

**BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
November 19, 2013 - Minutes
8:00PM, Court Room**

CALL TO ORDER

Open Public Meeting Act Statement - Open Public Meeting Act Statement – In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been sent to The Ridgewood News, our official newspaper in the Township of Washington and notice has been posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

SALUTE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Messrs. Asfar, Gerhard (absent), Dr. Merkle, Messrs. Miras, O’Connell (absent), Sonntag, Ullman, Werfel, Johnson (absent)

Approval of Zoning Board Minutes: Asfar, Miras
October 15, 2013

Roll Call Taken

New Business:

Discussion of 2014 Meeting Dates (attached)

Mr. Richard Miras: suggested the February 18th meeting be moved to February 25th due to President’s Day being that Monday, February 17th and people have taken this week off in the past.

Vice Chairman Ullman: stated the meeting could be held on either February 11th or February 25th.

Mr. Miras: stated we can discuss the dates again at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Ullman: asked the Board Secretary to send the 2014 dates again to the Board with a notation regarding the February 18th date.

Please note: Mr. Glenn Gerhard has joined the meeting at this point.

Vice Chairman Ullman: asked the Board if there was any new business that they would like to discuss.

Mr. Michael Werfel: stated he would like to make a motion that all the professionals that work for the Board have to rebid their contract; each year there seems to be the same people working for the Board and we have never

accepted quotes from anyone else; believes all other facets of the Town work that way and would like the Zoning Board to work that way as well.

Vice Chairman Ullman: states that he doesn't believe it is done in the Town this way; he does concur with Mr. Werfel; the question he has is the process taken.

Mr. Werfel: mentioned the sending of a letter to the Council would be acceptable, but there should be a process because every year they rubber stamp the same people; referred to the engineer for the CVS discussion and that person being consistently absent from the meetings is not what the Board desires.

Vice Chairman Ullman: stated he is happy to entertain a motion but he does not know what the process is and since the Board Attorney is not present, perhaps the best thing to do is ask the Board Secretary for some guidance and ask her to inquire and follow up with Ms. Baboulis to review the professional appointments.

Mr. Werfel: stated this is typically done at the January meeting then the motion is voted on; the following month it becomes law; if not done before December, another year goes by and nothing happens.

Vice Chairman Ullman: asked if the experts had to be appointed for a year or could they be appointed for a 3 month or a 6 month term; Vice Chairman Ullman stated he agrees with Mr. Werfel but the correct process needs to be followed.

Mr. Werfel: does not know what the process is but would like to affect that, and if the Board cannot, he would at least like to voice his opinion.

Vice Chairman Ullman: asked the Board, in regards to the Board's experts, if the Board should evaluate and ask for bids.

Mr. Thomas Asfar: stated a bid package would need to be submitted if this was the course taken.

Vice Chairman Ullman: stated he agreed and that an RFP would need to be done and we would need to understand the scope and find out what the process is; asked if there was interest in pursuing the process.

Mr. Glenn Gerhard: stated he would be interested in knowing what the process is.

Dr. Laura Merkle: stated she would also be interested in the process.

Ongoing Business:

First Hartford Realty Corp. – 660 -680 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lots 6,7,8,9,10 - Motion to carry CVS application open until December 31, 2013.

Vice Chairman Ullman: stated to the audience that the CVS application is being carried to the next meeting; the Board's professional was unable to attend; CVS was presenting some voluminous data regarding their appeal of the designation of the stream; because our professional will not be here, they decided to carry until next month.

Motion to Carry: Asfar, Gerhard
Roll Call Taken

Motion to Adjourn: Gerhard, Ullman
All Board Members present approve Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

JoAnn Carroll
Zoning Board Secretary
November 20, 2013