

**EAST AMWELL
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - MINUTES
Municipal Building – 7:30 PM
October 12, 2010**

Call to order and compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

The regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment was called to order at 7:30 PM on October 12, 2010 in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ by Administrative Officer Andrews.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Ms. Andrews announced this was a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Annual Meeting Notice as published in the January 21, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, and posted on the Bulletin Board on October 6, 2010.

Roll Call and Agenda Review

Present: Sherrie Binder
Nancy Cunningham – Chair
Gloria Frederick
Gael Gardner
Paul Gavzy
Sue Posselt
Kendra Schroeder
Anne Williams – Alt. #2

Absent: Diana Garrett – Alt. #1

Presentation of Minutes

A motion by Kendra Schroeder, seconded by Sherrie Binder to approve the minutes from the Board’s 9/14/10 meeting was approved with no revisions noted and Anne Williams, Sue Posselt and Gloria Frederick abstaining.

Presentation of Bills for Payment

A motion by Paul Gavzy, seconded by Gloria Frederick, to pay the vouchers as listed on the agenda was unanimously approved.

Correspondence

It was noted that the correspondence will be dealt with as it comes up over the course of the meeting.

Applications to be Deemed Complete or Incomplete

There were no applications listed on the agenda for completeness.

Applications for Public Hearing

There were no applications listed on the agenda for public hearing.

Old Business

There were no old business matters listed on the agenda for discussion.

New Business

Approval of Resolution AJ-10-01: Michael Fiscor – Block 40 Lot 51.05 – Appeal

A motion by Paul Gavzy, seconded by Gael Gardner to approve Resolution AJ-10-01 denying Mr. Fiscor’s appeal from the Zoning Officer’s decision and affirming the Township Zoning Officer’s 2/25/10 notice to cease zoning violation was approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Gavzy: Yes, Gael Gardner: Yes, Sherrie Binder: Yes, Nancy Cunningham: Yes, Kendra Schroeder: Yes.

Discussion: Email Distribution of Draft Minutes

The Board discussed whether or not to make draft minutes available on the Township’s website. Attorney Waterbury recommended the Board post their draft minutes on the website referencing the Sunshine Law and commenting that the Board must make their draft minutes available “anywhere and everywhere” or not at all. She explained that if the Board continues to post draft minutes on the bulletin board then they should also be available on the website or the Board could choose to stop providing draft minutes all together.

It was noted that the Township Committee has decided to make their draft minutes available on the website. It was the consensus of the Board to make the draft minutes available on the website, but for the sake of consistency this matter will be placed on next month’s agenda in order to allow time for the other Boards/Committee within the Township to decide whether or not they will be posting their draft minutes on the website as well.

Comments of the Board Members

There were no comments made by any of the Board Members.

Attorney Comments

There were no comments made by the Board Attorney.

Open to the Public

A motion by Gael Gardner, seconded by Sherrie Binder to open to the public was unanimously approved. Frances Gavigan of 123 Wertsville Road came forward and endorsed the idea of making draft minutes available on the website. She also cautioned the Board that there has been talk of properties within the Township being scoured for potential solar farms. Ms. Gavigan remarked that the Township needs to be aware of the tremendous financial incentive to landowners who are willing to turn their large parcels into solar farms and she asked the Board to be proactive.

A motion by Gloria Frederick, seconded by Kendra Schroeder to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

A motion by Paul Gavzy, seconded by Gloria Frederick to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Maria Andrews, Administrative Officer