

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 14, 2019
MINUTES**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall by Chairman Langschultz.

Adequate Notice Statement:

The Chairman announced that the Meeting was in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Notice of this meeting was posted in two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News. The public was advised of the Planning Board's rule that the meetings will be concluded by 11:00 p.m.

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2019 REORGANIZATION

The following members were sworn in by Attorney Sal Princiotta:

Mayor Designee: Councilman Corrado Belgiovine (term ending December 31, 2019)

Class II Member: Robert Friedberg (term expiring December 31, 2019)

Class III Member: Councilwoman Angela Hayes (term ending December 31, 2019)

Class IV: Nilufer DeScherer (term ending December 31, 2022)

Class IV: Joseph Langschultz (term ending December 31, 2022)

Alternate 1: Thomas Panso (term ending December 31, 2020)

The following member will be sworn in at the next Planning Board meeting:

Class 1: Mayor Carlos Rendo

Roll Call:

Corrado Belgiovine, Councilman	Present
Jane Ann Whitchurch-Carluccio	Present
David Ciaudelli	Absent

Nilufer DeScherer	Present
Cheryl Dispoto	Present
Robert Friedberg	Present
Angela Hayes, Councilwoman	Present
Joseph Langschultz	Present
Brian LaRose	Present
Peter Michelis	Present
Thomas Panso	Present
Carlos Rendo, Mayor	Absent
Sal Princiotta, Attorney	Present
Meg Smith, Secretary	Present
Evan Jacobs, Engineer	Present
Richard Preiss, Planner	Present

Chairman / Vice Chairman of the Planning Board: A motion was made by Councilman Belgiovine to appoint Joseph Langschultz as Chairman of the Planning Board for the year 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whitchurch-Carluccio. A motion was made by Councilman Belgiovine to appoint Jane Ann Whitchurch-Carluccio as Vice Chairwoman of the Planning Board for the year 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michelis. With all members in favor, Mr. Langschultz was named Planning Board Chairman and Ms. Whitchurch-Carluccio as the Vice Chairwoman for the Planning Board for 2019.

Planning Board Attorney: Mr. Princiotta detailed the current board professionals.

Ms. Dispoto stated that she had reviewed the May minutes and at that time Mr. Princiotta was filling in temporarily as Planning Board attorney. Ms. Dispoto questioned Mr. Princiotta and asked if he was still interested in the Planning Board attorney position.

Mr. Princiotta stated that Mr. Eyerman is interested and qualified and that it was important to have continuity. Mr. Eyerman has worked for the Woodcliff Lake Mayor & Council and is familiar with the town.

Mr. Eyerman addressed the board and detailed his qualifications, past work history, and provided his resume for review.

Mr. Langschultz polled the board regarding the appointment of a board attorney at this meeting. Majority of the board were comfortable voting for the Board attorney position at this time with the exception of Councilwoman Hayes and Ms. Dispoto who stated that they would like to do due diligence and review resumes before voting for this position.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Eyerman, of Dario, Albert, Metz & Eyerman as the Planning Board Attorney for the year 2019 by Councilman Belgiovine, and seconded by Mr. Panso. A roll call vote was taken. Councilman Belgiovine, Mr. Friedberg, Ms. DeScherer, Mr. Michelis, Ms. Whitchurch-Carluccio, Mr. Panso, and Chairman Langschultz voted in favor. Councilwoman

Hayes and Ms. Dispoto were opposed. Mr. Eyerman was named Planning Board Attorney for 2019.

Planning Board Engineer and Traffic Consultant: A motion was made to appoint Neglia Engineering as the Planning Board Engineer and Traffic Consultant for the year 2019 by Mr. Belgiovine, and seconded by Mr. Panso. A roll call vote was taken, with all members in favor, Neglia Engineering was named Planning Board Engineer and Traffic Consultant for 2019.

Planning Board Planner: A motion was made to appoint Richard Preiss of Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC as the Planning Board Planner for the year 2019 by Ms. Dispoto, and seconded by Ms. DeScherer. A roll call vote was taken, with all members in favor, Richard Preiss was named Planning Board Planner for 2019.

Planning Board Secretary: A motion was made to appoint Meg Smith as the Planning Board Secretary for the year 2019 by Mr. Belgiovine, and seconded by Ms. Dispoto. A roll call vote was taken, with all members in favor, Ms. Smith was named Planning Board Secretary for 2019.

Resolution No. 19-01

2019 Dates

Approval of 2019 Planning Board Meeting Dates

A motion to approve the 2019 schedule of the Planning Board meetings as discussed and amended was made by Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Ms. DeScherer. A roll call vote was taken, with all members in favor, the 2019 dates were approved.

Public Session:

The meeting was opened to the public on a motion from Mr. Panso, seconded by Councilman Belgiovine, and carried by all.

The following members of the public addressed the Planning Board:

- 1) Mr. Craig Marson expressed his disappointment by the rush to appoint a board attorney.
- 2) Ms. Josephine Higgins agreed with Mr. Marson and thought the board should take more time to choose an attorney. Ms. Higgins thanked Mr. Princiotto for his work as Planning Board attorney. Mr. Langschultz thanked Ms. Higgins for her service to Woodcliff Lake.
- 3) Mr. Ulises Cabrera thanked the board members for their service and questioned the procedure to appoint a board professional. Mr. Langschultz stated that he has been on the Board for approximately 15 years and it has happened that the board professionals have been appointed at the meeting without submitting resumes. Mr. Langschultz stated that Mr. Eyerman has previously worked for the Mayor and Council, has the support of the majority of the board and that Mr. Princiotto has stated that he thinks that Mr. Eyerman is qualified. Ms. Dispoto explained that she did

not support the vote for Board attorney because she had questioned the process when she first saw the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Dispoto stated that she was advised that there would be a discussion at the meeting. Ms. Dispoto requested resumes so that she could review qualifications and compare but she was told that resumes had not been requested for this board attorney position. Mr. Cabrera stated that for the sake of transparency he felt that more time should have been allowed to make this decision.

- 4) Mr. Joseph La Paglia thanked Mr. Princiotta for his service to the Planning Board.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, **the meeting was closed to the public** on a motion from Ms. Whitchurch-Carluccio, and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes, and carried by all.

Minutes:

The minutes of August 14, 2018 were approved on a motion from Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Ms. DeScherer, and carried by all members that were present at the August 14, 2018 meeting.

The minutes of November 19, 2018 were approved on a motion from Councilman Belgiovine, seconded by Mr. Panso and carried by all members that were present at the November 19, 2018 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Ms. Dispoto, and seconded by Councilman Belgiovine, and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith
Board Secretary