

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm and stated it was open to the public in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: **Member Present:** Hughes, Suljic, O’Leary, Leuthe, Van Sickle, Aikens, Potter, Madewell, Deller, Andersen, Taylor.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: None.

MINUTES: July 18 , 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Hughes. It was seconded by Mr. Madewell and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Suljic, O’Leary, Van Sickle, Aikens, Potter, Madewell, Deller, Andersen, Taylor.

COMPLETNESS / HEARINGS / CONCEPT: None.

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting to the public. With no public present, the meeting was closed to the public.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:1.) Chapter XII Correction

The Board Secretary noted there was an error in Chapter 12 that needs to be corrected. She needs to get more clarification from the Township Clerk. The matter will be carried to the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

1.) Platz, David B: 19, L:8 VAR19-2

A motion to memorialize the resolution was made by Mr. Hughes. It was seconded by Mr. Madewell and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, O’Leary Deller, Van Sickle, Aikens, Potter Madewell, Andersen Potter.

ORDINANCES: None

ZONING REPORT: See Attached

Mr. O’Leary asked about the application for a cannabis dispensary. Mr. Suljic said dispensaries are not permitted so he denied the application.

Mrs. Aikens asked about the sites with possible contaminate soil. Mr. Suljic said the D.E.P. has cleared three of them and one is still under investigation.

LIAISON REPORTS:***Township Committee***

Mr. O’Leary reported the following:

The Township Committee has requested the Zoning Department include violations in its monthly report.

The Township Committee is holding in abeyance an amendment to the fee schedule to address the new commercial farm fire inspections since the State has indicated the regulations are being revised again.

The Township Committee is exploring the costs of foreclosing on municipal tax liens on certain properties.

The High Point Board of Education will appear at the Township Committee meeting for a budget presentation in September.

AC Power made a presentation to the Township Committee in July exploring the feasibility of establishing a community solar project over the existing Hamm's Landfill on Old Beaver Run Road. They explained that the company would work with the D.E.P. to bring the property back into compliance with D.E.P. decommissioning requirements. The Township Committee will be sending a letter of support of the project.

The Township Committee adopted the following spending ordinances: \$220,000.00 for road improvements for Statesville Quarry Road and Fox Hill Road, an acquisition of fire hoses for up to \$4,000.00 and \$13,000.00 for the installation of a new gas boiler for the municipal building, which will now be heated with natural gas provided by Elizabethtown Gas.

The proposed Curb and Gutter Ordinance was adopted at the August 6, 2019 meeting as well as a resolution to submit a grant application to the D.O.T. for \$220,000.00 for Phase Two of the improvements to Statesville Quarry Road. The Committee also made a motion to adopt a resolution to allow Planet Networks to use the Township Right of Way for installation of fiber optic cabling.

Open Space

The Open Space Committee did not meet in July however, there have been ongoing discussions with interns at the Land Conservancy. The Open Space Committee is getting them the information they require for the update to the Open Space Plan. Mr. O'Leary has been working with the Lafayette Recreation Commission and Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation. Other information needed is the number of youth sports participation and information on the Open Space Trust. The Open Space Plan will come before the Land Use Board to be incorporated as part of the Master Plan.

Mr. O'Leary said the Committee is working on new farm leases for the Township owned properties.

Ms. Van Sickle asked for an update on the Post Office. Mr. O'Leary said Josh Gottheimer sent a letter saying he was disappointed in the handling of the closing of the Post Office. Mr. Hughes said the person in charge of facilities in this area is back from vacation and she is gathering information. Ms. Van Sickle said the postal carrier suggested a petition. Mr. Hughes said he was told the Post Office will be back; they just need to find a suitable location.

Economic Development

Mr. Hughes reported there will be a public meeting with Elizabethtown Gas in October. He said they met with the gas company and they need more letters of interest.

Mr. Hughes said the sidewalk project is moving forward. The town is waiting for a letter and once they receive it, the project will go out for bid.

The Board Secretary advised that the final maps for the H Street project are ready for signature. The Land Use Board Engineer is having a pre-construction meeting with the contractor. Also, the cell tower has their construction permits and that should be starting as well.

BILLS: Bills List # 9

Mr. Leuthe went over the bills with the Board.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) From: Dykstra Associates, PC
Re: Letter of Interpretation for Block 7, Lot 25
- 2.) From: SC Department of Engineering & Planning

Re: Demarest Holdings, LLC – Approval Withheld Subject to Conditions

3.) From: Chris Nusser, PE, PP – Engineering & Land Planning Associates
Re: NJDEP Treatment Works Approval Permit – B:8, L:26.01

4.) From: Thomas Bodolsky, PE – Pequest Engineering Company
Re: Construct Driveway through Wetland Transition Area – B:31, L:1.03

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. Madewell and passed with everyone saying aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pizzulo
Board Secretary