

**Reorganization Meeting For 2009
Pittsgrove Township Planning Board
January 5, 2009**

Appointment of Members:

Oath of office was administered by Mayor Peter Voros to the following Planning Board members:

Kirk Craver, Class III member for a one year term (2009)
Robert Widdifield, Class IV member for a four year term (2009 – 2012)
Thomas Figlio, Class IV member for a four year term (2009 – 2012)
Christine Seeney, Alt. No. 1 member for a two year term (2009 – 2010)
Thomas Hayes, Alt. No. 3 member for an unexpired two year term (2008 – 2009)
Deborah Shoemaker, Alt No. 4 member for a two year term (2009 – 2010)

Call Meeting to Order, Open Public Meetings Act Statement, Flag Salute, Roll Call

The reorganization meeting of the Planning Board of Pittsgrove Township was held on January 5, 2009 in the Municipal Building Courtroom. The meeting was called to order; compliance with the Open Meeting Act made and Flag Salute was lead by planning board member Gregory Hickson.

Regular members present were: Tom Figlio, Robert Widdifield, Robert Ternay, Joseph Lindmeier, Jacob Mihalecz, Greg Hickson, Kirk Craver, Mayor Peter Voros, Christine Seeney, William Wright, Tom Hayes and Deborah Shoemaker. Nancy Huster, Land Use Administrator/Planning Board Secretary was also present.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman by Planning Board

Joseph Lindmeier was nominated for Temporary Chairman. On a motion by Robert Ternay and seconded by Jack Mihalecz, Joseph Lindmeier was elected as Temporary Chairman.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Appointment of Chairman for the Year 2009 by Planning Board

Greg Hickson was nominated for Chairman for the year 2009. On a motion by Tom Figlio and seconded by Robert Widdifield, Greg Hickson was elected as Chairman for the year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Appointment of Vice Chairman by Planning Board

Joseph Lindmeier was nominated for Vice Chairman for the year 2009. On a motion by Robert Widdifield and seconded by Tom Figlio, Joseph Lindmeier was elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Appointment of Secretary by Planning Board

Nancy Huster was nominated for Secretary for the year 2009. On a motion by Robert Widdifield and seconded by Jack Mihalecz, Nancy Huster was elected as Secretary of the Planning Board for the year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Official Newspaper

On a motion by Robert Ternay and seconded by Tom Figlio the Official Newspapers of the Planning Board are the Vineland Daily Journal and Today's Sunbeam.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Designation of 2009 Regular Meeting Dates, Time and Place and Reorganization Meeting Date for 2010

On a motion by Robert Widdifield and seconded by Joseph Lindmeier the regular meetings of the Planning Board for the year 2009 will be held on the first Tuesday and third Tuesday evening of each month, with the exception of June and November. The Reorganization Meeting date will be January 5, 2010. The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Award of Contract - Award Contract Pursuant to a Fair and Open Process to Provide Planning Board Solicitor Services - Live presentations by each firm to begin at 8:00 pm.

The board discussed the reason for live presentations. Some members reported they were in favor of obtaining a summary listing of proposals, received last year that was prepared by the Township Administrator.

Mayor Voros noted the complaints he received from residents regarding the Planning Board Solicitor's fees, difficulty in the planning process regarding businesses and applicants not being informed of incomplete or unacceptable items until the their presentation at the meeting.

The board voted on whether or not they were in favor of live presentations.

A motion was made by Mayor Voros and seconded by Joseph Lindmeier to entertain live presentations from the proposals for Planning Board Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote: yes – Voros, Lindmeier, Figlio, Mihalecz and Seeney.

No – Widdifield, Ternay and Craver

The board will entertain presentations from the Solicitors who submitted proposals to the Planning Board.

Kevin McCann and Shanna McCann from the Law Firm of Chance & McCann, from Bridgeton presented their proposal to the Planning Board for Solicitor for the year 2009. The board questioned the attorneys regarding their experience with Planning, Land Use Law and fees.

David Avedissian, from a Law Office in Haddonfield presented his proposal to the Planning Board for Solicitor for the year 2009. The board questioned the attorney regarding his experience with Planning, Land Use Law and fees.

William L. Horner from the Horner and Horner, LLC in Salem presented his proposal to the Planning Board for Solicitor for the year 2009. The board questioned Mr. Horner regarding his fees and some complaints stated by prior applicants.

The board discussed the three proposals for Planning Board Solicitor. Some members reported on their satisfaction with Mr. Horner's experience and knowledge of land use law.

William Horner was nominated for Planning Board Solicitor. On a motion by Robert Ternay and seconded by Jack Mihalecz, William L. Horner was reappointed as Planning Board Solicitor for the year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

Award Contract Pursuant to a Fair and Open Process to Provide Planning Board Engineer Services

The board reviewed the proposals for Planning Board Engineer and discussed whether or not they were in favor of live presentations, at a later date, for the Planning Board Engineer proposals. It was decided presentations would not be required this year.

Sickels and Associates, Inc. were nominated for Planning Board Engineer. On a motion by Mayor Voros and seconded by Robert Ternay Sickels and Associates were reappointed as Planning Board Engineer for the year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: All were in favor.

The board discussed the number of proposals to be submitted by professionals when sending out the RFP's for next year. Most members were of the opinion that a copy for each planning board member would be excessive.

On a motion by Kirk Craver and seconded by Jack Mihalecz the board agrees to require eight copies (remains the same as 2008) in the RFP and will appoint a sub-committee to review the proposals for 2010 and report to the Planning Board. The sub-committee will meet on December 15, 2009.

Vote: All in favor.

The board members confirmed they are in favor of having a work meeting on the first meeting of each month whenever possible.

Mayor Voros requested for the board members to speak up about any ideas or issues they have to improve the board. He welcomed the new members and thanked all members for their time and devotion to the Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jack Mihalecz and seconded by Christine Seeney.

Vote: All in favor.

Nancy L. Huster
Land Use Administrator/Board Secretary