

ALPINE PLANNING BOARD

Alpine Borough Hall
100 Church Street
Alpine, New Jersey 07620

MINUTES

January 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Planning Board, Borough of Alpine, convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. Catherine Parilla read the announcement in accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the notice of this regular meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. has met the requirements of the law by publication in The Record and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF 2019 OFFICIALS: Prior to the meeting Attorney Kates administered the oath of office to Paul H. Tomasko, Class I member for a four-year term expiring 12/31/2022, Gayle Gerstein, Class III member for a one-year term expiring 12/31/2019, and Catherine Parilla and Elizabeth Herries for four-year terms Class IV members expiring 12/31/2022. Jeffrey Fromm was not present and will be sworn in at a later date.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, David Kupferschmid, Lorraine Mattes, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko
Members Absent: Alt I Jeff Fromm,
Staff Present: Michael Kates, Board Attorney
Perry Frenzel, Borough Engineer
Marilyn Hayward, Board & Recording Secretary

REORGANIZATION:

Chairperson: Catherine Parilla upon a motion by Mayor Tomasko, seconded by Joyce Sonpal

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, David Kupferschmid, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko

Vice Chairperson: Catherine McGuire upon a motion by Mayor Tomasko, seconded by Joyce Sonpal

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, David Kupferschmid, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko

Board Secretary/Recording Secretary: Marilyn Hayward upon a motion by Catherine Parilla, seconded by Catherine McGuire

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, David Kupferschmid, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: Upon a motion by Gayle Gerstein, seconded by Catherine McGuire to re-appoint the following professionals and to adopt the corresponding Professional Resolutions appended to these minutes for the positions of Board Engineer, Board Attorney and Borough Planner.

Board Attorney: Michael Kates, Esq.
Board Engineer: Perry Frenzel, P.E. of Azzolina & Feury
Special Counsel: John Phillips, Esq.
Borough Planner: Joseph Burgis, P.P. of Burgis Assoc., Inc.

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, David Kupferschmid, Lorraine Mattes, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2018 REGULAR MEETING:

Upon a motion by Gayle Gerstein seconded by Elizabeth Herries, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Planning Board Regular Meeting following correction on page 3 (Board of Health meeting February 12, 2019) and correcting subsequent sentence structure. Eligible members voted as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, Catherine Parilla, Joyce Sonpal, Mayor Paul Tomasko

MEMORIALIZATION: Resolution of Final Plat Approval – 375 Hillside, LLC; Block 50 Lots 1 & 3

Upon a motion by Gayle Gerstein, seconded by Elizabeth Herries to adopt a resolution memorializing action taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of Alpine on December 18, 2018 a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Eligible members voted as follows:

Discussion: Lorraine Mattes noted there had been a question about tree removal which is why she had voted no. Mr. Frenzel reviewed noting only underbrush was removed. Disturbance was minimal and trees are still standing.

Vote: Ayes: Carol Cochi, Gayle Gerstein, Elizabeth Herries, Catherine McGuire, Catherine Parilla, Mayor Paul Tomasko

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

<u>BILLS:</u>	Marilyn Hayward	\$ 47.29	Supplies
	John C. Phillips, Esq.	\$ 200.00	December meeting
	John C. Phillips, Esq.	\$ 80.00	Legal Services (Trust 375 Hillside LLC)
	Clarke, Caton, Hintz	\$ 88.00 COAH	Court Appointed Special Master (Trust)
	Azzolina & Feury Eng., Inc.	\$ 84.00	Engineering Services (Trust 375 Hillside LLC)

A motion to approve the above referenced bills was made by Mayor Tomasko, seconded by Gayle Gerstein and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS: As noted without significant comment.

Notice of Certification of Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plans re: 55/20 & 21; 50/1&3; 90/4; 131/6 (Demarest)

Notice of Revised Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Individual Permit Application Block 74 Lot 5 – 11 Dogwood Lane.

Azzolina & Feury Eng., Inc. Letter re: 49.02/10 80 Church Street

2019 Budget Recommendations: Upon a motion by David Kupferschmid, seconded by Catherine McGuire and approved by all to submit the same budget request as last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Northern Valley Mayors & Planners Assoc.: Will meet Thursday of next week. Anticipate a speaker from the County. The Mayor invited any interested members to attend.

Board of Health: Regarding Alpine Three the Board is in receipt of reports from the geological experts: Robert E. Schwankert, P.E. and Mark R. Denno, P.E. of Melick-Tully Associates for the Board (dated November 30, 2018) and Thomas E. Dwyer, P.G. of Dwyer GeoSciences, Inc. for the Applicants (dated December 20, 2018) who appear to be in agreement that the septic system is not feasible. Applicant’s attorney Guliet Hirsch has asked the Board of Health to accept both reports and make a formal decision without further testimony at their next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2019.

Environmental Commission: Lorraine Mattes advised they have applied for the Tree City and the Extra Growth Award. They typically here back before Arbor Day in April.

Building Department: Report is on file.

NJ Transit Update: No new developments.

COAH Update: As the matter is in court, Mayor Tomasko recommended they go into Executive Session to discuss COAH.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A Resolution providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Upon a motion by Gayle Gerstein, seconded by Carol Cochi and approved by all to enter into a closed session at 7:49 PM pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) for a discussion on Affordable Housing and that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Planning Board that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

RESUME OPEN SESSION: Upon a motion by Catherine McGuire, seconded by Gayle Gerstein and approved by all to exist the executive session and resume the open session at 7:53 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular Planning Board meeting was made by Joyce Sonpal and seconded by Gayle Gerstein all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wehmann for
Marilyn Hayward
Recording Secretary