

Franklin Township Land Use Board
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025

The Franklin Township (Warren County) Land Use Board met for their reorganization and regular meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025. Attorney Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared all aspects of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met by posting a notice of this meeting on the Municipal Bulletin board and providing a copy to the municipal clerk. Advertisement of notice was posted in the Star Ledger of Newark, NJ and the Express Times of Easton, Pa. as well as the Franklin Township website.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Schneider.

OATHS:

Mr. Schneider gave the Oath of Office to the following members: Mr. Guth, Mr. Onembo, Mr. Herzer, Mr. Sigler and Mr. Santini

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Balogh, Mr. Butler, Mr. Guth, Mr. Herzer, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Onembo, Mr. Santini, Mr. Sigler, Mr. Truskowski, Mr. Sciortino

Also Present: Attorney Richard Schneider, Engineer Bryce Good

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Appointment of Chairperson – Motion by Mr. Guth, seconded by Mr. Onembo to appoint Mr. Meltzer as Chairperson. No other nominations were heard. Motion carried unanimously by all in favor to appoint Mr. Meltzer.

Appointment of Vice Chairperson – Motion by Mr. Onembo, seconded by Mr. Payne to appoint Mr. Corde as Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were heard. Motion carried unanimously by all in favor to appoint Mr. Corde.

Appointment of Secretary – Motion by Mr. Guth, seconded by Mr. Herzer to appoint Kelley Smith as Secretary. No other nominations were heard. Motion carried unanimously by all in favor to appoint Kelley Smith.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Santini and carried unanimously by all in favor to adopt the following Resolutions:

- R:25-1; A resolution setting the schedule of meeting dates.
- R:25-2; A resolution setting the official newspapers as the Express Times NJ Zone and Star Ledger.
- R:25-3; A resolution appointing Land Use Board Professionals: Bryce Good (Engineer); Richard Schneider (Attorney); James Kyle (Planner)

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Butler to approve the minutes of September 5, 2024.
Roll Call: Ayes; Mr. Balogh, Mr. Butler, Mr. Herzer, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Onembo, Mr. Sciortino, Mr. Santini, Mr. Sigler, Mr. Truszkowski. Nays; none.

DISCUSSION

Bryce Good introduced himself and gave a brief description on the departure of Mike Finelli and his new role with the County.

A brief discussion took place on the Legal Newspaper since The Express Times is going digital and will not be publishing legal notices. Kelley will advise as things evolve.

Mr. Onembo brought to the attention of the Board a potential application for what should be a use variance. A general discussion took place on different matters relating to same.

BILL PAYMENT:

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Herzer, seconded by Mr. Meltzer to pay the bills submitted. Motion carried by All In Favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jackie McMarkus, 169 Asbury Bloomsbury Road. Asked the Board if they knew why there was JHS Consulting along the road surveying. They also had a drone and was walking across her property. After a brief discussion the Board advised they knew of nothing taking place in that area. She also asked if there was any activity on the warehouses. She was advised that the Board has not heard anything.

Motion by Mr. Herzer, seconded by Mr. Guth and carried by all in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Smith
Land Use Board Secretary