

MINUTES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

Reorganization Meeting

January 5, 2023

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Adjustment was called to order at 7:30 PM via Zoom virtual meeting service.

It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in conformance with all regulations of the SUNSHINE LAW and proper notice had been given to the Courier News; also, the Agenda had been posted on the Township website. The Agenda for the meeting, as well as instructions for public participation in the meeting, have also been posted on the Township website and sent to the newspaper of record. The Agenda items will not necessarily be heard in the order listed and the meeting will not continue significantly past 10:30 PM.

Oath of Public Officers – Newly Appointed Members

The oath of office was administered to the following members by Amanda Wolfe, Esq. prior to the start of the meeting.

Raymond L. Sullivan – 4-year term to end 12/31/2026

John Sylvester – 4-year term to end 12/31/2026

Danielle West-Augustin – Alternate #1 – 2-year term to end 12/31/24

Roll Call:

Members present were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Coviello, Mr. Delia, Mr. Ringwood, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Pereda, Mr. Sincaglia and Ms. West-Augustin.

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Election of Board Chairman

Mr. Sullivan was nominated to serve as Board Chairman on the motion of Mr. Ringwood, seconded by Mr. Delia. There were no other nominations and Mr. Sullivan was elected Board Chairman by roll call vote 7-0.

Election of Board Vice Chairman

Mr. Coviello was nominated to serve as Board Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr. Sylvester, seconded by Mr. Sincaglia. There were no other nominations and Mr. Coviello was elected Board Vice Chairman by roll call vote 7-0.

Members of the Board welcomed Ms. West-Augustin to the Board.

Designation and Adoption of Resolutions

The following designations were made and the resolutions memorializing those designations were adopted as a “package” on the motion of Mr. Coviello, seconded by Mr. Ringwood and carried by unanimous roll call vote 7-0.

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Official Newspapers – The Courier News and the Star Ledger

Secretarial Services – Regina Giardina

Board Secretary – Connie Valenti

Escrow Official – Connie Valenti

Court Reporter

Bylaws

Amanda Wolfe of the firm of Post Polak, P.A., was designated as Board Attorney, and the Resolution memorializing the same was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Coviello, seconded by Mr. Delia, and carried by unanimous roll call vote 7-0.

Adoption of Minutes:

December 8, 2022

A motion was made by Mr. Ringwood, seconded by Mr. Sylvester, and carried 5-0 (Abstain-Mr. Coviello, Mr. Pereda and Ms. West-Augustin) to adopt the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.

Adoption of Resolutions:

App.#22-0018: Thomas & Lindsay Pugliese, 16 Crest Circle, Bl. 4903, L.19

The proposed project consists of a one-story addition to the back of the house with deck and landing to newly expanded patio and second-story addition over a portion of the first story. Variances are needed for exceeding the maximum permitted other coverage of 10% and insufficient rear-yard setback. Existing nonconforming issues are lot area, rear-yard setback, other coverage, and shed location. (R-20 Zone)

A motion was made by Mr. Sincaglia, seconded by Mr. Ringwood, to adopt the above Resolution. The roll call vote was 5-0 with Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Delia, Mr. Ringwood, Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Sincaglia voting in favor.

Open to Public

The hearing was opened to the public. There were no members of the public who had comments or questions.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Ringwood, seconded by Mr. Sincaglia, to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Regina Giardina, Secretary Pro Tem