

**PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES**

**August 12, 2013**

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

**Roll Call**

Members Present; Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Jack Kelly, Virginia Laird, and Councilwoman Donna Riegel.

Board Secretary Vicki Cantell

Board Attorney: Mike Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Steven Allgeyer, Nick Capille, John Fallucca, Mayor Gary Giberson, and Barry Horas.

**Minutes** - On the motion of Mr. Haviland, second of Mrs. Riegel and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of June 10, 2013.

**City Council Report** - Mrs. Riegel reported that the gravel contract will be awarded pending verification of the city engineer.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Flood Damage Prevention** - The Sandy/FEMA compliance ordinance was discussed at length. Councilwoman Riegel expressed her concern with the limitations of it being geared toward the rural residential zone and not open to all zones. She specifically mentioned block five and it was suggested that she view block five to see the particular concerns of that area. Attorney Fitzgerald explained that it was written that way as that zone has the properties further apart and it was felt that there would be very little impact on neighbors whereas that would not be the case in other zones. The wording does not exclude other zones from the benefits of the ordinance but rather would require a Planning Board review to ensure that neighbors are not unduly affected and zoning is not breached.

On the motion of Mr. Haviland, second of Mrs. Laird with Mrs. Haviland and Mr. Kelly voting to approve that Planning Board recommend to City Council that the ordinance be adopted. Mrs. Riegel abstained.

**Major Subdivisions on Moss Mill** – concerns were raised as to the status of the bonds on these two subdivisions and the city clerk is in the process of researching these.

**Indian Cabin Road** – the secretary reported that she had been in contact with the city engineer and he had informed her that as long as the property markers were correctly

noted on the plans submitted that Mr. Turner would be in compliance. Upon receiving instructions on what to look for and reviewing the submitted plans, it appears that this property is in compliance.

**Email Verifications** – The secretary is receiving error message on some emails. It was suggested that she send another message and have everyone respond that they had received same.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None received.

**ADJOURNMENT** – On the motion of Mrs. Laird, second of Mr. Haviland and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Cantell  
Board Secretary