

**Township of Washington  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
Planning Board Meeting  
Minutes  
May 28, 2014**

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:35PM**

**First Order of Business:** Salutation to the Flag

**Open Public Meetings Act:** Read into the record by the Board Secretary.

**Roll Call Taken:**

Messrs. Dumaresq (absent), Golick, Murphy, Pinnick (absent), Sabino, Councilman Sears, Chairman Calamari, Mayor Sobkowicz (absent)

**Also in Attendance:** Board Attorney Robert Wertalik; Board Engineer Paul Azzolina; Board Secretary JoAnn Carroll

**Approval of Minutes:** Sears, Sabino  
May 7, 2014

**Ayes:** Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Chairman Calamari

**Open Public Portion:** Murphy, Sears

**Ayes:** Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Chairman Calamari

**No Public Comment**

**Close Public Portion:** Sears, Murph

**Ayes:** Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Chairman Calamari

**New Business:**

**Dr. Geeta Choudhary, Smile Line Dental, 422 Pascack Road, Block 2327, Lot 59:** new business application; dental office.

**Chairman Calamari:** introduced the application and asked the applicant to come forward.

**Dr. Geeta Choudhary sworn in by Mr. Wertalik.**

**Chairman Calamari:** stated, as he understood, Dr. Choudhary was in business at the present time; office is located in a commercial building on Pascack Road; asked the applicant how long she has been in business in the Township.

**Dr. Choudhary:** stated she has been in business in the Township since last August; there was already a dental office in that location; the previous dentist moved out of the location.

**Chairman Calamari:** stated, though it may seem unreasonable for the applicant to have to appear before the Board for a change of tenancy, there are specific reasons why the Township requires applicants to come before the Board for this reason.

**Councilman Sears:** thanked the applicant for participating in Town Day.

**Dr. Choudhary:** stated it was her pleasure and would like to do more in the future for the Township.

**No further Board questions at this time.**

**Motion to approve application:** Sears, Sabino

**Ayes:** Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Chairman Calamari

**New Business:**

**Phuong Dang & Dung Ta, Vietnamese Restaurant, Washington Town Center, 273 Pascack Road, Block 3402, Lots 18-20:** applicants seek approval to open a Vietnamese restaurant in the WTC; new business application.

**Chairman Calamari:** introduced the application and asked the applicants to come forward.

**Phuong Dan & Dung Ta both sworn in by Mr. Wertalik.**

**Please note: Mr. Azzolina's report was handed to the applicants by the Board Secretary.**

**Chairman Calamari:** asked if there was still no name chosen for the proposed restaurant.

**Mr. Ta:** stated they had decided on a name at this time.

**Chairman Calamari:** asked the applicant's if they had any signage plans.

**Mr. Ta:** stated they contacted the signage company this morning and the design will take a couple of days to be produced.

**Chairman Calamari:** stated the Board can approve the business subject to the approval of the sign; asked the applicants if they would be able to have the signage details available for the Planning Board meeting next Wednesday.

**Mr. Ta:** stated they will have the signage details by next Wednesday.

**Chairman Calamari:** asked if a resolution approving this application could be conditional on the signage.

**Mr. Wertalik:** stated, “yes.”

**Chairman Calamari:** asked what the hours of operation would be.

**Ms. Dang:** stated the hours of operation would be 9AM-11PM.

**Chairman Calamari:** asked Mr. Azzolina if this conflicted with any shopping center or Township codes.

**Mr. Azzolina:** stated he did not know off the top of his head if there was a conflict, but he did not think there would be a problem.

**Chairman Calamari:** asked how many employees there would be.

**Mr. Ta:** stated in the morning there would be 2 employees and in the evening his whole family would be there; it will be a family run business.

**Chairman Calamari:** asked if Mr. Azzolina had any questions for the applicant.

**Mr. Azzolina:** asked for confirmation that no changes were being made to the existing restaurant.

**Mr. Ta:** stated the restaurant is being kept the way it is at the present time.

**Mr. Azzolina:** asked if there will be the same number of tables and chairs.

**Mr. Ta:** stated “yes.”

**Mr. Azzolina:** suggested the applicant contact the Building Department regarding any permits they may require.

**Mr. Ta:** stated he will check with the Building Department.

**Mr. Sabino:** asked if the applicants currently owned another restaurant.

**Mr. Ta:** stated this will be their first restaurant in the U.S.; they previously had a restaurant in Vietnam; immigrated to the U.S. four years ago; Mr. Ta was the manager of a restaurant in California for two years.

**Mr. Murphy:** asked if the hours of operation would be for seven days a week.

**Mr. Ta:** stated “yes.”

**Mr. Azzolina:** asked what the maximum amount of employees would be in the restaurant at one time.

**Mr. Ta:** stated there would be a maximum of six staff members.

**Councilman Sears:** stated a key needs to be provided to the Fire Department for the Knox Box.

**Board Secretary:** stated Fire Prevention had received a copy of this application.

**Motion to Approve Application:** Sears, Sabino

**Ayes:** Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Councilman Sears, Chairman Calamari

**Chairman Calamari:** stated it was important the applicant bring a sketch of the sign that is proposed; the Board's approval is conditional on approving the sign; bring back the signage details and the Board will review; this formality is needed.

**Ms. Dang:** asked if they could contact the construction department at this time since they have been approved.

**Chairman Calamari:** stated the applicant needs to wait until the resolution is adopted and the Building Department receives their copy.

**Chairman Calamari:** stated the signage details can be submitted to the Board Secretary if it is prepared earlier than next Wednesday so the Board will have more time to review.

**Mr. Ta:** stated they will submit to the Board office once received.

**Chairman Calamari:** stated there is no further business on the agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Sears, Sabino

**All Board Members present approve Motion to Adjourn.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:47PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

JoAnn Carroll  
Planning Board Secretary  
May 29, 2014