

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN**  
Virtual Land Use Board Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
November 23, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Chairwoman Thomas  
Mayor Bray  
Councilman Patente  
Mr. Cunningham  
Ms. Goetsch  
Ms. Sherwin  
Mr. Krajewski

**Also Present**

Frank Linnus, Board Attorney  
Stan Schrek, Board Engineer  
Angela Knowles, Board Planner

**Absent**

Mr. Singara  
Mr. Delacruz  
Mr. DeCicco  
Ms. Carra

**Master Plan Consistency Review - Borough Ord. No. 2020-09 (Stormwater Management)**

The Board Attorney provided background on the ordinance. Mr. Schrek explained that the State is mandating all municipalities to bring their stormwater management ordinances into compliance with N.J.A.C. Section 7.8 which requires more initiatives toward water quality rather than just quantity.

Making reference to her memo of 11/17/20, Ms. Knowles explained how this relates to the Master Plan given the connection to flood mitigation and green infrastructure (swales, raingardens, etc.). She affirmed her finding that the Ordinance is consistent with the Master Plan.

Ms. Thomas offered that the Board has always been proactive with recommendations to applicants in this regard.

**AS TO CONSISTENCY:**

On a **Motion** by Mr. Cunningham which was **seconded** by Ms. Goetsch and unanimously carried, the Board found Borough Ordinance No. 2020-09 to be consistent with the Master Plan, recommending adoption of same to the Council.

**Roll Call:**

Aye: Chairwoman Thomas, Mayor Bray, Councilman Patente, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Krajewski

Nay:  
Abstain:

**RESOLUTION:**

On a **Motion** by Mayor Bray which was **seconded** by Ms. Sherwin and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adopt a resolution memorializing their finding of consistency/recommendation of the adoption of Borough Ordinance No. 2020-09 to the governing body.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairwoman Thomas, Mayor Bray, Councilman Patente, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Krajewski

Nay:

Abstain:

**Adoption of Master Plan Amendment - Pedestrian Bike & Safety/Circulation Plan Element**

The Board attorney advised that the resolution reflects action taken at the meeting of November 12.

**Motion** by Ms. Goetz, **seconded** by Councilman Patente.

Mr. Schrek interjected with a discussion point regarding Anderson/Thompson Streets as they relate to advancement of the work under the TAP Grant. There was a brief discussion about timing of the work as it relates to recommendations stemming from the Circulation Plan.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairwoman Thomas, Mayor Bray, Councilman Patente, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Goetsch, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Krajewski

Nay:

Abstain:

Councilman Patente offered that he was hopeful the Board could talk about the checklist in the future. The Board Attorney responded to a question from him regarding the Annual Board of Adjustment Report as it relates to the Board's ability to make recommendations as to the need for changes to the ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bray to adjourn the meeting at 6:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Probst  
Nancy Probst, Board Secretary

**APPROVED** 1/27/21