

BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN
PLANNING BOARD

8 North Main Street / PO Box 487 / Allentown, NJ 08501

MINUTES from JANUARY 8, 2025



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Fritts, Jennifer Elder Brady VIA ZOOM, Allison Arnone VIA ZOOM, George Fallat VIA ZOOM, Joseph Fidler, Lynne Meara, Jamie Ford, Vincent Tavernite VIA ZOOM & Thomas Monahan VIA ZOOM

ABSENT: Councilmember Dan Payson, Jeffrey McLaughlin & Ron Kuzma

ALSO, PRESENT: Jane Davis, Board Secretary; Michele Donato, Esq. VIA ZOOM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act was provided to this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Borough bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE: Ms. Davis administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ford who has moved from an Alternate position to a Class IV.

NOMINATIONS: Mr. Fallat nominated Ms. Meara as Chair; seconded by Mr. Ford and approved unanimously. Mr. Fidler nominated Mr. Fallat as Vice-Chair; seconded by Mr. Monahan and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public was present.

MINUTES: September 3, 2024 – Mr. Monahan made a motion to approve the minutes with a typographical correction. Seconded by Mr. Ford; Ms. Brady, Ms. Arnone, Mr. Fallat, Mr. Fidler, Ms. Meara, Mr. Ford & Mr. Monahan voted yes. Mayor Fritts & Mr. Tavernite abstained; Councilmember Payson, Mr. McLaughlin & Mr. Kuzma were absent. *SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVED 7-0 WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS & 3 ABSENCES.*

November 4, 2024 – Mr. Monahan made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Ford; Mayor Fritts, Ms. Arnone, Mr. Fallat, Mr. Fidler, Ms. Meara, Mr. Ford & Mr. Monahan voted yes. Ms. Brady abstained; Councilmember Payson, Mr. McLaughlin & Mr. Kuzma were absent. *SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVED 8-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION & 3 ABSENCES.*

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-01 – Meeting Schedule

2025-02 – Newspaper Designation

2025-03 – Appointing Board Professionals

Mr. Monahan made motion to approve all resolutions with corrections as discussed. It was seconded by Ms. Arnone; all ayes with 3 absences.

RESOLUTIONS 2025-01, 2025-02 & 2025-03 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CHAIR & BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: Mayor Fritts – He provides updates on the Council Reorganization meeting held on January 7, 2025, where a new Council President was appointed, and on the installation of traffic beacons on South Main Street and Church Street. Additionally, he discusses a bill drafted that will be introduced on January 30, 2025, regarding state planning, flood management, and the construction of warehouses within a specified distance of historic districts, which would prevent construction unless approved before the bill's adoption.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Fidler made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Monahan. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectively submitted by:



Jane Davis, Planning Board Secretary
Approved & Adopted at the March 3, 2025 Planning Board Meeting.