

**Mount Laurel Planning Board  
Re-Organization Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2021**

Reorganization Meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairwoman Conte at 7:00pm.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Temporary Chairwoman Conte noting that all postings, filings & emailing will take place on January 20,2021.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence was led by Temporary Chairwoman Conte.

Roll Call taken by Board Secretary Ms. Hochreiter - Members in attendance: Temporary Chairwoman Conte, Mayor Steglik, Councilwoman Janjua, Township Manager Tomczyk, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Pizzo, Mr. Naik, Mr. Cassidy & Mr. Bathke.

The following newly appointed or reappointed Board Members took the Oath of Office –Mayor Steglik for a one-year term as a Class I Member, Township Manager Tomczyk for a one-year term as a Class II Member, Councilwoman Janjua for a one-year term as a Class III Member, Richard Bathke for a four-year term as a Class IV Member, and Alternate #2- Ramesh Venkatakrishnan for a 2 Yr. unexpired term and all were sworn in by Board Solicitor Mr. Miller.

**Reorganization – Nominations for Appointments:**

Temporary Chairwoman Conte calls for nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Pfeiffer made a motion to nominate Lisa Conte and was seconded by Mr. Pizzo. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Pizzo made a motion to nominate Mr. Cassidy for Vice-Chairperson and was seconded by Mayor Steglik. All Present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Pizzo made a motion to nominate Trish Hochreiter for Secretary and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Cassidy. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for nominations for Assistant Secretary. Mr. Pizzo made a motion to nominate Susanna O’Hagan for Assistant Secretary and was seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for the Appointment of Board Solicitor. Mayor Steglik made a motion to appoint Weiner Law Group as Board Solicitor and was seconded by Councilwoman Janjua. All present were in favor except for Mr. Naik, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Pizzo, Vice-Chair Cassidy & Chairwoman Conte; count 4 Ayes, 5 Nays

Mr. Pfeiffer made a motion to appoint Trimble & Armano as Board Solicitor and was seconded by Mr. Pizzo. Township Manager Tomczyk explained to the Board that John Armano was no longer practicing or with the firm Trimble & Armano. She also explained that Keith Trimble is not a land use attorney and that Trimble represents no Planning Boards in the State of New Jersey. She also stated that Mr. Naik was the only Board member who asked to review the RFP’s. Mr. Naik expressed his concern that Weiner Law had no rate listed on their RFP and asked if there was another RFP submitted with the rate listed. Township Manager Tomczyk indicated that it can be put on the record that the rate for Planning Board Solicitor will not exceed last year’s rate of \$150.00 an hour. The Board members asked Mr. Miller if he would give his experience, which he did and it was acknowledged. Roll Call was taken for Trimble & Armano after discussion. All present were in favor except for Mr. Naik, Township Manager Tomczyk, Councilwoman Janjua, Mayor Steglik & Vice-Chair Cassidy; 4 Ayes, 5 Nays Township Manager Tomczyk made a motion to appoint Weiner Law as Board Solicitor and not exceed last year’s rate of

\$150.00 an hour and was seconded by Mayor Steglik. All present were in favor except for Councilwoman Conte & Mr. Pizzo; count 7 Ayes, 2 Nays, motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for the Appointment of Board Engineer. Mayor Steglik made a motion to appoint Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers as Board Engineer and was seconded by Councilwoman Janjua. All present were in favor except Mr. Pizzo, Vice-Chair Cassidy & Chairwoman Conte; vote count 6 Ayes, 3 Nays, motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for the Appointment of Board Land Planner. Mr. Pizzo made a motion to appoint Remington and Vernick Engineers as Board Land Planner and was seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer. All present were in favor; except Mr. Bathke, Township Manager Tomczyk, Councilwoman Janjua & Mayor Steglik; vote count 5 Ayes, 4 Nays, motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for the Appointment of Board Traffic Engineer. Mr. Pizzo made a motion to appoint Remington and Vernick Engineers as Board Traffic Engineer and was seconded by Vice-Chair Cassidy. All present were in favor; except Mr. Bathe, Township Manager Tomczyk, Councilwoman Janjua & Mayor Steglik; vote count 5 Ayes, 4 Nays, motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for the Appointment of Board Conflict Engineer. Mayor Steglik made a motion to appoint T & M Associates as Board Conflict Engineer and was seconded by Councilwoman Janjua. All present were in favor; except Mr. Pizzo; vote count 8 Ayes, 1 Nays, motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for a motion to adopt the resolution for the 2020 Meeting Schedule, Designation of Newspaper and Setting of Fees for persons requesting Schedules and Notices, Mr. Pfeiffer made a motion to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pizzo. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte calls for a motion to adopt the By-Laws. Mr. Pfeiffer made a motion to adopt the By-Laws and was seconded by Vice-Chair Cassidy. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Chairwoman Conte called for a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and Mr. Pizzo made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm and was seconded by Vice-Chair Cassidy. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Trish Hochreiter**  
**Planning Board Secretary**

Adopted on: February 11, 2021