

# PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

June 10 2013

On the above date at the Port Republic Fire Hall, 116 Blakes Lane, Port Republic, New Jersey, Planning Board Chairman John Fallucca called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and made a statement in compliance with Sunshine Law.

## Roll Call

Members Present; Steven Allgeyer, Nick Capille, John Fallucca, Mayor Gary Giberson, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Barry Horas, Jack Kelly Virginia Laird (late), and Councilwoman Donna Riegel.

Board Secretary Vicki Cantell

Board Attorney: Mike Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Wayne Smith

Mayor Giberson noted that he has received a resignation letter from Mr. Smith and is beginning the process of finding a replacement. He asked members to contact him should they have any suggestions.

**Minutes** - On the motion of Mr. Capille, second of Mr. Horas and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of March 13, 2013 with the correction to 'prior to Council meeting and April 8, 2012 noting that Mrs. Laird was not late.

**City Council Report** - Mrs. Riegel reported the there have been no bids on Riverside Drive lot but a bid for the gravel contract would be awarded at the council Meeting if all the paperwork is in order.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Flood Damage Prevention** - The new flood plain maps will be out June 12 and the state is mandating that the city update its existing flood damage prevention regulations to meet the current requirements. City Council has submitted it for Planning Board review. The Mayor has issued an Executive Order allowing non-conforming homes severely damaged by Sandy to be permitted to be rebuild if they stay within the same footprint and size without a variance. A discussion of a proposed ordinance which would address the same issue along with height restrictions was discussed. On the motion of Mr. Allgeyer second of Mrs. La and carried by unanimous vote to ask Attorney Fitzgerald draft an ordinance permitting the rebuilding of only Sandy damaged non-conforming homes within the same footprint and allow passing the height restriction by the difference between the existing height and the height necessary to meet the newly required flood elevations without a variance.

Mr. Kelly voiced his concern concerning Matt Strickland replacing his home as he has no survey available for reference and the home has already been torn down. City records will be consulted but if no survey can be found, it was suggested Mr. Kelly make an educated guess from the topography to site the home.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Major Subdivisions on Moss Mill** – concerns were raised as to the status of the bonds on these two subdivisions. Attorney Fitzgerald stated that it is the responsibility of the City clerk to track these. They are usually perpetual until the subdivision is complete but that City Council may call for the bond if they determine that the requirements of the subdivision are not fulfilled.

**Indian Cabin Road** – It was noted that no monuments are visible at this approved subdivision as required. Board secretary to contact the city engineer to determine the status.

CORRESPONDENCE – receipt of notification of repairs to the dock of Myrtle Burns on River road received. No comment.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – On the motion of Mayor Giberson, second of Mr. Allgeyer to pay the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT – On the motion of Mayor Giberson, second of Mr. Allgeyer and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Cantell  
Board Secretary