

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 14, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Miller at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Mr. Miller read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chairman Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Turner, Post, Gleba, VanDeursen,
Schlader, Sheola, Miller
Absent: Opdyke, Boyle
Also Present: Robert Miller, Board Engineer
Stuart Ours, Board Attorney

Chairman Miller stated that Bob Opdyke was away on business and Pat Boyle was going to have surgery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of February 7, 2005

There was no discussion on the minutes. Therefore,
it was moved by Sheola, seconded by Schlader to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Post, Gleba, VanDeursen,
Schlader, Sheola, Miller
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.

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Andrew Turner wanted to follow-up on the matter of allowing the Jewish Center to transfer fees to the Zoning Board. He wanted to make sure that they were not charged twice. Bill Gleba noted that the minutes should also reflect that the NJAWC application should go to the Zoning Board. This was noted in the minutes under Unagendized Statements.

Therefore, it was moved by Post, seconded by Sheola to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Turner, Post, Gleba, VanDeursen,
Schlader, Sheola, Miller
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

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UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:

Attorney Ours agreed that the fees that were paid by the NJAWC should be transferred to the Zoning Board. Bill Gleba stated that he is satisfied that the 2/14/05 minutes reflect the Board's discussion.

There was a discussion on an applicant's use of the right board. Attorney Ours stated that applicants who have attorneys should be relying on their attorneys to apply to the right board. Rich Sheola stated that Rudy tries to guide public to the correct procedures. Chairman Miller stated that the Board cannot advise the applicants. They should get their own legal and engineering advice.

No members of the public were present.

The Mayor commented on the zoning change ordinance regarding the senior housing. She attended a meeting with Rich Sheola, Carl Hintz, Dick Cushing, Ray Rice and George Ritter. Proposing 12/units of low/moderate. Money is also being contributed for 4 units offsite. Can use this money to rehabilitate 14 homes. They are also proposing a sidewalk to Railroad Ave along Rt. 57 as well as two tennis courts at Railroad Ave recreation site. Introduction of the ordinance will be the first meeting in April with a public hearing in May. Application should be submitted to the Planning Board in June.

Pat Post asked how the homes would be selected for rehabilitation. Rich stated that an outside agency would determine who and what criteria are eligible. Andrew Turner stated that it would depend on the age of the home as to how much money should be allocated to rehabilitate. Rich stated that COAH will govern.

Marianne stated that the senior development will benefit the community. Andrew asked if this type of housing could be considered discriminatory or unconstitutional. Attorney Ours stated that senior housing is in the zoning program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Therefore, it was moved by Post, seconded by Sheola to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk