

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chair VanDeursen at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Chair VanDeursen 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." Chair VanDeursen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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| Present: | Conry, Post, McDonald, Turner, Pohorely, Frascella, VanDeursen |
| Absent: | Aron, Gonzales |
| Also Present: | Steven Gruenberg, Board Attorney Gene Weber, Board Engineer Chris Dochery, Board Planner |

Dan Aron is unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of November 10, 2014: No comments. Therefore, it was moved by McDonald, seconded by Post to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, VanDeursen
Ayes: 5; Nays:0; Abstentions:2 (Post,Pohorely)
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: None

APPLICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paramount Assets:

Gary Taylor appeared before the Board on behalf of Paramount Assets. Mr. Taylor explained that he works for Progressive Companies which is the building management company for Paramount. They took over in January 2014. He has currently been dealing with Rudy Bescherer, code enforcement. Attorney Gruenberg reviewed the application history for Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor stated that Paramount would like to rectify the window problem by adding fypon to make the appearance the same as the other buildings. Chris Dochery discussed the noncompliance with the window dimensions, color and moldings. Chair VanDeursen stated that she was unhappy with Paramount for not sending a representative or plans for correcting the windows. Andy Turner stated that he was insulted that Paramount did not send proper representatives with renderings/drawings. Scott McDonald stated the same and that Mr. Dunn knows the displeasure from the Borough. He has not received updated reports from Mr. Dunn as requested and has filed a complaint with Assemblyman DiMaio.

Jose Pulecio appeared before the Board as a representative from New Vista Management for properties at 14-16 East Washington, 6 East Washington, and Star Plaza. He has been with the company for six months. They are currently working on interiors. He has been giving Mr. Dunn the updates but does not know what is done with them.

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Chair Van Deursen stated that she would like Maurice or Solomon Levy to come before the Board. Attorney Gruenberg commented that the Board could request no permits be given until compliant. Dan Frascella stated that perhaps another letter be sent to the owner to attend a future meeting. Therefore, it was move by Turner, seconded by Post to send a letter to Maurice or Solomon Levy expressing the Board's displeasure and request their presence at a meeting.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, VanDeursen
Ayes: 7; Nays:0; Abstentions:0
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Memo from Council proposed enforcement procedures:

Andy Turner commented that it is the zoning officer's job already to enforce the code. Feels this is redundant. Mayor McDonald stated that the intention is to make enforcement "water tight". Andy stated that the statute already covers the zoning officer's duties. Chair VanDeursen would like Attorney Gruenberg to confer with the Borough Attorney before any comments are forwarded to Council. All in favor.

Linda Freitag, 28 So. Lincoln Ave, came before the Board. She stated that she received a visit from Mr. Rice but has not signed the documents. She has hired an attorney but will need a specialized attorney for some of the matters. She has met with an attorney, engineer and planner and will be sending a letter to the Planning Board with her concerns in a few days.

Close public portion. All in favor.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:

Happy Holidays! Holiday dinner is on 12/13, 6 pm, at Mediterranean Bistro.

Chris Dochery discussed the COAH update with the Board. He stated that the new rules have been challenged and there are several lawsuits.

Gene Weber addressed their letter regarding Towne Center. He feels that Finelli did their job as best they could. He wants to make sure the Board understands their position and the delay was due to the applicant. Motion by Conry, seconded by McDonald to move into Executive Session to discuss contract proposals.

Back to order at 9:30 pm. Motion by Conry, seconded by Post to interview three engineering firms on Monday, December 15, starting 7 pm. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Receive & file. All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk.