

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Reorganization Meeting
January 23, 2024
—MINUTES—

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Foose called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENT; Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6. On January 9, 2024 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment policy for public hearings: No new applications will be heard after 10:15 pm and no new testimony will be taken after 10:30 pm. Hearing Assistance is available upon request. Accommodation will be made for individuals with a disability, pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), provided the individual with the disability provides 48 hours advance notice to the Planning Department Secretary before the public meeting.” However, if the individual should require special equipment or services, such as a CART transcriber, seven days advance notice, excluding weekends and holidays, may be necessary.

3. SALUTE TO FLAG:

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Oller administered the necessary Oaths of Office.

5. ROLL CALL

Donald Sweeney-	Present	Jeff Foose-	Present
Bruce Bongiorno-	Present	John Gayeski-	Present
James Weideli-	Present	Claudio Vescio-	Present
Jeffrey Sicat-	Absent	Andrew Fresco-	Present
Pushpavati Amin-	Present	Gary LaSpisa-	Present
John Kulak	Present		

Others present: Board Attorney Rich Oller, Esq., Board Engineer William Burr, IV, PE, and Roger Dornbierer, Zoning Officer

6: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Election of Chairperson

Ms. Amin nominated Mr. Foose. Mr. Weideli seconded the nomination. Mr. Foose was appointed Chairperson of the Board based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Election of Vice Chairperson

Chairman Foose nominated Mr. Weideli. Mr. Bongiorno seconded the nomination. Mr. Weideli was appointed Vice Chairperson of the Board based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Election of Board Secretary

Mr. Weideli nominated Mr. Fresco. Mr. LaSpisa seconded the nomination. Mr. Fresco was appointed Board Secretary based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Election of Asst. Board Secretary

Mr. Weideli nominated Ms. Nancy Probst. Mr. LaSpisa seconded the nomination. Ms. Probst was appointed Asst. Board Secretary based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

7. REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENT OF BOARD PROFESSIONALS

Appointment of Board Attorney

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. LaSpisa, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Rich Oller, Esq. as the Board Attorney based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Appointment of Board Engineer

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Ms. Amin, the Board voted to appoint Mr. William Burr as the Board Engineer based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Appointment of Board Consulting Engineer

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. LaSpisa, the Board voted to appoint Boswell Engineering as the Board Consulting Engineer based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Appointment of Board Consulting Planner

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the Board voted to appoint Michael Sullivan as the Board Consulting Planner based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Appointment of Board Consulting Traffic Engineer

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the Board voted to appoint Brightview Engineering as the Board Consulting Traffic Engineer based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

Approval of 2024 Board Calendar

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the Board voted to approve the 2024 Board Calendar based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

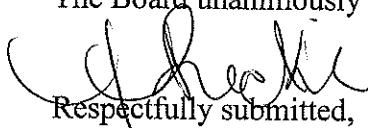
Appointment of Official Newspapers

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the Board voted to appoint the Star Ledger and the Courier News as the official Board newspapers based on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Weideli, Mr. LaSpisa, Ms. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco,
Mr. Bongiorno & Mr. Foose
Nays:
Ineligible: Mr. Gayeski, Mr. Kulak & Mr. Vescio
Abstain:
Absent: Mr. Sicat

8. ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 6:49 pm.



Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann M. Ricks
Deputy Land Use Administrator/Deputy Zoning Officer