Branchville Planning & Zoning Board Minutes

January 10, 2024

Present: Mr. Clune, Mr. Frato, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Bathgate, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Smith, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Van Stone. Absent: Mr. Bansemer, Mr. Horjus and Mrs. Klimas.

Also present: Cory Stoner from Harold Pellow and Associates and William Haggerty, Dolan & Dolan.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Branchville Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Clune who led in the flag salute. The meeting was held at the Branchville Borough Municipal Building, 34 Wantage Ave, Branchville NJ.

Meeting Notice Announcement: Mr. Clune advised this meeting is being held in compliance with the provision of PL 1975, Secs. 4 & 13 of the Sunshine Law. Adequate notice of this meeting has been supplied to the official newspaper of the Planning and Zoning Board that being the Sunday & Daily New Jersey Herald and was posted in the usual location of posted notices.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Board Member Whitehead, seconded by Board Member Worthington to approve the minutes for October 11, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington. Nay: None Abstain: Van Stone. None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Approval of Planning Board Appointments: Members sworn in by Mike Clune were Frato, Bathgate, Whitehead, Sutton, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone.

Motion was made by Board Member Frato, seconded by Board Member Whitehead to appoint Michael Clune as Planning Board Chairperson.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: Clune. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board Member Frato, seconded by Board Member Whitehead to appoint Frank Sutton as Vice Chairperson.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: Sutton. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board Member Bathgate, seconded by Board Member Sutton to accept the resignation of Board Attorney Robert Morganstern.

Roll Call: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board Member Clune, seconded my Board Member Worthington to appoint William Haggerty of Dolan & Dolan as Board Attorney.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board Member Clune, seconded by Board Member Worthington to appoint Harold Pellow & Associates as Board Engineer.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board Member Frato, seconded by Board Member Smith to appoint Daily/Sunday New Jersey Herald as the official paper of the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Motion was made by Board member Whitehead, seconded by Board Member Sutton to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Vouchers: Motion was made by Board Member Worthington, seconded by Board Member Sutton to pay vouchers.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clune, Frato, Sutton, Bathgate, Whitehead, Smith, Worthington and Van Stone. Nay: None Abstain: None. Absent: Bansemer, Horjus and Klimas.

Douglas Kilpatrick, owner of 2 Kemah Lake Road, Branchville NJ, Lot/Block 401/1 was in to ask for an extension to remove the house located on property. House was to be to be taken down within one year from resolution memorialized September 2022. Mr. Kilpatrick was asked to provide a written request and to notice in NJH for the next meeting.

William Haggerty swore in Cory Stoner as Branchville Borough Engineer.

A decision was made to allow teams at the ballpark to put advertisements on the fence as long as they are removed after each game.

Motion was made by Board Member Frato seconded by Board Member Bathgate to adjourn. All Aye