

**BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
January 7, 2009**

The re-organization meeting of the Point Pleasant Zoning Board of Adjustment was called to Order by Vice Chairman Ronald Seebald at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Seebald led the Salute to the Flag.
He proceeded to open the meeting in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Roll Call Vote

Members Present:

Mr. Seebald Mr. Wardell Ms. Thomson Mr. Ganim Mr. Sabosik
Mrs. Kasper Mr. Seakan

Members Absent: Mr. Sutphen Mr. Plum

RE-ORGANIZATION

A motion was made to appoint Sharon Bestine as Secretary by Mr. Wardell, seconded by Mr. Sabosik. All were in favor.

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Seebald as Chairman by Mr. Ganim, seconded by Mr. Sabosik. All were in favor.

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Ganim as Vice-Chairman by Mr. Seebald, seconded by Mr. Wardell. All were in favor except Mr. Ganim.

Mr. Wardell made a motion to hold residential applications on the first Wednesday and commercial applications on the third Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in addition the Board will have ability to use the third Wednesday at their discretion. Seconded by Mr. Seebald. All were in favor.

Ms. Thomson stated she may have a conflict with the third Wednesday meeting.

Engineer

Mr. Sabosik requested input from Mr. Schroeder concerning the Engineer.

Mr. Schroeder stated they had discussion on engineer and decided to keep Remington, Vernick & Vena because it was the most cost effective for the town.

Mrs. Kasper wanted to know if another committee was going to be formed.

Mr. Ganim stated that he had a chance to review the bids.

Mrs. Kasper wanted a chance to review the bids.

Mr. Sabosik stated that the committee decided to have the same engineer as the town and decided to stay with Remington, Vernick and Vena as well as it being cost effective.

Mr. Wardell relied on the judgment of the committee that was selected by the Board.

Mr. Ganim stated that the current engineer submits his reports in a timely matter and they are easy to follow.

Mrs. Kasper was concerned that two of the committee members are no longer board members.

Mr. Seebald replied that at the time they were selected they were board members.

Mr. Ganim felt it was the best for the town and a good quality service.

Mr. Sabosik stated that the two rate sheets are compatible.

Mr. Wardell made a motion to hire the Engineering Firm of Remington, Vernick and Vena as Board Engineers for 2009, seconded by Ms. Thomson.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Seebald- Yes Mr. Wardell- Yes Ms. Thomson- Yes Mr. Sabosik- Yes
Mr. Ganim- Yes Mrs. Kasper- No Mr. Seakan- Abstained

Attorney

Mr. Wardell wanted to know what the committee's recommendation was.

Mr. Sabosik stated that this is a complex issue.

1. The schedule is very important to the citizens of Point Pleasant and everyone knows the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.
2. Land use knowledge was very important.
3. The committee requested a back up attorney as two were sole practitioners. Mr. Sabosik asked Maryann to request back up attorney.
4. The dollar amount was not a concern.

Public notice was given to Newspapers to be handed in by 10am December 17, 2008. There were four bidders, three came in on time and one was received at 3:40pm.

The committee felt two individuals would do justice.

1. Discard Bathgate because it was received after bid opening.
2. The current attorney did not submit a bid but the committee requested the 2008 contract of the 2008 Board attorney.

That left the committee with three firms.

1. Mr. Harrison
2. Mr. Jackson
3. Mr. Pardes

Out of the three the committee was in favor of Mr. Jackson and Mr. Pardes.

Mr. Wardell made a motion to approve the firm of John Jackson.

Mr. Schroeder stated that there was quit a bit of discussion among the committee and they met for a total of four hours. They went over the qualities of the previous and present attorney. The committee unanimously decided on Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Sabosik stated that the backup for Mr. Jackson is Mr. Kitrick.

Mrs. Kasper questioned how many towns Mr. Jackson and Mr. Pardes represent.

Mr. Ganim replied Mr. Jackson has two towns and Mr. Pardes currently represents no towns.

Mr. Schroeder stated Mr. Harrison gave Mr. Jackson as a back up. The committee was assured that he would be at the meetings unless on vacation. It will not be a revolving door.

Mr. Ganim commented that Mr. Jackson has been before the board at least ten times and he is honest and forth right. The board members are not land use experts and need to trust the person sitting next to us. Mr. Ganim continued that the board wanted someone who was going to protect them.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the board was looking to get the resolutions in a more timely matter in order to review.

Mr. Wardell stated there was no bid from the present attorney.

Mr. Seebald stated that the committee did discuss the present attorney.

Mr. Ganim seconded Mr. Wardell's motion to hire the firm of King, Kitrick, and Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Seebald- Yes Mr. Wardell- Yes Ms. Thomson- Yes Mr. Sabosik- Yes
Mr. Ganim- Yes Mrs. Kasper- Abstain Mr. Seakan- Yes

Resolutions

08- 47 – Rollano/Reilly – Block 145 Lot 31 – 713-715 Burnt Tavern Rd.

Mr. Ganim stated the resolutions still contained errors and could not be memorialized at this time.

Mr. Wardell made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Mr. Seebald. All were in favor.

08-50 – Fire Co. No. 1 – Block 163 Lot 2 – 1 Memorial Drive

Motion to memorialize made by Mr. Wardell, seconded by Mr. Seebald

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Seebald- Yes Mr. Wardell- Yes Mr. Sabosik- Yes Mr. Ganim- Yes

Mr. Wardell resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustments effective January 8, 2009.

Mr. Ganim thanked Jeff Schroeder for being an honest and for keeping our meeting sane.

Mr. Schroeder stated he is very confused about why he wasn't reappointed maybe he didn't go along with the flow of things. He never hides anything from the Mayor. He is very hurt.

Mr. Wardell has known Mr. Schroeder for over 20 years and he is one of the most honest people to sit up here. He is very sorry that Mr. Schroeder didn't get appointed.

Mr. Ganim asked to please advise Mayor and Council of the openings.

Mr. Schroeder thanked Maryann for her years of service. He stated she was the real chairman of the board. He would look over at Maryann knew he was on track.

Mr. Seebald thanked both Maryann and Mr. Schroeder and he hates to see them go.

Mr. Ganim stated that the board was working well and now it is divided. He hopes it will continue to grow back together.

Vouchers

Citta, Holzapfel, & Zabarsky - \$112. – JES LLC \$368. - Roycefield
Remington, Vernick & Vena – \$450 & \$240

Motion to pay made by Mr. Wardell., seconded by Mr. Sabosik . All were in favor.

Mr. Wardell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Seebald. All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 7:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bestine
Zoning Board Secretary