

**TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE**  
**JOINT PLANNING BOARD**  
January 29, 2020  
7:30 p.m.  
**REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**APPROVED 2/26/20**

**ADEQUATE NOTICE STATEMENT:**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers and notice is posted at the River Vale Municipal Office.

**The Planning Board saluted the flag.**

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**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Scott Lippert	Chairman
Robert Fortsch	Vice-Chairman
John Donovan	Councilman
Susan Vaccaro	Secretary
Peter Wayne	
Gregory Lowe	
Matthew Ross	(Alt. #1)

**Also Present:**

Marc E. Leibman, Esq.	Board Attorney
Christopher Statile	Board Engineer
Joanne Allgor	Acting Land Use Administrator

<b>Absent:</b>	Glen Jasionowski	Class I-Mayor
	Robert Adamo	
	John Puccio	

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**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Swearing in of New Board Members:**

- **John Donovan - Class III**
- **Gregory Lowe - Class IV**
- **Peter Wayne - Class II**
- **Matthew Ross - Alt. #1**

**The Members were sworn in and took their Oaths of Office.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Election of Chairman:**

Board Attorney Leibman requested a nomination for Chairman. Mr. Fortsch nominated **Scott Lippert** as Chairman, with second by Ms. Vaccaro. There were no further nominations. On roll call vote, all members voted yes on the nomination. Chairman Lippert thanked the Board.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Chairman Lippert requested a nomination for Vice-Chairman. Chairman Lippert nominated **Robert Fortsch** as Vice-Chairman, with second by Councilman Donovan. There were no further nominations. On roll call vote, all members voted yes on the nomination. Vice-Chairman Fortsch thanked the Board.

**Election of Secretary:**

Chairman Lippert requested a nomination for Secretary. Council Donovan nominated **Susan Vaccaro** as Secretary, with second by Chairman Lippert. There were no further nominations. On roll call vote, all members voted yes on the nomination Ms. Vaccaro thanked the Board.

**Appointment of Board Professionals:**

A motion to appoint the following Board Professionals for **2020** was made by Chairman Lippert, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fortsch and carried unanimously on voice vote:

**Marc Leibman, Esq., Board Attorney**  
**Christopher Statile, P.E., Board Engineer**  
**Carolyn Reiter, Board Planner**

**Approval of the By-Laws:**

A motion for approval of the **By-Laws for 2020**, was made by Chairman Lippert, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fortsch and carried unanimously.

**Approval of 2020 Meeting Dates:** Approved at last meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APPLICATIONS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Gaskin, 566 Elizabeth Avenue, Block 1707, Lot 13 - Front Yard Setbacks - Front Porch/Addition** - Board Attorney Leibman read an overview of the Resolution of Approval into the record. Mr. Lowe commented as to a correction on the footage of the variance request and ordinance number. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Leibman would review his notes. Mr. Statile stated updated plans need to be submitted, and he would contact the applicant. The Resolution was amended accordingly. There were no further questions, comments or discussion. A motion for approval as amended was made by Vice-Chairman Fortsch, seconded by Mr. Wayne, and carried unanimously on roll call vote by eligible Board Members Lowe, Donovan, Fortsch, Wayne, and Ross.

**MINUTES:** A motion for approval of the Minutes of **12/4/19 & 12/18/19** was made by Mr. Fortsch, seconded by Mr. Lowe, and carried unanimously on voice vote.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES:** None

**DISCUSSION:** NONE

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Regular Meeting - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**MARY R. VERDUCCI, PARALEGAL**  
**Recording Secretary**