

EMERSON PLANNING BOARD
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 26, 2009

This meeting of the Emerson Planning Board was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 26, 2009. Mr. Bischoff opened the meeting at 8:00 PM, and invited Mr. Callagee to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the clerk has notified all officially published newspapers of this meeting, and notice has been posted in the Municipal Office.

At this time, new and reappointed Board members – Mr. Callagee, Mr. Goursky, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Leins, and Mr. Orecchio were sworn in by Barbara Looney.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Steven Bair – Absent
Mr. Jeffrey Bischoff – Present
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Present
Mr. Gary Goursky – Present
Mr. Brian Lacey – Present
Mayor Lou Lamatina – Present
Mr. Christopher Leins – Present
Mr. Mark Orecchio – Present
Mrs. Germaine Ortiz – Present
Mr. Gary Schwinder – Present
Mr. Christopher Martin – Present
Mrs. Barbara Looney – Present
Mr. Michael Sartori – Construction / Zoning Officer – Absent – attendance not requested
Mr. Paul Niehoff – Present

2009 REORGANIZATION

BOARD ATTORNEY: A motion was made to appoint Mr. Christopher Martin as Board Attorney by Mayor Lamatina, seconded by Mr. Callagee, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

BYLAWS: A motion was made to adopt the Bylaws of the Emerson Planning Board, as carried forward from 2008 with no amendments, by Mr. Orecchio, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD: Mr. Martin requested a nomination for Chairperson of the Board. Ms. DiPaola nominated Mr. Bischoff, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. With no other nominations, a motion was made to close the nominations by Mr. Schwinder, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD: Chairman Bischoff requested a nomination for Vice Chairperson of the Board. Mrs. Ortiz nominated Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mr. Callagee. With no other nominations, a motion was made to close the nominations by Mr. Schwinder, seconded by Mayor Lamatina, and carried with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

BOARD SECRETARY: A motion was made to appoint Barbara Looney as Board Secretary by Chairman Bischoff, seconded by Mr. Orecchio, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

BOARD ENGINEER: A motion was made to appoint Paul Niehoff of Maser Consulting as Borough Engineer by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mr. Callagee, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to table approval for the minutes for the meetings held on 12/4/08 and 12/30/08 by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mayor Lamatina, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memos from Borough Clerk – Carol Dray – dated 1/7/09 – Re: Appointments of Mr. Callagee, Mr. Goursky, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Leins, and Mr. Orecchio

VOUCHERS:

- \$40.00 – Hewlett Packard – fax machine
- 18.90 – The Record – legal ad – Railroad Grill

A motion was made to approve these vouchers by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, and carried.

REDEVELOPMENT DESIGNATION – RESOLUTION:

A motion was made to table the Resolution by Mayor Lamatina, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

ANY BOARD MEMBER:

Mayor Lamatina advised the Board that he and Borough Administrator – Joe Scarpa – have met with several property owners over the last few weeks to discuss potential plans to redevelop their own properties. Mr. Schwinder stated that when road issues are being considered, he would like to see “no left hand turn” southbound on Kinderkamack Road at Linwood Avenue – we have a built in “juggernaut” – right turn southbound from Kinderkamack Road onto Emerson Plaza West, then a right turn on Linwood Avenue near the Cookie Cupboard.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

A motion was made to open public session by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, and carried, with no comments.

A motion was made to close public session by Mayor Lamatina, seconded by Mr. Schwinder, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Callagee, seconded by Mayor Lamatina, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Looney