

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and stated it was open to the public in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

FLAG SALUTE**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Hughes, Cutler, Corcoran, Leuthe, Didyk, Taylor, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

Members Excused: Luthman, Jansen.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Ursula Leo, Esq.
Nevitt Duveneck, PE

Mr. O'Leary advised the Board that the attorney for Mr. Conforth was present to discuss the Conforth subdivision that had been approved at a prior meeting. Ms. Sorrentino, Esq. asked for an extension on the filing of the deeds. She said Mr. Conforth's mortgage lender is not responding to their request to subrogate the mortgage for the requested easement. Ms. Sorrentino asked if the Board would accept the deeds as written with Wells Fargo having priority over the Township with regard to the proposed easement.

Ms. Leo said the Board can grant the 6 month extension however the Board did not have jurisdiction over the mortgage issue and that the Board should recommend the matter to the Township Committee.

A motion to grant a 6 month extension for the filing of the deeds was made by Mr. Hughes. It was seconded by Ms. Didyk and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Corcoran, Leuthe, Didyk, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

Ms. Sorrentino said she will send a letter and a copy of the resolution to the Township Committee for her client's request.

COMPLETENESS / HEARINGS / CONCEPT:

1.) Fusco, Edward B:18 L:12.02 VAR14-1 (Deemed Incomplete 2/27/14)

Mr. O'Leary advised the Board that nothing has been received on this matter.

2.) Sheep Thrills B:8 L:2 MNRSP14-2 VAR14-3 (Deemed Complete 3/27/14)

Ms. Didyk stepped down for this matter.

Mr. O'Leary read a letter from the applicant's attorney asking to carry the application to the June meeting.

A motion to carry the application without further notice to the June 26 meeting date was made by Mr. Corcoran. It was seconded by Mr. Leuthe and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Cutler, Corcoran, Leuthe, Taylor, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

3.) Rasmussen, William B:7 L:36.09 VAR14-4 (Completeness Only)

Mr. Duveneck went over his report dated April 10, 2014 with the Board. He was concerned with the survey supplied since it was not done by a certified surveyor and a number of improvements on the property were not on the survey provided. There were some missing checklist items. He recommended the application be deemed incomplete.

Mr. Hughes expressed a concern that the distance from the proposed pool to the neighboring residences is not indicated on the plans provided. Mr. Duveneck said it is not a checklist item so he cannot require it at this point. Mr. Duveneck said he will request it from the applicant's surveyor. Mr. Duveneck said the Board should consider making it a checklist item.

A motion to deem the application incomplete was made by Mr. Hughes. It was seconded by Mr. Corcoran and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Cutler, Corcoran, Leuthe, Didyk, Taylor, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

AUDIENCE:

Mr. O'Leary opened the meeting to the public. With nobody coming forward, the meeting was closed to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:1.) Temporary Holiday Signs

Mr. O'Leary said he looked at other town's temporary sign ordinance. He said he did not see anything like Lafayette's ordinance. Mr. Cutler said he has not seen an ordinance like this in other towns but he thought it was a good ordinance.

Ms. Leo said Hopatcong has a period of time where they do not enforce their sign ordinance. Mr. Leuthe expressed a concern that Route 15 could start to look like Route 46 with all of the sign clutter.

Mr. Taylor asked if the ordinance was enforceable. Mr. Cutler felt it would be enforceable. There was a lengthy discussion on the removal of signs causing a safety issue.

A motion to recommend the proposed holiday sign ordinance to the Township Committee was made by Ms. Didyk. It was seconded by Mr. Cutler and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Cutler, Corcoran, Leuthe, Didyk, Taylor, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hughes reported that the Township will be conducting another business meeting on April 29, 2014. He also reported that the Township is working on its second rehab application. The Township has an obligation of 3 rehabilitation projects.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

ZONING REPORT:

Mr. Cutler went over the zoning permits he has issued. He discussed the court appearance for the Frick matter. Mr. Frick did not show up in court. Mr. Fette had received a complaint when he was employed by Lafayette Township and Mr. Cutler was following up on the matter.

BILLS: List #4

Mr. Leuthe went over the bills with the Board and recommended the bills be paid as presented.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Mr. Corcoran. It was seconded by Mr. Hughes and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Cutler, Corcoran, Leuthe, Taylor, Van Sickle, Henderson, O'Leary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) From: SC Soil Conservation District

Re: Beaver Run Solar Farm – Expiration of Certification June 7, 2014

2.) From Joanne Sorrentino, Esq.

Re: Conforth Subdivision – Request for Extension of Date for Deed Filing

3.) From: William P. Askin, Esq.

Re: 99 Route 15 (Sheep Thrills) – Request to Carry Application to June

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Van Sickle. It was seconded by Mr. Leuthe and passed with everyone saying aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pizzulo
Secretary

