

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2012

The Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

The Board Secretary read the following open meeting and procedural statements:

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

“In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975, notice of this special meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Bernards was posted on the bulletin board in the reception hall of the Municipal Building, Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, was mailed to the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville, and to the Courier News, Bridgewater on December 14, 2011 and was mailed to all those people who have requested individual notice and paid the required fee.”

“The following procedure has been adopted by the Bernards Township Planning Board. There will be no new cases heard after 10:00 p.m. and no new witnesses or testimony heard after 10:30 p.m.”

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Stuart Koenig, Esq., Board Attorney, swore in the following members:

Mary Pavlini, Class I Member, one-year term expiring 12/31/12
Carolyn Gaziano, Class III Member, one-year term expiring 12/31/12
Gwenn Gilmore, Class IV Member, Alternate 1, two-year term expiring 12/31/13
Michael Viola, Class IV Member, Alternate 2, filing the unexpired two-year term of
John Schulenburg, expiring 12/31/12

Continuing Board members present:

Carol Bianchi
Richard Huckins
Ann Parsekian
Randy Santoro
Peter Winter

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Winter,
Gilmore, Viola

Members Absent: Fonde, Orr

Also Present: Board Attorney Stuart Koenig, Board Planner Frank Banisch,
Board Engineer Tom Quinn and Township Planner David

Schley

CHAIRMAN

The Board Secretary called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2012.

Ms. Bianchi nominated Peter Winter for the position of Chairman of the Board for 2012. Board members discussed the nomination.

Voting:

Roll call (for Mr. Winter):

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Parsekian, Pavlini, Winter, Gilmore, Viola

Abstain: Huckins, Santoro

Motion carried

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Winter called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2012.

Two nominations were made for the position of vice-chairman of the Board for 2012. Ms. Gaziano nominated Carol Bianchi. Ms. Parsekian nominated Bert Fonde.

Roll call:

For Ms. Bianchi:

Bianchi, Huckins, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola, Winter

For Mr. Fonde:

Huckins, Parsekian

Ms. Bianchi was elected Vice Chair by a majority of seven to two.

ENGINEER

Chairman Winter called for appointments for Engineer for the Board for 2012.

The Chair advised the Board that the motion involves a contract for professional services which would be exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law, that the Township Treasurer has provided a Certificate that municipal funds are available for this purpose, and that the approval be subject to a written contract.

Resolution 12-01 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requires the services of Thomas J. Quinn, P.E. of EKA Associates, P.A. in order to offer professional engineering support to the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, such professional services are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Certificate appended hereto certifies that municipal funds are available for same.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Bernards that this contract for service is awarded, subject to a written contract to be concluded.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be published according to law.

The motion was made by Ms. Pavlini and seconded by Mr. Huckins that Thomas J. Quinn, P.E. of EKA Associates, P.A., be appointed as Engineer to the Board for the year 2012 and that the resolution [Resolution 12-01] be adopted as read.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

PLANNER

Chairman Winter called for appointments for Planner for the Board for 2012.

The Chair advised the Board that the motion involves a contract for professional services which would be exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law, that the Township Treasurer has provided a Certificate that municipal funds are available for this purpose, and that the approval be subject to a written contract.

Resolution 12-02 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requires the services of Francis J. Banisch, P.P. and David J. Banisch, P.P. of Banisch Associates, Inc. in order to offer professional planning support to the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, such professional services are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Certificate appended hereto certifies that municipal funds are available for same.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Bernards that this contract for service is awarded, subject to a written contract to be concluded.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be published according to law.

The motion was made by Mr. Huckins and seconded by Ms. Gaziano that Francis J. Banisch, P.P. and David J. Banisch, P.P. of Banisch Associates be appointed as Planners to the Board for the year 2012 and the resolution [Resolution 12-02] be adopted as read.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

SECRETARY

Chairman Winter called for appointments for the office of Secretary of the Board for the year 2012.

The motion was made by Mr. Huckins and seconded by Ms. Parsekian that Frances Florio be appointed as Secretary of the Board for the year 2012.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Chairman Winter called for appointments for Legal Counsel of the Board for the year 2012.

The Chair advised the Board that the motion involves a contract for professional services which would be exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law, that the Township Treasurer has provided a Certificate that municipal funds are available for this purpose, and that the approval be subject to a written contract.

Resolution 12-03 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requires the services of Stuart R. Koenig, Esq., of Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan to offer legal counsel in order to offer advice to the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, such professional services are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Certificate appended hereto certifies that municipal funds are available for same.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Bernards that this contract for service is awarded, subject to a written contract to be concluded.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be published according to law.

The motion was made by Ms. Parsekian and seconded by Ms. Gaziano that Stuart R. Koenig, Esq. of the firm Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan be appointed as Legal Counsel of the Board for the year 2011 and the resolution [Resolution 12-03] be adopted as read.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

TREE PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman Winter called for nominations for the position of Planning Board Representative to the Tree Protection Committee for the year 2012.

The motion was made by Ms. Pavlini and seconded by Mr. Huckins that Randy Santoro be nominated as Planning Board Representative to the Tree Protection Committee for the year 2012.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Chairman Winter called for designating official newspapers for the publication of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published by the Board.

The motion was made by Ms. Gaziano and seconded by Ms. Bianchi to designate the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville, NJ and the Courier News, Bridgewater, NJ as the official newspapers for 2012. The Daily Record of Morristown, NJ and the Star Ledger of Newark, NJ are designated newspapers which may be given notice by the Secretary when the publication schedule of the Bernardsville News or the Courier News does not enable it to publish advance notice of special or rescheduled meetings.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

MEETING DATES

Chairman Winter called for the adoption of a meeting schedule for regular and special meeting dates for 2012.

The motion was made by Ms. Pavlini and seconded by Ms. Parsekian that the regular meetings of the Planning Board be scheduled on the first and third Tuesday after the first Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge. Special meetings, if necessary, will be scheduled accordingly.

There was consensus from the Board to not schedule a meeting on July 3 (being the day before July 4) or on November 6, 2012 (being Election Day).

Mr. Winter read the following list of meeting dates for 2012:

Resolution 12-04

1st Tuesday: 3rd Tuesday:

January 17

February 7

February 21

March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 8	May 22
June 5	June 19
	July 17
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
	November 20
December 4	December 18

Notice of revisions or additions to the above schedule will be posted and advertised as required by law.

Roll call:

Aye: Bianchi, Gaziano, Huckins, Parsekian, Pavlini, Santoro, Gilmore, Viola,
Winter

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Ms. Parsekian and seconded by Mr. Huckins to close the organization meeting of the Planning Board.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Florio
Secretary to the Board