

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, February 6th, 2014

The reorganization meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, February 6th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

Secretary Dawn Williams read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Present at the meeting were Leigh Bostwick, Tammy Collins, Fred Davis, Jay DuBois, John Hagen, Linda Herrmann, Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Dawn Williams. Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Scott McDonald, and David Newkirk were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman was present. Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz was also present.

Leigh Bostwick announced that he would abstain from the Elmer Presbyterian Church resolution, as he is an active member of the church. Mayor Joseph Stemberger announced that he would abstain from the Elmer Presbyterian Church resolution, as he serves on Borough Council, and is not eligible to vote on variance applications.

Solicitor Katie Coleman administered the Oath of Allegiance to the following Board Members: Dawn Williams (Class 2), Lewis Reed (Class 4), Tammy Collins (Class 4 – Alt. No. 2), John Hagen (Class 4 – Alt. No. 1), and Linda Herrmann (Class 4).

Linda Herrmann motioned and Fred Davis seconded to nominate Lewis Reed as Board Chairman. The motion was unanimously carried.

Linda Herrmann motioned and Fred Davis seconded to nominate Jay DuBois at Board Vice-chairman. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jay DuBois motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to nominate Dawn Williams as Board Secretary. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dawn Williams motioned and Jay DuBois seconded to approve Katie B. Coleman as Board Attorney. The motioned was unanimously carried.

Dawn Williams motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to approve Fralinger Engineering as Board Engineer. The motion was unanimously carried.

Tammy Collins motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from December 5th, 2013, as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dawn Williams motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to approve Resolution #14-1 to memorialize Application #13-5 (Elmer Presbyterian Church) as presented. Leigh Bostwick and Mayor Joseph Stemberger abstained from the vote. The motion was carried.

Changes to the Land Use Ordinance had been recommended to Borough Council. The Solicitor is working on finalizing the changes. All changes should take effect by March. No action was taken.

The murals being painted on The Cheerful Giver's building were discussed. As long as no identifying words or graphics are painted, the Board agreed that the business would be in compliance with current and future land use law. No action was taken.

Borough Council is looking into a "rental inspector" to manage the inspection of rental properties located within the Borough. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:40 p.m. Jay DuBois motioned and Leigh Bostwick seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary