

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD
REORGANIZATION AND
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

January 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER and PUBLIC NOTICE by Clerk

The clerk calls the meeting to order, she says this is the reorganization and regular meeting of the Land Use Board of the Township of Franklin. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that a notice was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 28, 2011, and the notice of and agenda for this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stand and salute the flag.

PRESENTATION OF 2012 MEMBERS

Attorney Thomas swears in the new and re-appointed members for 2012. All stand and recite the Oath of Office. Members being sworn in this evening are Scott Bauman, Lisa Wood, Roger Soltys, Phil Koury and Susan Campbell.

ROLL CALL

Present are; Susan Campbell, Scott Bauman, Ted Blew, Paul Dahan, David Dallas, Jennifer Fisher, Philip Koury, Roger Soltys, James Stryker and Lisa Wood.

Also present is Roger Thomas the Board Attorney.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Election of Chairperson – Roger Soltys nominates James Stryker for Chairman, seconded by Ted Blew. There are no other nominations; Mr. Stryker is elected by unanimous roll call vote.

Election of Vice-Chairperson - David Dallas nominates Ted Blew for Vice Chairman, seconded by Roger Soltys. There are no other nominations; Mr. Blew is elected by unanimous roll call vote.

Election of Board Secretary - Mr. Dahan nominates Lisa Wood for Secretary, seconded by David Dallas. There are no other nominations; Ms. Wood is elected by unanimous roll call vote.

Election of Vice President – Roger Soltys nominates David Dallas for Chairman, seconded by Lisa Wood. There are no other nominations; Mr. Dallas is elected by unanimous roll call vote.

Selection of Board Professionals: The board discusses approving the board professionals for the first quarter only. The Chairman suggests a subcommittee to review these positions.

Selection of Attorney – motion made by Mr. Dahan to approve Roger Thomas, of Dolan and Dolan as Board Attorney, for the first quarter of 2012. This motion was seconded by Lisa Wood. The board unanimously approves Mr. Thomas as Board Attorney.

Selection of Engineering Experts – Mr. Dallas moves to approve Rick Roseberry of Maser Consulting as the Board Engineer, for the first quarter of 2012, seconded by Lisa Wood and unanimously approved by the board.

Selection of Planning Experts – motion made by Paul Dahan to approve Carl Hintz of Clarke, Caton, Hintz, as Board Planner for the first quarter of 2012. Motion is seconded by Scott Bauman and approved by roll call vote.

Selection of Clerk – There is some discussion as the clerk has resigned effective January 31, 2012. In the absence of an alternative, the board, by motion of David Dallas, seconded by Paul Dahan approves Jean Beischer as Board Clerk. This allows Ms. Beischer to assist in the future as needed.

Approval of Calendar for 2012 – Mr. Dallas moves to approve the below calendar, seconded by Roger Soltys and approved by all, with all meetings to commence at 7:30 pm.

Work Meetings

January 11	July 11
February 8	
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

Regular Meetings

January 25	July 25
February 22	
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 24
May 23	
June 27	

Selection of Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices – Roger Soltys moves to approve the Hunterdon Democrat as primary newspaper for legal notices, and the Express Times as secondary, motion seconded by Lisa Wood and approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, Meeting of December 14, 2011

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Phil Koury, seconded by Roger Soltys. Minutes approved by voice vote with Susan Campbell, David Dallas and Lisa Wood abstaining.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Executive Session of December 14, 2011 as written, made by Roger Soltys, seconded by Phil Koury. Executive Session minutes approved by voice vote with Susan Campbell, David Dallas and Lisa Wood abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS

No comments on communications.

WORK SESSION

Mr. Stryker reminds the board of the walk-through scheduled for the proposed solar farm on the den Hollander property on January 14, 2012 at 10 am. Members are reminded to listen to meeting recordings for any hearings they may have missed. The clerk will provide a July 13, 2011 recording to Mr. Bauman.

An issue has come up with the resolution for the Murphy variance and the placement of a water source to, or near, the structure. It was very clear during the hearing that no water was planned. Mr. Murphy will have to return and amend the application to include placement of a water pipe to the structure.

A subcommittee is formed, with Chairman Stryker, Paul Dahan and Phil Koury to review professionals RFQ and RFP's, and to begin the process of hiring a new board clerk.

With that in mind, the Chairman would like the professionals to be available for a no-charge informal training session, including questions and answers, some Saturday with the entire board. Jim will see if the conference room at Deo Volente would be an option for the location.

In other business, Mr. Wismer is looking for a resolution for the Meyer COAH apartment. Mr. Thomas will review the minutes and draft a resolution for the board to consider.

Establish 2012 Land Use Board Priorities and Activities - Chairman Stryker begins by asking the board what their concerns are for the upcoming year. There are a number of issues still pending, among them the lighting ordinance, tree ordinance and the home occupation ordinance. The Chairman asks Mr. Blew if he would work on the ag practices already being discussed with the ag committee.

Discussion produces other areas of concern, among them are; ordinance review, resolution enforcement, affordable housing, recreation element, easements and greenways, Land Use Board processes and procedures, long term strategic goals and more open communication with the public.

ADJOURNMENT

As there is no other business for this meeting, David Dallas moves to adjourn, seconded by Phil Koury and approved by all. Meeting adjourns at 9:45 pm.

Minutes approved, January 25, 2012

Jean Beischer, Clerk