

**HARDING TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE—Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall announced the meeting of the Harding Township Planning Board was given as follows: Notice was sent to the *DAILY RECORD* and the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE*, posted on the Township Bulletin Board, and filed with the Clerk's Office, located in the Township Hall located at 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, NJ. Notice indicated that formal action may be taken.

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Taglairino noted that the Township Committee made the following appointments in December 2022:

Tracey Walters	Class IV	4 year unexpired term 12/31/24
Darren Burns	Alternate #1	2 year term expiring 12/31/22

Ms. Taglairino noted the following appointments were made to the Planning Board:

Timothy Jones	Mayor's Designee (Class I)	1 year term ending 12/31/23
Christopher Yates	TC Member (Class III)	1 year term ending 12/31/23
Darren Burns	Alternate #1	2 year term ending 12/31/24
Frank Rosato	Alternate #2	2 year unexpired term 12/31/23

Mr. Hall swore in the appointees, and they signed their oaths of office.

ROLL CALL—Ms. Taglairino

The roll was called. The following were present:

Mr. Burns	Ms. Claytor	Mr. dePoortere	Mr. Newlin	Mr. Rosato (7:23)
Mr. Chipperson	Mr. Clew	Ms. Walters	Mr. Yates	Mr. Edgar
Mr. Jones				

Mr. Hall, the Board Attorney, Mr. Fox, the Board Engineer, Ms. Mertz, the Board Planner, and Lori Taglairino, the Board Secretary were also present.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Mr. Hall opened the nominations for the election of the 2023 Chair.

Mr. dePoortere made a motion to nominate Mr. Clew as Chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Yates. On a voice vote all were in favor of electing Mr. Clew as Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Clew

ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Clew made a motion to nominate Mr. Chipperson as Vice Chair. It was seconded by Mr. Jones. On a voice vote all were in favor of electing Mr. Chipperson as Vice Chair.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

Resolution PB # 01-2023 to Provide Professional Services

Resolution PB #01-2023 proposed the service of the following professionals for the Planning Board: Vincent Loughlin of Loughlin Law Firm as Board Attorney, Paul Fox, of the firm of Apgar Associates, as Engineering Consultant, McKinley Mertz of the firm of Heyer Gruel and Associates and Gary Hall, Esq., of the firm of McCarter and English, Attorney as Conflict Counsel .

Mr. Yates made a motion to approve Resolution PB #01-2022. It was seconded by Mr. dePoortere. On a voice vote all were in favor of appointing the professionals to the Board.

Resolution PB #02-2023 Meeting Dates

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2023. It was seconded by Mr. Chipperson. On a voice vote all were in favor of the scheduled 2023 meeting dates.

Resolution PB # 03-2023 for “Do Not to Exceed Limits” for the Professionals

A motion was made by Mr. Edgar to approve Resolution PB#03-2022 for the Do Not Exceed Limits for the professionals. It was seconded by Mr. dePoortere. On a voice vote all were in favor of approving the Do Not Exceed Limits for the professionals.

Mr. Hall swore in the professionals for 2023.

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Yates to approve the October 24, 2022 minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Newlin. On a voice vote all eligible members were in favor of approving the minute's packet.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Clew announced that the 2023 Goals and Objectives would be discussed at a later date.

SECOND COMPLETENESS

PB Application #02-22

Norman Slonaker
55 Youngs Road, B47/L13.01, RR Zone
Subdividing 2 lots with 2 dwellings with variance relief
requested for a setback.

Mr. Fox noted for the record that the Slonaker application was deemed complete.

Mr. Newlin made a motion to deem the application complete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chipperson. The Board deemed the application complete and ready for hearing upon proper notice.

REDEVELOPMENT

Area In Need Study Presentation-Ms. Mertz

- Ms. Mertz gave a presentation about an Area in Need of Study for Redevelopment.
- Ms. Mertz outlined the criteria for a study.
- Block 34, Lot 1.01 was presented as an area in need of study.

