

BOROUGH OF RARITAN
Virtual Land Use Board Meeting
MINUTES
July 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The virtual meeting was called to order using Zoom at 6:36 p.m. The Board Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record and provided an overview of virtual meeting protocol.

ROLL CALL

Present

Chairman Gausz
Mayor Bray
Mr. Cunningham
Ms. Carra
Ms. Goetsch
Ms. Sherwin
Councilman Patente
Mr. Krajewski

Also Present

Frank Linnus, Board Attorney
Larry Cohen, Esq. *
Angela Knowles, Board Planner
Lou Gara, Construction/Zoning Official

Absent

Ms. Thomas
Mr. DeCicco
Mr. Delacruz
Mr. Singara

The Board Attorney explained that the meeting would be convened for the purpose of holding executive session only in accordance with an exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act, permitting same. He advised that the two matters to be discussed would be pending litigation and board policies/procedures due to Corona [classified under attorney-client privileged].

Motion by Chairman Gausz, **seconded** by Ms. Goetsch and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session at 6:46. The Board Secretary read the closed session resolution into the record:

Italic → **WHEREAS** the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded for certain matters to be discussed by the Planning Board; and **WHEREAS**, the Planning Board desires to discuss pending litigation and policies/procedures due to Covid [attorney-client privileged] which is a matter where the exclusion of the public is permitted; and **WHEREAS**, public disclosure of the results of this discussion will be made as soon as the matter discussed has been resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Raritan. **NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Raritan that the aforesaid matter shall be discussed in closed session upon adoption of this resolution.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairman Gausz, Mayor Bray, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Carra, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin,
Councilman Patente, Mr. Krajewski

Nay:

Abstain:

Members of the public began being moved into a virtual waiting room where public access was prohibited. Speaking from the audience, Mr. Brown asked whether the meeting would continue in accordance with the agenda after closed session. Mr. Linnus advised it would not/provided clarification.

Chairman Gausz confirmed that there were no other comments from the public. The Board Secretary moved the remainder of the audience members to the virtual waiting room.

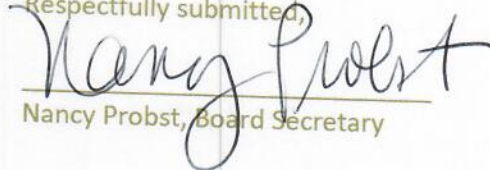
The Board returned from Executive Session and the public was re-admitted at 7:18. Two members of the public were present. *Mr. Cohen logged out of the meeting while in executive session at 7:01 so he was no longer present.*

Chairman Gausz asked whether there was any comment from the public prior to adjourning. Speaking from the audience, Justin Calta indicated he had none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Goetsch to adjourn the meeting at 7:19.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Probst, Board Secretary

APPROVED _____