

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD

January 8th, 2024

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bickford, who stated that all requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act of 1975" had been met with the Press of Atlantic City having been notified of the Board's schedule for 2024 on December 20, 2023, and the schedule having been posted on Stone Harbor's website and the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board. All Meeting Agendas are posted in advance of every meeting on the Borough's Official Website at www.shnj.org.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Oath of Office & Oath of Allegiance of Class III Member, Bernadette Parzych

Chairman Bickford opened the meeting by requesting Mr. Baldini administer the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office for the position of the Board's Class II member.

Mr. Baldini administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office for Mrs. Bernadette Parzych. Mr. Bickford and the Board congratulated and welcomed Ms. Parzych to the Board.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Robert D. Bickford Jr., Chairman
Tim Clay (Alternate I)
Wayne Conrad, Vice-Chair
Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour
JT LaKose (Alternate II)
Bunny Parzych
Sandy Slabik
Frank Vaul

Members Not Present:

Kevin Fischer

Solicitor:

Paul J. Baldini

Board Secretary:

Kate McGonagle

Zoning Officer:

Ray Poudrier-Absent

Engineers/Planners:

Kates Schneider
Engineering, LLC

Approval of December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board considered the proposed minutes for the December 11th, 2023 meeting. Corrections or changes were made. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Slabik and seconded by Mayor Davies-Dunhour. Roll call was taken for members present at the meeting with all eligible members voting in the affirmative.

Nomination for 2024 Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Bickford requested a nomination for Planning Board Chairman. Nomination for Mr. Bickford to continue serving as Board Chair was motioned by Mr. Conrad. Mrs. Parzych seconded the motion. All members present voted affirmatively.

Mr. Bickford made a motion for Mr. Conrad to continue in his role as Planning Board Vice Chairman for the 2024 year. Mr. Vaul seconded the motion. All members present voted affirmatively.

Appoint 2024 Professional Services Contract Board Solicitor, Resolution 24-001

Mr. Bickford requested a Motion to reappoint Paul J. Baldini, Board Solicitor, for the year 2024. The Motion was moved by Mayor Davies-Dunhour and seconded by Dr. Slabik. All members present agreed and voted affirmatively.

Appoint 2024 Professional Planners & Engineer Services Contract, Resolution 24-002

Mr. Bickford moved the Motion to reappoint Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC as Professional Planner & Engineer Services for the Board for the year 2024. Mr. Conrad moved the Motion and Mr. LaKose seconded the Motion. All members present agreed and voted affirmatively.

Nomination for 2024 Board Secretary

Mr. Bickford requested a Motion to appoint a Board Secretary for the year 2024. The motion was made by Mr. Vaul to reappoint Kate McGonagle as Board Secretary and was seconded by Mr. LaKose. All members present voted affirmatively.

Old Business

Linden Lane Discussion

Chairman Bickford asked for an update on the Linden Lane/Zone D Ordinance. Mayor Davies-Dunhour explained the drafted ordinance will be presented to Borough Council for discussion during the Work Session portion of the Council Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024. Mayor Davies-Dunhour explained the ordinance would be presented for 1st reading at a future Borough Council meeting if Councilmembers were in favor of the draft.

Unified Planning and Zoning Boards

Dr. Clay asked if there were any updates to the discussion of a unified Municipal Land Use Board in Stone Harbor. Mayor Davies-Dunhour relayed the proposed ordinance was tabled.

Remote Discussion

Mr. LaKose asked if there had been updates to the discussion of remote participation for board members during meetings for the 2024 year. The Mayor relayed she introduced the idea to Borough Council. The benefits of remote participation, as well as the need for hardware and IT collaboration were briefly mentioned. Mayor further noted the Zoning Board of Adjustments added Remote Participation as a discussion topic on their January 8, 2024 Agenda.

Overlay Zone Update

Mr. Kates reported he is waiting to hear back from DeBlasio and Associates for the final review of the draft. Mr. Kates asked the Board if he was able to move forward with the topic and revisit previous discussions since new members were now on the board.

Mrs. Parzych noted there had been discussion by Borough Council about hiring a professional planner to review the borough code overall. Mr. Kates stated hiring a planner wouldn't negate the fact the Planning Board wants to move the Overlay Zone Ordinance forward, and the action

of moving forward wouldn't prohibit professionals from examining ordinances and the cohesiveness of the ordinances, should the Borough hire a professional planner. Mr. Kates reminded members the ordinance originated from the state's recommendation and while it is not required, the ordinance shows good faith in working with the state. Mr. Kates added the ordinance would benefit the Zoning Officer in terms of enforcement.

New Business

Mr. Bickford opened the meeting to New Business. There was none.

Public Comment

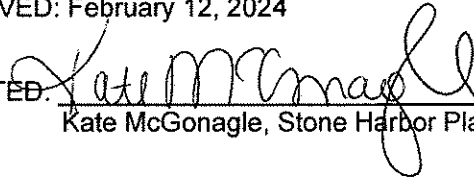
Chairman Bickford opened Public Comment. There were no participants.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mr. Bickford called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Davies-Dunhour made the Motion Mr. Conrad and seconded.

APPROVED: February 12, 2024

ATTESTED:



Kate McGonagle, Stone Harbor Planning Board Secretary