

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
 PLANNING BOARD
 TRACEE SCHAEFER, CHAIRWOMAN
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2024
Adopted On: 11/12/2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Tracee Schaefer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:29 pm. and read the statement indicating the meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law requirements, and the recording of the Minutes as required by law and proper notice has been given.

Chairwoman Shaefer then led the group in saluting the American flag in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Linnus was absent and standing in as attorney was Ms. Kristen Seibold esq.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Tracee Schaefer, Chairwoman- present	Mr. Dustin Antonio - present
Mr. Donald Speeney, Vice Chairman - present	Mr. Troy Sims – present
Mr. Ronald Jubin, Mayor – present	Ms. Jackie Bodnar – present
Mr. Robert Gibbs, Councilman – present	Mr. Francis P. Linnus, Esq. - -(Absent)
Ms. Ellen Spingler, Secretary – present	Mr. Mark Healey, PP - (Absent)
Ms. Jennifer Kobliska- -(Absent)	Mr. Richard Calbi Jr., Board Engineer – - (Absent)
Ms. Karen Pennett – present	Mr. John Jahr, Board Traffic Engineer- present
Mr. Stephen Pote - present	Ms. Catherine Furlan Board Clerk- present

MINUTES

A quorum was present for the meeting and the Chairwoman asked for a motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes from September 17th, 2024 which was moved by Mr. Speeney and seconded by Mr. Gibbs. It was opened to discussion by the Chair and carried on voice vote all in favor. No one abstained.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

PB24-02; RAISING CANE’S

Proposed Fast-Food Restaurant with Drive-Thru
 Blue Star Shopping Center
 Block 6404, Lots 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, & 2.04

The applicant proposes to replace the existing +/-8,616 sf Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet pad site fronting on Route 22 with a 3,760-sf Raising Cane’s restaurant with a 2-lane drive thru.

Applicant was not present but their attorney, Michael O'Grodnick, sent a letter requesting an adjournment until the November meeting in order to address comments from the Board and professionals. This case will be carried with no further notice required by the applicant.

Board Engineer John Jahr gave an update on the application as he has been meeting with the applicant. He has some concerns regarding the circulation of the drive thru.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment, hearing none the public comment portion was closed.

The Board discussed the next meeting date and possibly changing the date from November 19th to the 12th since some members would be away.

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. The next Regular Meeting will be November 12th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine Furlan

Board Clerk