

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Regular Meeting [Virtual]
December 14, 2021**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
Adopted 1/13/22**

Chairman Cronheim called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. DJ Hunsinger	Dr. Richard Steinfeld (
Mr. Richard Brown	Mr. Daniel Cronheim, Chairman
Mr. Hank Kita	David A. Stires, PE, PP, Board Engineer
Ms. Sondra Fetchner	John Kaplan, Esq., Board Attorney
Mr. PJ Panzarella	Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk
Mr. Mitchell Taraschi (arrived at 7:40)	
Mr. Wanye Hanlon	

Chairman Cronheim read the statement indicating the meeting was being conducted according to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law requirements, and the recording of the Minutes as required by law. In order to comply with the Executive Orders signed by the governor, and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the CDC and DCA for emergency meeting protocol, the meeting was held virtually for all board members, board professionals, the applicant and interested parties and members of the public.

Chairman Cronheim led the flag salute to the American flag, and the Board members identified themselves for the record.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hunsinger, seconded by Chairman Cronheim, the minutes from October 14, 2021, Regular Meeting, were accepted based on the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Mr. Hunsinger, Mr. Brown, Ms. Fetchner, and Chairman Cronheim
Nays:	
Not Eligible:	Mr. Kita, Mr. Panzarella, Mr. Hanlon, and Dr. Steinfeld
Abstain:	
Absent:	Mr. Taraschi

TEMPORARY SIGNS

- 1) Michaels requested approval for temporary signs to advertise a grand opening.

- 2) Big Blue Swim School requested approval for temporary signs to advertise a grand opening.

On motion by Mr. Hunsinger, seconded by Ms. Fetchner, the board approved the temporary signs based on the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Hunsinger, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kita, Ms. Fetchner, Mr. Panzarella, Mr. Hanlon, Dr. Steinfeld, and Chairman Cronheim

Nays:

Not Eligible:

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Taraschi

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Cronheim discussed various elements included in the 2020 Master Plan Reexamination Report.

The Board made the following recommendations for the 2021 Annual Report:

- 1) Every project should consider the impact of downhill flooding onto Route 22 and main roads throughout the Borough. The hundred-year flood holdings and controls have proven insufficient for mitigating against flood damage.
- 2) Changes to the tree ordinance should include 1) no limitations on removing trees that interfere with the power lines and 2) allowing residents to have more control over the management of the trees on their property. The size of the trees on older lots threatens more than powerlines. They can crush roofs, entire houses, block streets, and crushed cars.

The meeting was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Snyder
Board Clerk