tousignant, and Dennis Glacken.

Members Present: Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Mr. Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken.

Board Professionals Present: Attorney Randall Peach, Bob Clerico-Engineer.

Members Absent: Mr. Gatanis, Mr. Tousignant.

Others Present: residents of the Township, Kara Kaczynski – Attorney.

Election of Chairperson: Mayor DeGiralamo made a motion to nominate Mr. Ford as Chairman. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **Abstain:** Mr. Ford. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

Attorney Peach presented the gavel to Chair Ford.

Election of Vice Chairperson: Mayor DeGiralamo made a motion to nominate Mr. Kirkpatrick as Vice Chairman. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Chair Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **Abstain:** Mr. Kirkpatrick. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda to Approve the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Professionals for 2024:

Appointment of Attorney: Atty. Mark S. Anderson, Woolson, Anderson and Peach, 11 East Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

Appointment of Engineer: Robert Clerico, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, 1128 Route 31 North, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Appointment of Planner: Robert Clerico, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, 1128 Route 31 North, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Appointment of Geologist: Eric DeRicco Van Cleef Engineering Associates, 3 Paragon Way – Suite 600, Freehold. NJ 07728

Appointment of Hydrologist: Eric DeRicco, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, 3 Paragon Way – Suite 600, Freehold, NJ 07728

Appointment of Environmental Consultant: Princeton Hydro LLC, 1108 Old York Road, Suite 1, P.O. Box 720, Ringoes, NJ 08551

Appointment of Traffic Engineer: Walter Lublanecki, Lublanecki Engineering, 52 Glen Ridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853

Mr. Nace made a motion to approve the appointments as written on the consent agenda. Mr. Belden seconded the motion. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Chair Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

Appointment of Secretary: Mayor DeGiralamo made a motion to appoint Leigh Gronau as the Board Secretary. Mr. Kastrud seconded the motion. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Chair Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

Official Newspaper: Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion designating the Hunterdon County Democrat as the official newspaper, with the Courier News as the alternate. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Chair Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

Official Meeting Night and Time: Workshop and Regular Meetings: A motion was made by Mayor DeGiralamo and seconded by Mr. Kastrud to hold the meetings as set forth below. The meetings will be held at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Rd., Hampton. **Vote: Ayes:** Mayor DeGiralamo, Committeewoman Cherney, Mr. Nace, Mr. Kastrud, Mr. Neary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Belden, Ms. Bartolomeo, Chair Ford, Mr. Lepore, Mr. Glacken. **No Nays. Motion carried.**

2024 Schedule:

Regular Meetings	Workshop Meetings
January 11 (Scheduled)	January 25
February 8	February 22
March 14	March 28
April 11	April 25
May 9	May 23
June 13	June 27
July 11	July 25
August 8	August 22
September 12	September 26
October 10	October 24
November 14	
December 12	

Reorganization & Regular Meeting January 9, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Gronau – Board Secretary