

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 11, 2016**

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: Present: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, Allin, VanDeursen
Absent: none
Also Present: Steven Gruenberg, Attorney
Stan Schrek, Board Engineer

OATH OF OFFICE:

Marianne VanDeursen, Dan Frascella, Andrew Turner, Scott McDonald, David Allin and Ethel Conry were sworn in before the start of the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016:

Board Attorney for 2016:

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Conry to appoint Steven Gruenberg as Planning Board attorney.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, Allin, VanDeursen
Ayes: 9; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

Board Engineer for 2016:

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Post to appoint Stan Schrek as Board Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, Allin, VanDeursen
Ayes: 9; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

Board Planner for 2016:

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Allin to appoint Heyer, Gruel & Associates as Board Planner.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, VanDeursen
Ayes: 9; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Attorney Gruenberg conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Chair.

Nomination for Planning Board Chair. Motion by Post, seconded by Conry to nominate Marianne VanDeursen as Planning Board Chair. Motion to close. All in favor. Motion to appoint Marianne VanDeursen as Chair. All in favor.

Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Vice-Chair. Two motions were made. Motion by Post, seconded by Aron to nominate Andrew Turner as Planning Board Vice Chair. Motion by Frascella, seconded by Conry to nominate Gary Pohorely as Planning Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Pohorely declined the nomination. Motion to close. All in favor. Motion to appoint Andrew Turner as Vice-Chair. All in favor.

Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Secretary. Motion by Aron, seconded by Turner to nominate Pat Post as Planning Board Secretary. Motion to close. All in favor. Motion to appoint Pat Post as Board Secretary. All in favor.

Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Assistant Secretary. Motion by Turner, seconded by Frascella to nominate Dan Aron as Planning Board Assistant Secretary. Motion to close. All in favor. Motion to appoint Dan Aron as Board Assistant Secretary. All in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

The committees will remain the same as 2015:

Budget/Finance: Pat Post, Dan Aron

Soil: Gary Pohorely, Dan Frascella

Technical Review: Marianne VanDeursen, Scott McDonald, Andrew Turner, Keith Gonzales

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by McDonald, seconded by Conry to adopt the reorganization resolutions (Open Public Meetings Act, Meeting Schedule for 2016).

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, Allin, VanDeursen
Ayes: 9; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meetings of November 9, 2015: It was moved by Conry seconded by Post to approve the minutes with the correction of a typo.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,
Pohorely, Frascella, Allin, VanDeursen
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 4
(Aron, Turner, Pohorely, Frascella)
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: None

APPLICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

No members of the public were present.

Public portion closed. All in favor.

UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:

Mr. Turner asked about the status of the Midtown Project compliance. Mr. Schrek stated that he has had no contact with Mr. Van Cleef. Mr. Turner also asked about the status of Paramount compliance. Mayor McDonald stated that he has not received any reports from Paramount and has heard they are trying to sell. Mr. Turner questioned how they can sell if they are not in compliance with the Board's approval. Attorney Gruenberg stated that enforcement is a Council issue. Mayor McDonald indicated that he would check on the status. Mr. Turner stated that he may go to Council to discuss the issue because nothing has been done. Mr. Schrek stated that no temporary CO or permanent CO should be given until changes are made.

Mr. Schrek stated that there is not much the Board can do about Midtown since the approval was already given. Mr. Pohorely noted that the Planner was supposed to meet with Mr. Van Cleef. The Clerk will follow-up with the Planner.

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Pat Post asked if there was anything new with Ray Rice's project. Mayor McDonald stated that there was a meeting at the site with DEP. Plan modifications to be sent to the DEP. They may have to come back before the Board. Chair VanDeursen thanked the Mayor for his work in keeping the project alive. Mayor McDonald stated that he believes the sewer pipe was moved so an easement will not be necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No discussion. Motion to receive and file. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk