

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 9, 2017**

There was the regular meeting of the Hardwick Township Planning Board on Thursday, March 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Jim McKim. He led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and he stated that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

The following Planning Board Members were present: Mayor James Perry, Jim McKim, Lori Gold, Richard Matrisciano, Kevin Duffy, George Fee, John Lovell, and Alfia Schemm. Board Member absent: Walter Ribitzki.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2017, were distributed to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Lovell made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mayor Perry. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Schemm; and Mr. Matrisciano and Mr. Duffy, who were not present at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

#16-002 Northern NJ Council-Boy Scouts of America, Block 101, Lot 5-Completeness

David Repetto Esq. was present on behalf of the Applicant and he reviewed their request for a new Trading Post. He stated that Candice Davis, Eric Chamberlin, and Don Duthaler are also present.

Ms. Davis was sworn in and she provided her education and qualifications as an Engineer. She then displayed sheet 2 of the submitted plan and she described the proposal. She stated that there are no variances needed; however, there are waivers being requested, which she reviewed. She then went on to review Board Engineer Rodman's report of January 10, 2017, which was discussed with the Board and the Applicants. She stated that the existing trading post will remain.

Eric Chamberlin was sworn in and he stated that the existing trading post will be used as a summer camp program utilized building. The following was submitted and marked as an Exhibit:

A-1 4 Photographs of the existing Trading Post, taken by Board Engineer Rodman
Attorney Repetto stated that they have nothing else to present.

Board Attorney Gavan reviewed the possible conditions of an approval for the construction of the new Trading Post. Attorney Repetto stated that they agree to all of the proposed conditions.

Mayor Perry made the motion to grant the approval as presented and discussed this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Lovell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Schemm, who is Alternate #2 this evening.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION:

#16-001 Princeton Blairstown Camp, Block 401, Lots 7 & 8-Hearing

Ms. Gold will recuse herself from this matter. The Resolution was reviewed and there were some minor modifications suggested.

Mayor Perry made the motion to approve the Resolution as modified. Motion seconded by Mr. Fee. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Matrisciano and Mr. Duffy, who were not present at the January meeting and they abstained. Ms. Gold resumed her position.

OTHER BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Update

Mayor Perry updated the Board on the different Bills being proposed, which were discussed. The Board then went on to discuss the status of the Township's Affordable Housing Plan. Mr. Duffy stated that he will check with Shirley Bishop and find out where the Township is in the process.

Land Use Board

Mayor Perry discussed the concept of a Land Use Board. The issues, pros and cons, were discussed with the Board and the Board Professionals, at great length.

The Board then went back to discussing the status of the Fair Share and Housing Plan. Board Secretary Schemm asked if the Township Committee was considering holding a joint meeting, with both Boards, in regards to the issue. Mayor Perry stated that it has not been discussed yet. The Board continued to discuss the matter.

Node Discussion

Mayor Perry discussed the Node discussion had at the Hope Township Committee meeting. He stated that they are scheduled to do site visits to see what the equipment looks like and how the equipment sounds. He stated that based on the discussion there are benefits to the proposal. He stated that there was a conditional resolution drafted, which included some level of review proposed. He stated that it would be good to get input from others, so that the Township is prepared to deal with the possible issues. The Board continued to discuss the matter.

Other:

There was a question asked about the status of the Spring Valley Road interpretation. It was noted that an interpretation was granted by the Hardwick Zoning Board of Adjustment.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The meeting was opened to the public. With there being no public present, the meeting was closed to the public.

BILLS: The following vouchers were submitted for payment:

Advanced Media-Notice	96.60
NJ Herald	14.40
Alfia Schemm - Supplies and Postage	54.08
Rodman - Princeton Camp	97.50
Rodman - North Jersey Boy Scouts	357.50
Rodman - General	162.50

Mr. Lovell made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded Mr. Matrisciano. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Schemm, who is Alt. #3 this evening.

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ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
4/11/17