

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2012
-MINUTES-**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Joanne Kane called the meeting of the Bridgewater Township Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridgewater Municipal Courtroom, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUCEMENT:

Adequate notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. On January 20, 2012 proper notice was sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger and filed with the Clerk at the Township of Bridgewater and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please be aware of the Planning Board policy for public hearings: No new applications will be heard after 10:00 p.m. and no new testimony will be taken after 10:15 p.m. Hearing Assistance is available upon request.

ROLL CALL:

Steve Rodzinak – absent	Chairperson Joanne Kane – present
N. Janine Dickey – present	Vice-Chairperson Barbara Kane – present
Ron Charles – present	Mayor Dan Hayes – present
James Franco – absent	Councilperson Felipe Pedroso – present (7:10p.m.)
Former Councilman Albano – absent	

Others present: Board Attorney Mr. David Solloway; Board Planner Scarlett Doyle PP; Board Engineer Robert C. Bogart, PE; Planning Division Secretary Danielle A. Britton.

MINUTES:

February 27, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes - Approved as amended.

Minutes moved for adoption by B. Kane, seconded by R. Charles, and adopted by the following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: N. Janine Dickey, Ron Charles, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chair Joanne Kane, Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes

OPPOSITION: None

ABSENT: Steve Rodzinak, James Franco, Former Councilperson Robert Albano

March 13, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved as amended.

Minutes moved for adoption by B. Kane, seconded by Ron Charles, and adopted by the following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: Ron Charles, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chair Joanne Kane,
Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes
OPPOSITION: None
ABSENT: Steve Rodzinak, James Franco, Former Councilperson Robert
Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: N. Janine Dickey

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

PSE&G/ Mountain Avenue Substation - Route 22 East-Mountain Avenue Substation
Block 382 Lot 5
#35-11-PB, Preliminary and Final Site Plan w/ Bulk Variances
(upgrade and expand electrical facility)

DECISION: APPROVED W/ CONDITIONS

Eligible to vote: J. Dickey, R. Charles, B. Kane, J. Kane, F. Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes

The foregoing memorializing resolution will be presented for Board consideration when
completed. No action was taken.

MARGIST – 203 Old York Road
Block 122, Lot 9
#12-01-PB, Simple Variance
(300 sq.ft. addition)

DECISION: APPROVED W/ CONDITIONS

Resolution moved for adoption by B. Kane, seconded by R. Charles and adopted by the following
eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: Ron Charles, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chair Joanne Kane,
Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes
OPPOSITION: None
ABSENT: Steve Rodzinak, James Franco, Former Councilperson Robert Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: N. Janine Dickey

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – 100 Commons Way
Bridgewater Township and Board of Education
(Multi-Purpose Turf Field at High School Site)
DECISION: APPROVED W/ CONDITIONS

Resolution moved for adoption by R. Charles, seconded by B. Kane, and adopted by the
following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: Ron Charles, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chair Joanne Kane,
Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes
OPPOSITION: None
ABSENT: Steve Rodzinak, James Franco, Former Councilperson Robert Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: N. Janine Dickey

LAND DEVELOPMENT HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS:

LANG – Twin Oaks Road/ Foothill Road
Block 712, Lots 4 & 7
#29-11-PB, Subdivision
(subdivide 18-lots and construct two roads)

Attorney for the applicant, Mr. Frank Dupignac was present on behalf of the applicant to request that the Board carry the application so that their engineer can be present for the hearing.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, seconded by J. Dickey, the LANG subdivision application was carried to a new hearing date of May 8, 2012. No new notice was required.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board on any matter not listed on the agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS –

Informal Presentation of County Capital Projects – Solar Canopy Installations within Bridgewater Township

The following were in attendance to discuss the improvement projects:

1. Mr. Thomas J. Forsythe, PE, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, Bridgewater Township, 100 Commons Way – Bridgewater - NJ
2. Mr. Michael Beck, Somerset County Improvement Authority, 20 Grove St. – Somerville - NJ
3. Mr. Michael Thomas, PE, Innovative Engineering, 1971 Route 34 – Wall - NJ
4. Mr. Ron Ignieri, PE, Innovative Engineering, 1971 Route 34 – Wall- NJ
5. Mr. Steve Goodby, PE, Sunlight General – Englewood - NJ
6. Ms. Jessica Vogel, PE, Birdsall Services Group Inc., 1101 Laurel Oak Road – Voorhees- NJ

Mr. Forsythe discussed in depth the Capital Improvement Project. The contractor desired to install solar canopies above parking areas at six (6) locations. Renderings of the proposed project included the following:

1. Somerset Patriots Stadium – 860 East Main Street
2. Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (Bldg. B) – 14 Vogt Drive
3. Bridgewater/Raritan Middle School – Merriwood Road
4. Bridgewater/Raritan High School – 600 Garretson Road
5. Bridgewater Township Municipal Complex – 100 Commons Way
6. Bridgewater Central Maintenance Building – 750 East Main Street

Mr. Forsythe explained in detail the proposed solar installation on the police parking area at the municipal complex.

Mr. Michael Thomas, PE explained the details of each of the six projects including location and appearances of each. He further noted that the inverters proposed would have a sound relatively similar to the idling of a running vehicle.

Board members asked that the inverter at the high school location be screened to the extent possible by decorative fence and tree plantings.

Motion made by Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, second by Ron Charles, the Board found that the Capital Improvement Plan for solar canopy installations for six location sites were consistent with the Master Plan of the Township on the following roll call vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: N. Janine Dickey, Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Ron Charles,
Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chairperson Joanne Kane,
Mayor Dan Hayes

OPPOSITION: none

ABSENT: Steve Rodzinak, James Franco, Former Councilperson Robert
Albano

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.