

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
JANUARY 12, 2009**

The reorganization meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Vice Chair Truman at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Vice Chair Truman read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Vice Chair Truman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:	Valentine, Post, Aron, VanDeursen, McDonald, Truman, Jewell
Absent:	none
Also Present:	Stuart Ours, Attorney William Gleba, Board Engineer Chuck Latini, Planner

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

The oath of office was administered by Attorney Ours to the following members: Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor Scott McDonald and Councilman John Valentine.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Vice Chair Truman conducted the elections for Chair.

Motion by Post, second by Truman to open nominations and to nominate Marianne VanDeursen as Chair.

Motion by Post, second by Truman to close nominations for Chair. All in favor.

Chairperson VanDeursen conducted the elections for the remaining positions.

Motion by Post, seconded by Jewell to open nominations and to nominate Tina Truman as Vice-Chair.

Motion by Post, second by McDonald to close nominations for Vice Chair. All in favor.

Motion by Truman, seconded by McDonald to open nominations and to nominate Pat Post as Secretary.

Motion by McDonald, second by Valentine to close nominations for Secretary. All in favor.

Motion by Post, seconded by Valentine to open nominations and to nominate Justin Jewell as Assistant Secretary.

Motion by Aron, second by Valentine to close nominations for Assistant Secretary. All in favor.

**COMMITTEES:**

Budget – Post, Truman & Aron

Soil – Jewell, Valentine & open seat

Technical Review Committee – McDonald, VanDeursen, Valentine

**REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:**

Open public meetings act, meeting dates for 2009:

Motion by Truman, second by McDonald to approve as submitted. All in favor.

Professional Appointments:

Attorney – motion by Post, seconded by McDonald to appoint Stuart Ours as Board Attorney for 2009. All in favor.

Engineer – motion by Truman, seconded by Post to appoint William Gleba as Board Engineer for 2009. All in favor.

Planner – motion by Truman, seconded by Post to appoint Charles Latini as Board Planner for 2009. All in favor.

Firm names will be added to the Resolutions for Engineer and Planner.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of December 8, 2008: One typo noted by Tina Truman to be corrected. Therefore, it was moved by Post seconded by Aron to approve the minutes as corrected.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, VanDeursen,  
McDonald, Truman, Jewell  
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 2  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION/APPLICATIONS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

COAH Scarce Resource Restraint:

Chuck Latini discussed. Stated Highlands Act has a moratorium on development in Highlands area. Affordable housing plan will have to be completed. Will have a clearer picture in a few months. Rules not set yet. Chairperson VanDeursen asked the Board Professionals to keep all informed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:** None

**UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:**

Chairperson VanDeursen welcomed new members. Mayor McDonald stated that Council will be appointing new member to Planning Board at next meeting to replace Bob Opdyke.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The resignation letter from Bob Opdyke was accepted by the Board. Official letters for service to the Planning Board to be sent to Bob Opdyke, Pat Boyle and Andrew Turner.

Redevelopment: Chuck Latini stated that the attorney comments will be added to the document. Draft/Final to be completed next week. Council will review and send to Planning Board for recommendations. 1/20/09 Council meeting-present plan and ordinance draft; 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting in February-introduction of ordinance; 2/9/09 Planning Board meeting-public hearing/recommendations  
Chairperson VanDeursen requested that Pat Boyle remain on the Redevelopment Committee.

No further comments on communications.

Pat Post stated that she would not be at February meeting.

Pat Boyle come forward and asked Attorney Ours if the redevelopment plan overrides other ordinances. Attorney Ours stated yes. Mr. Boyle stated that the sign ordinance will have to be added to the redevelopment plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk