

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
PLANNING BOARD**

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2021**

This meeting of the Rockaway Township Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson Jack Elko at 7:30pm in the Council Meeting Room of the Rockaway Township Municipal Building, 65 Mount Hope Road, Rockaway Township, New Jersey.

Announcement was made that this meeting was being held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice had been properly posted and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, mailed to all those persons requesting notification, and provided in writing to The Citizen of Morris County and The Daily Record on December 16, 2020. Notice to the paper was made via email. Formal action may be taken.

ATTENDANCE: Present: Mayor Puzio, Capt. Scherr, Chairmen Elko, Mr. Barilla, Mr. Washington, Mr. Romaine, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Lutz, Mrs. Platts Also present: Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Ferrante, Mr. Dimin, Mr. Novak and the writer.

Absent: Mr. Babcock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson Elko reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular meeting. Mayor Puzio made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Capt. Scherr. The approval of the minutes was unanimous.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mr. Dimin administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Katey Platts and Mrs. Rachael Brookes. Katey Platts is a Class IV, expires 12/31/2021. Rachael Brookes is an alternate, expires 12/31/2021

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairperson Elko opened with **PB# 2450 RT School District (Birchwood) 1 Art Street Block 10801 & 10802 Lot 26 & 25 Preliminary Site Plan Approval**. Mrs. Rachael Brookes exempt from PB# 2450 due to conflict of interest. RT School District had their Attorney, Dennis McKeever, Engineer, James Mauer from LAN Associates 445 Godwin Avenue Lincoln Park, NJ and Board of Education Secretary, Rachel DeCarlo at the meeting to explain and answer questions or concerns regarding the Preliminary Site Plan Approval. Mr. McKeever explained how Birchwood School would like to replace the existing sign with a new LD sign and they would be utilizing the existing footings. Mr. Mauer explained that the sign will not be illuminated between the hours of 12am-6am. The brightness of the sign would be 10,000 NIT during the daytime and 750 NIT during nighttime. The LED messages would include daily school events and up to date information regarding the changes of hybrid scheduling. The sign will be in the same exact location and will not impact any site triangles. Chairperson Elko wanted to confirm that the brightness of the sign will not affect cars driving by or houses in the neighborhood. Mr. Mauer explained that it would not due to the brightness from the LED lights and how the brightness changes during the day and at night. Mr. Dimin made the motion to close the hearing from the public, Mr. Washington made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Barilla. Mr. Quinn made a motion to approve, seconded by Chairperson Elko, with unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION: Mr. Dimin read the **Resolution for Payment for Professional Services from Escrow Accounts.** The approval of the Escrow was unanimous. Mr. Dimin read the **Resolution for PB# 2445 Bhandari.** The approval of the PB# 2445 was unanimous. Mr. Dimin read the **Resolution for PB# 2447 P.F. Chang's.** The approval of the PB# 2447 was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Consistency determination subject to NJSA40:55 D-26 A-Referral Powers
O-21-06 O-21-07 O-21-08 O-21-09
O-21-10 O-21-11 O-21-12 O-21-13
O-21-14 O-21-15

Dave Novak will provide a memo regarding this matter.

The approval was unanimous for all of the above ordinances listed above.

2. Chairperson Elko recommended that Katey Platts will be part of the Minor Subdivision. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Quinn, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Dimin made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:55pm, Mr. Quinn made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Washington. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4/19/21, at 7:30pm in the municipal courtroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Kahn, Recording Secretary