

# **BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG PLANNING BOARD**

**TRACEE SCHAEFER, CHAIRWOMAN**

**Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2019**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Adopted March 19, 2019**

Chairwoman Schaefer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Desnyers, Councilman Sopko, Ms. Pennett, Mr. Pote, Ms. Spingler and Ms. Joren. Also present were Frank Linnus, Esq., Board Attorney, Tom Herits, P.E., Board engineer, Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk. Mayor Balla came prior to the meeting start time feeling sick, and because there was a quorum, was asked to leave. Mr. Speeney requested at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that he have an excused absence at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Ellis was absent. There were no members from the public present.

Chairwoman Schaefer indicated that there was a quorum to conduct business and stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Act and proper notification of this meeting had been made. She then led the flag salute to the American flag, and the Board members identified themselves for the record.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Pote, seconded by Ms. Pennett, the amended minutes for the January 15, 2019, Reorganizational and Regular Meeting were accepted and carried on voice votes with Ms. Spingler abstaining.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Housing Element and Fair Share Plan**

The public hearing on the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was adjourned to the March 19, 2019 meeting with further notice. The Board was not in receipt of Appendix II which should have been submitted to the Clerk's office prior to the meeting date. Mr. Cruz, esq. reached out to Mr. Linnus, esq. requesting a delay of the public hearing until the Board had a complete package.

### **DISCUSSION**

Councilman Sopko asked if Tom Herits, PE had anything to report. Mr. Herits informed the Board that the builders of the Cinemark location have been working feverishly to complete the building. Also, on the Seritage site two pads have been approved for Chick-Fil-A and Zinburger restaurants. He will begin inspections on those sites.

### **ADJOURN**

On motion by Ms. Spingler, seconded by Mr. Desnoyer, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Theresa Snyder*

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Board Clerk