

**Borough of Watchung  
Board of Adjustment Meeting  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Minutes**

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Salute to the flag. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Fechtner (X) Hunsinger (X) Dallas (A) Brown (X) Kita (X) Panzarella (X)

Bell (X) Clemens (X) Cronheim (X) Stires (X) McDonald(A)

Also present was Board Engineer Dave Stires and Zoning Officer Edward Bennett.

Chairman Cronheim indicated there was a quorum to conduct business. The Chair stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the open public meetings law and proper notification of this meeting has been made.

Chairman Cronheim made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as published. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bell. Chairman Cronheim called for a voice vote which was as follows:

Fechtner (yes) Hunsinger (yes) Brown (yes) Kita (yes) Panzarella (yes) Bell (yes)

Clemens (yes) Cronheim (yes)

Motion carried and minutes were approved.

**APPLICATION**

BA14-12-Jacob Ginder

104 Hillcrest Road

Block 4310 Lot 9

Driveway addition

Variance relief for the following:

Sideyard setback of 10' where 15' required

And any and all variances as needed

Jacob Ginder came to the microphone and was sworn in. Mr. Bennett said that Mr. Ginder was present for the addition of a driveway that created a need for variance relief for a sideyard setback of 10' where 15' was required. This driveway was added and opened onto Evergreen Lane. Chairman Cronheim stated for the record that the board did not have the authority to grant a driveway addition unless it was to a public street. Mr. Ginder said that there was still a driveway that opened up onto Hillcrest Road. Mr. Bennett said that even though it is a corner lot, both of the other setbacks comply with the ordinance. Mr. Ginder said that he started this process last year, but since has been transferred for his job. He said that they have decided to leave the Hillcrest Driveway as it is, to give a potential buyer to have a choice. He said that he added the Evergreen Lane driveway due to the fact that pulling out on and off of Hillcrest Road is so dangerous. Mr. Ginder said that there is no formal Homeowners Association on Evergreen Lane. He said that neighbors pool money to maintain the road, but it not a formal association. Mr. Ginder said that the Borough Tax Assessor said he could change the address to Evergreen Lane. Hearing no one comment for against the application from the audience, the Chair closed the public portion of this application and made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Mr. Brown. Hearing no more discussion, the Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll call vote was as follows:

Fechtner (yes) Hunsinger (yes) Brown (yes) Kita (yes) Panzarella (yes) Bell (yes)

Clemens (yes) Cronheim (yes)

Motion carried and the application was approved.

PURCHASE ORDER- David Stires Associates- \$2,512.50 was approved by the board by unanimous vote.

Badin- Board Engineer said there have been three inspections of the wall to see if it has shifted or moved, and that at the last inspection, it had moved very little. The applicant and her engineer will be contacted for additional information.

The Board discussed taking the Triangle Shopping Center area out of the Historical Overlay District. The annual report to the Mayor and Council and Planning Board would be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Hearing no more discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'C' and a long, horizontal stroke extending from the top of the 'y'.

Carolyn Taylor  
Board of Adjustment Clerk