

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD**

January 11, 2016

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hand, 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 2016 on December 18, 2015, and the schedule having been posted on Stone Harbor's website and the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Mayor Suzanne Walters
Jill Gougher
Thomas Hand, Chairman
Robert D. Bickford, Jr.
Wayne Conrad, Vice-Chair
Mantura M. Gallagher

Board Solicitor

Andrew Catanese

Board Secretary

Diane Frangiose

Zoning Officer

Joanne Mascia

Members Not Present:

Perry Conte
Lynne Dubler (Alternate)

Welcome to New Member

Mr. Hand, on behalf of the Planning Board, welcomed new Council Member, Mantura M. Gallagher. Mr. Catanese administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office for Mrs. Gallagher.

Approval of December 14, 2015 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hand to admit the meeting minutes and seconded by Mrs. Gougher. Roll call was taken for members present at the December 14, 2015 meeting. Affirmative votes: Mr. Bickford, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mayor Walters and Mr. Hand.

Nomination for 2016 Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

Nomination by Mr. Conrad to appoint Thomas Hand as Board Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Bickford. All members present voted affirmatively.

Nomination by Mr. Bickford and seconded by Mr. Hand to appoint Wayne Conrad as Vice Chairman. All members present voted affirmatively.

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Approval of Professional Services Contract Board Solicitor

Motion by Mayor Walters and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to approve Professional Services Contract for Andrew Catanese, Board Solicitor, for the year 2016. All members present agreed and voted affirmatively.

Approve Resolution 2016-001 Appoint Board Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Hand and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to appoint Andrew Catanese as Board Solicitor. All members present voted affirmatively.

Approval of Contract for Professional Planners

Motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to approve Professional Services Contract for Heyer, Gruel & Associates for the year 2016. All members present agreed and voted affirmatively.

Approve Resolution 2016-002 Appoint Professional Planners

Motion by Mrs. Gougher and seconded by Mr. Conrad to appoint Heyer, Gruel & Associates as Professional Planners. All members present voted affirmatively.

Approve Resolution 2015-008 re Stone Harbor Motel, LLC

Motion by Mayor Walters and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to approve Resolution 2015-008. Roll call was taken for members present at the December 14, 2015 meeting when the Application was approved. Mr. Bickford, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mr. Hand and Mayor Walters voted affirmatively.

Nomination for 2016 Board Secretary

Motion by Mr. Conrad seconded by Mayor Walters to appoint Diane Frangiose as Board Secretary for the year 2016. All members present voted affirmatively.

Board Discussion

Mr. Hand asked how much money was left in the Planning Board budget from 2015. Mr. Conrad asked if the funds that were not used would carry over and Mrs. Gougher advised they do not unless they were encumbered specific to a project. Mr. Bickford asked what the Planning Board budget is for 2016 and Mrs. Gougher stated that is has not been fixed as yet but she would get a report on the information and have it distributed to members by the Secretary via email.

Public Comment

No one spoke. Public Session Closed.

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New Business

Mr. Bickford asked if there are any initiatives the Planning Board should be reviewing. Mr. Conrad said he has one regarding upscale communities that allow dining on sidewalks. He stated that he wants the Board to think about whether it is something that Stone Harbor would consider doing. Mayor Walters said the Monday to Friday aspect of it is interesting and Mr. Hand said perhaps it could be done on a trial basis for a summer. Mrs. Gallagher suggested maybe it could be done on Restaurant Week as a starter and Mr. Conrad said that was a good idea. Mr. Conrad asked that members think about it and he will talk to some restaurant owners to see how they feel about it so that if the Board gets to the point of a formulated proposal, members can anticipate what some of the issues might be and also what the potential might be. Mr. Hand stated that it was looked at some years ago by a Committee but there were few spots that would work unless a tall table was put between parking meters. Mayor Walters said a lot of the sidewalks in front of businesses are sloped. Mr. Hand said it is still a good issue to look into.

Mayor Walters said valet parking might also be an issue that should be revised. Mr. Bickford stated a contract on behalf of the Borough would generate revenue. Mr. Conrad asked if Heyer & Gruel could give their wisdom on both ideas on an informal basis. Mr. Hand agreed that is a good idea.

Mr. Hand asked if having a Borough Code Enforcer was ever discussed. Mayor Walters said yes, it had been discussed. Mrs. Gougher said the Borough is in the process of appointing an existing employee as a Code Enforcer for 2016.

Mr. Conrad said going forward he hopes for better communication between Council and the Planning Board, for projects like the new library and the new police facility. Mayor Walters said the new police building is in the design phase and the Architect is working on it. Mrs. Gougher said once those plans are received they will be shared with the Planning Board.

Adjournment

Having no further business at hand Mr. Bickford called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

APPROVED: March 14, 2016

ATTESTED: Diane Frangiose
Diane Frangiose, Secretary Stone Harbor Planning Board