

February 19, 2015

A regular meeting of the Allendale Planning Board was held in the Municipal Building on February 19, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM by Mr. Quinn, Chairman, who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following members answered to roll call: Mr. Quinn, Mr. Scherb, Ms. White, Mr. Sasso, Mr. Sirico, Ms. Sheehan, and Ms. Checki. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Zambrotta were absent.

Mr. Quinn stated that there would be no swearing in of Board members as none of the current members had terms that expired. Mr. Quinn added that Mr. Bonifacic was the only new member who needed to be sworn in and he was not present that evening

On a motion from Mr. Sirico, seconded by Ms. Sheehan, the minutes from December 18, 2014 were approved. Ms. White and Ms. Checki abstained from voting as they were not present at that meeting.

On a motion from Mr. Scherb, seconded by Ms. Checki, Mr. Quinn was re-elected as Chairman, Mr. Sirico was re-elected as Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Sheehan was re-elected as Secretary. Mr. Quinn stated that Ms. Sheehan is selling her house and the Board may need someone else to become Secretary at some point in the future. Mr. Quinn asked Ms. White who the alternates would be on the Board and Ms. White responded that she is still working on recruiting potential alternates.

Mr. Quinn stated that the new Borough Engineer was present at the meeting. Michael Vreeland introduced himself to the Board. He is a licensed engineer, planner, and certified public works manager. He is part owner of a small firm located in Morris County in the Flanders and Mount Olive areas. They represent a number of municipalities in Sussex and Morris Counties as municipal, Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, and utility authority engineers. He is currently appointed as the Board Engineer and Planner for Hardyston Township Board of Adjustment and the Board Engineer for the Sussex Borough Planning Board. He has been representing Boards for approximately fifteen years. He has been involved in many types of applications including small homes to larger developments.

Mr. Quinn welcomed him to the Board and said the Board looked forward to working with him. Ms. White stated that The Council was thrilled to have Mr. Vreeland working for the Town and that he had been working for Allendale for about a month. Mr. Vreeland said he would be providing part-time office hours a couple of days a week. He would also represent the Board as needed on an hourly basis. Mr. Quinn said that Mr. Vreeland did not have to attend every meeting but the Board would want him there when an application was before them. Mr. Quinn said the Town is mostly built but there are occasional subdivisions. Allendale did very well with Mount Laurel and the third round of certifications. There are a couple of properties that could

still be developed in the future. Mr. Quinn stated that the Master Plan has been finished and should be good for another few years or more. Mr. Vreeland said he looked forward to providing whatever assistance he could to the Board. Mr. Quinn said that the Board relies heavily on the testimony from their professionals.

Mr. Quinn said that Mr. Dunn who is the Board attorney was not present that evening but is willing to continue to represent the Board. Mr. Quinn said that Mr. Dunn had not raised his prices in many years and Ms. White said that all his paperwork was in already. Mr. Sasso asked how many years Mr. Dunn was Counsel for the Board and Mr. Quinn responded at least forty. Mr. Quinn asked Ms. White when they needed planning services if the Board could still hire Mr. Snieckus from Burgis Associates and Ms. White agreed. She added that Mr. Vreeland is also a Planner.

Mr. Quinn asked Ms. White and Mr. Sasso if they had anything from the Council to add about possible Development issues. Ms. White said they had not heard anything about Black Millwork yet. Mr. Sasso said he was pleased to be the Council's liaison to the Planning Board.

On a motion from Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Sirico, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.