

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by Attorney Drill at 7:00 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Attorney Drill swore in new members as follows:

Adam Mueller-Class I
Vincent Panico-Class III
Craig Villa- Class IV
Trevor Izzo-Class IV
Anna Barton-Class IV
Robert Becker-Class II
Jacqueline Hindle-Alternate #1
Keith Mitchell-Alternate #2

ROLL CALL

Board Members in Attendance:

Allen
Barton
Becker
Hendrickson
Izzo (present virtually)
John
Mueller
Panico
Villa (present virtually)
Hindle
Mitchell

Others Present

Board Attorney Jonathan Drill and Board Secretary Ann Marie Lehberger.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Nomination of Board Chair

Mr. Mueller nominated Craig Villa as the Board Chair for 2024

Mr. Mueller moved, and Mr. Panico seconded a motion to appoint Craig Villa as the Board Chair for 2024. The roll call vote follows.

| Member | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Not Eligible | Recused |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Allen | | | X | | | | | |
| Barton | | | X | | | | | |
| Becker | | | X | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | | | X | | | | | |
| Izzo | | | X | | | | | |
| John | | | X | | | | | |
| Mueller | X | | X | | | | | |
| Panico | | X | X | | | | | |
| Villa | | | X | | | | | |
| Hindle | | | | | | | X | |
| Mitchell | | | | | | | X | |

Craig Villa was appointed as Chair for 2024. Attorney Drill reviewed the role of alternate members confirming that they are only able to vote when a regular member is not present.

Since Mr. Villa was attending virtually, Attorney Drill continued running the meeting.

Nomination of Board Vice Chair

Mr. Mueller nominated Chris John as the Board Vice Chair for 2024

Mr. Mueller moved, and Mr. Panico seconded a motion to appoint Chris John as the Board Chair for 2024. The roll call vote follows.

| Member | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Not Eligible | Recused |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Allen | | | X | | | | | |
| Barton | | | X | | | | | |
| Becker | | | X | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | | | X | | | | | |
| Izzo | | | X | | | | | |
| John | | | X | | | | | |
| Mueller | X | | X | | | | | |
| Panico | | X | X | | | | | |
| Villa | | | X | | | | | |
| Hindle | | | | | | | X | |
| Mitchell | | | | | | | X | |

Chris John was appointed as Vice Chair for 2024

Nomination of Board Vice Chair Pro-Tem

Ms. Allen nominated Neil Hendrickson as the Board Vice Chair Pro-Tem for 2024.

Ms. Allen moved, and Mr. Mueller seconded a motion to appoint Neil Hendrickson as the Vice Chair Pro-Tem for 2024. The roll call vote follows.

| Member | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Not Eligible | Recused |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Allen | X | | X | | | | | |
| Barton | | | X | | | | | |
| Becker | | | X | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | | | X | | | | | |
| Izzo | | | X | | | | | |
| John | | | X | | | | | |
| Mueller | | X | X | | | | | |
| Panico | | | X | | | | | |
| Villa | | | X | | | | | |
| Hindle | | | | | | | X | |
| Mitchell | | | | | | | X | |

Neil Hendrickson was appointed as Vice Chair Pro-Tem for 2024

Nomination of Board Secretary

Mr. Mueller moved, and Mr. Hendrickson seconded a motion to appoint Ann Marie Lehberger as the Board Secretary for 2024. The roll call vote follows.

| Member | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Not Eligible | Recused |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Allen | | | X | | | | | |
| Barton | | | X | | | | | |
| Becker | | | X | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | | X | X | | | | | |
| Izzo | | | X | | | | | |
| John | | | X | | | | | |
| Mueller | X | | X | | | | | |
| Panico | | | X | | | | | |
| Villa | | | X | | | | | |
| Hindle | | | | | | | X | |
| Mitchell | | | | | | | X | |

SELECTION OF BOARD PROFESSIONALS

Board Attorney - Jonathan Drill Esq./Stickel Koenig Sullivan & Drill, LLC.

Board Planner - Michael Sullivan /Clarke Caton Hintz

Board Engineer - Robert O'Brien/Van Cleef Engineering

Traffic Engineer - Jay Troutman/McDonough & Rea Associates

Environmental Consultants - Sean Walsh/Princeton Hydro

Conflict Board Planner- Tom Behrens/Burgis Associates Inc.

Mr. Hendrickson moved, and Mr. Panico seconded a motion to approve the list of Board Professionals for 2024. The roll call vote follows.

SELECTION OF TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Villa, Ms. Hindle and Mr. Mitchell volunteered to be on the TRC (Technical Review Committee) for 2024.

SELECTION OF NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION

Hunterdon County Democrat
 Courier News
 Star Ledger

Mr. Mueller moved, and Mr. Panico seconded a motion to approve the newspapers for 2023. The roll call vote follows:

| Member | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Not Eligible | Recused |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Allen | | | X | | | | | |
| Barton | | | X | | | | | |
| Becker | | | X | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | | | X | | | | | |
| Izzo | | | X | | | | | |
| John | | | X | | | | | |
| Mueller | X | | X | | | | | |
| Panico | | X | X | | | | | |
| Villa | | | X | | | | | |
| Hindle | | | | | | | X | |
| Mitchell | | | | | | | X | |

APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2024

The Board agreed to table the adoption of the 2024 rules and regulations until the next meeting. Attorney Drill noted that the 2023 rules and regulations remain in effect.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Barton, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Panico and Mr. Mitchell abstained.
 Ms. Hindle moved, and Ms. Allen seconded, a motion to approve the November 25, 2023, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for Board consideration.

ADJOURNMENTS OF ANY SCHEDULED HEARINGS OR MOTIONS

There were none

TRC UPDATE

There was no TRC update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Drill reviewed the old business as follows:

1. Sign Ordinance- Ongoing
2. Stormwater Regulations-Ongoing
3. Municipal Climate Resilience Planning-TBD
4. Application Checklists-Ongoing

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Panico moved, and Mr. Mueller seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie Lehberger
Planning Board Secretary