Mr. dePoortere made a motion to recommend to the Township Committee that Block 34 Lot 1.01 be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edgar. On a voice vote, all were in favor of the recommendation.

Redevelopment Plan Presentation-Ms. Mertz

- Ms. Mertz presented minor changes to the existing Redevelopment Plan for Glen Alpin/Hurstmont.

Mr. dePoortere made a motion to recommend the proposed changes to the Township Committee, finding them to be consistent with the Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edgar. On a voice vote, all were in favor of the proposed changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17

Respectfully Submitted by

Lori Taglairino

Lori Taglairino, Planning Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION PB# 01-2023
PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
JANUARY 23, 2023**

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS TO SERVE THE PLANNING BOARD DURING 2023

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Harding has a need for professional legal, and engineering consultant services; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. A. 40A: II-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the retention of certain professional services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Planning Board of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris that

1. The following appointments be made for the year 2023:
 - a. Paul Fox, of the firm of Apgar Associates, as Engineering Consultant; and
 - b. McKinley Mertz, of the firm Heyer Gruel and Associates, as Planner; and
 - c. Vincent Loughlin of Loughlin Law Firm; and
 - d. Gary T. Hall, Esq., of the firm of McCarter and English, Attorney as Conflict Counsel;
2. Said appointments are made without competitive bidding as professional service under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because lawyers and engineers are recognized professionals licensed and regulated by law.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Observer Tribune as required by law.

I hereby certify this true copy of a Resolution approved by the Planning Board of the Township of Harding at a meeting held on January 23, 2023.

**RESOLUTION PB #02-2023
PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
JANUARY 23, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 2024

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meeting Act" R.S. 10:4-6 and following, requires that public bodies provide adequate notice of meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

1. From February 2023 through January 2024, meetings will be held by the Planning Board to discuss or act upon public business at 7:00 pm prevailing time, on the following dates:

FEBRUARY 27, 2023
MARCH 27, 2023
APRIL 24, 2023
May 22, 2023
JUNE 26, 2023
JULY 24, 2023
AUGUST 28, 2023
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
OCTOBER 23, 2023
NOVEMBER 27, 2023
DECEMBER 18, 2023 (THIRD)
JANUARY 22, 2024

2. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be (a) mailed to the OBSERVER-TRIBUNE, (b) mailed to the DAILY RECORD, (c) filed with the Clerk of the Township of Harding, (d) posted on Township webpage and the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Township Hall and, (e) mailed to any person requesting notices of meeting of the Planning Board pursuant to R.S. 10:4-19 who has paid \$15.00 for agendas and \$25.00 for agendas and minutes, which sum is hereby fixed to cover the costs of providing notice of all meetings of this body during 2023 and January 22, 2024. The foregoing shall be accomplished within seven (7) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

I hereby certify this is a true copy of a Resolution approved by the Planning Board of the Township of Harding at a meeting held on January 23, 2023.

Harding Township, Planning Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION PB #03-2023
HARDING TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 23, 2023**

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DURING 2023

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Harding previously appointed professionals to provide legal services and engineering services via Resolution PB #01-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has a need to award contract for the above-mentioned professionals; and

WHEREAS, Resolution PB #03-2023 of the Planning Board of the Township of Harding is providing for the award of contract to:

1. Vincent Loughlin of the Loughlin Law Firm, as Board Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, from account #01-2023-1180- 0180-2-00035, and
2. Paul Fox, of the firm of Apgar Associates, as Engineering Consultant, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 from account #01-2023-1180-0180-2-00036, and
3. Mc Kinley Mertz of the firm Heyer Gruel and Associates, as Planner, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 from account #01-2023-1180-0180-2-00037, and
4. Gary Hall, Esq. of the firm McCarter and English, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 from account #01-2023-1180-0180-2-00035.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Harding in County of Morris that the above contracts are hereby awarded for a one-year period.

Resolution adopted January 23, 2023 by the Harding Township Planning Board.

Lori Taglairino, Planning Board Secretary