

**BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS**  
Planning Board Reorganization Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
January 6, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Attorney Susan Rubright called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Far Hills Municipal Building and read the Open Public Meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Attorney Rubright led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Robert Lewis, Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler and Marilyn Layton

Also Present: Susan Rubright, Board Attorney, David Banisch, Planner, Steve Bolio, Engineer and Shana L. Goodchild, Secretary

Absent: John Lawlor, Alt. #1 and Gerrie McManus, Alt. #2

There were approximately three (3) audience members present.

**APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE**

Board Attorney Susan Rubright administered the Oaths of Office for the following appointed Board members:

- Sheila Tweedie (Class III) (Council Member) 1 year term expiring 12/31/20
- Richard Rinzler (Class IV), unexpired term of Devine, expiring 12/31/20
- Marilyn Layton (Class IV), 4 year term expiring 12/31/23
- Robert Lewis (Class IV), 4 year term expiring 12/31/23
- Gerrie McManus (Alternate #2) 2 year term expiring 12/31/21

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie nominated Robert Lewis for Board Chairman, seconded by Marilyn Layton. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Those in Favor: Robert Lewis, Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler and Marilyn Layton

Those Opposed: None

Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie nominated Tom Rochat for Vice Chairman, seconded by Kevin Welsh. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

After a brief discussion, the Board chose to follow the same practice as in 2019 and appoint the same person to serve as both the Administrative and Board Secretary. To that end, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie nominated Shana Goodchild for the Secretary, seconded by Chairman Robert Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

**RESOLUTIONS**

Designation of Newspapers, Resolution# 2020-01

Ms. Goodchild advised that the address for the Bernardsville News should read “Whippany”, rather than “Bernardsville”. On a motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Kevin Welsh the resolution was adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

2020 Meeting Dates, Resolution# 2020-02

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Vice Chairman Tom Rochat the resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

Appointment of Planning Board Secretary, Resolution# 2020-03

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Marilyn Layton the resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

Appointment of Planning Board Attorney, Resolution# 2020-04

On a motion by Vice Chairman Tom Rochat, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie the resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

Appointment of Planning Board Planner, Resolution# 2020-05

On a motion by Vice Chairman Tom Rochat, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie the resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

Appointment of Planning Board Engineer, Resolution# 2020-06

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Vice Chairman Tom Rochat the resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Tom Rochat, Mayor Paul Vallone, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Kevin Welsh, Richard Rinzler, Marilyn Layton and Chairman Robert Lewis

Those Opposed: None

**ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Mayor Vallone and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shana L. Goodchild  
Planning Board Secretary

**APPROVED 02/03/20**