

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

MINUTES

Chairman Campeas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the opening statement that adequate notice of the meeting had been posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Campeas; Vice Chairman Roberts; Mr. DeRochi; Mayor Jaffer; Mr. Mani; Mr. Matthews; Mr. Wilson; Mr. Glockler, Alternate #1; Mr. Conry, Alternate #2; Mr. Laskey, Advisor

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Savron, Planning Director

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rich Smith, 11 Kemper Lakes Court, said he heard the Board is thinking about changing the Board Attorney and Engineer. Mr. Cline has been the engineer for the Township Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board and it is incredible to have somebody that is connected to all three. The coordination and understanding of the Township regulations helps the three entities work well together. Both Mr. Linnus and Mr. Cline are outstanding professionals. The projects that have been before the Board over the past few years require incredible attention to detail which Mr. Linnus and Mr. Cline have done.

Mayor Jaffer thanked Mr. Smith for his comments. She explained that a subcommittee was formed to review the appointments. The Board owes it to the public to periodically review the professionals and not appoint them just because they are there already.

There was no further public comment. The public comment period was unanimously closed.

III. RESOLUTIONS

Case PB-07-18 Applicant: Dr. Deborah Ginsburg
Block 34005 Lot 6 – 29 Pine Brae Drive
Minor Site Plan with Bulk Variances

A motion to memorialize the resolution was made by Mr. Mani and seconded by Vice Chairman Roberts. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DeRochi, Jaffer, Mani Matthews, Roberts, Wilson and Campeas

Nays: None

IV. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Cheskis joined the meeting via phone.

Ms. Savron read the resolution to close the meeting to the public so that the Board could discuss the appointment of the Board Attorney and Board Engineer.

The Board unanimously voted to go into closed session.

A motion to reopen the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Roberts and seconded by Mr. Glockler. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE “LOCAL UNIT PAY-TO-PLAY LAW

Chairman Campeas discussed how the screening of the professionals was handled. On January 18th and January 25th of this year the Subcommittee of the Planning Board conducted interviews for Board Engineer and Board Attorney positions. The Subcommittee consisted of Mayor Jaffer, Steve DeRochi, Marvin Schuldiner, Dave Campeas, Lori Savron, Donato Nieman and Gail Smith. Over the course of two days they interviewed for the Board Attorney position Francis Linnus, Esquire, Jolanta Maziarz, Esquire and Dennis Galvin, Esquire. For the

Board Engineer position they interviewed Jason Cline, Laura Newman and Rakesh Darji. All seven Subcommittee members were present for all of the interviews. All the interviews were conducted in the same manner, with the same questions and discussion topics. The recommendations are as follows:

1. The appointment of Francis Linnus, Esquire for a period of 90 days (May 6, 2019).

A motion to appoint Francis Linnus, Esquire through May 6, 2019 was made by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion carried on the following:

Ayes: Cheskis, DeRochi, Jaffer, Mani, Matthews, Roberts, Wilson, Glockler and Campeas

Nays: None

2. A Subcommittee consisting of Tom Wilson, Sarah Roberts and Dave Campeas will have a discussion with Jolanta Maziarz to discuss any potential conflict that she might have being the current Attorney for Rocky Hill. The Subcommittee will report back to the Board on March 4, 2019.

The Board voted unanimously to proceed as outlined.

3. The appointment of Rakesh Darji with Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as the Board Engineer.

A motion to appoint Rakesh Darji was made by Vice Chairman Roberts and seconded by Mr. Mani. The motion carried on the following:

Ayes: DeRochi, Jaffer, Mani, Matthews, Roberts, Wilson, Glockler and Campeas

Nays: Cheskis

Mr. Cheskis left the meeting.

VI. MINUTES

December 17, 2018 – Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Mani and seconded by Mr. DeRochi. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DeRochi, Mani, Matthews, Wilson, Glockler, Conry and Campeas

Nays: None

January 7, 2019 – Regular Meeting

The minutes are to be amended to show that Mr. Cline was not in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Vice Chairman Roberts. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DeRochi, Jaffer, Mani, Matthews, Roberts, Wilson, Glockler, Conry and Campeas

Nays: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.