

**Washington Township Planning Board
September 25, 2013**

Chairman Leavens called the regular meeting of September 25, 2013 of the Washington Township Planning Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

CLASS IV: William Leavens, Lou Mont, Eric Trevena, Charles DiSalvo
CLASS I: -
CLASS II: Roger Read
CLASS III: James LiaBraaten
ALTERNATES: Sam Akin
ABSENT: Howard Popper, Mark Bauerlein, Kathleen McGroarty, Ken Short
OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Buzak, Engineer Hall, Planner Banisch, Clerk Margolese

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer-Tribune on January 17, 2013 and posted on the Bulletin Board on the same date. Notices were mailed as per requests.

MINUTES

Minutes from June 12, 2013

Mr. Trevena made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Mont. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ayes: Leavens, Mont, LiaBraaten, Akin Nays: None Abstentions: Di Salvo, Trevena, Read

Minutes from August 28, 2013

Mr. Mont made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Di Salvo. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ayes: Leavens, Mont, Trevena, DiSalvo, LiaBraaten Nays: None Abstentions: Read, Akin

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for items not on the agenda. There were no questions or comments from the public and the meeting was closed to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

13-14 Hackettstown Municipal Utility Authority – Block 19, Lot 7 – Schooley’s Mountain Road OR/I Zone – Preliminary/Final site plan and front yard setback variance – construction of a well house. Public Hearing was held on August 12, 2013.

The Board reviewed the resolution. It was noted in paragraph 8 the words turf stone would replace the word paver.

Mr. Mont made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Trevena. A roll call of the eligible voters was taken and the motion carried.

Ayes: Leavens, Mont, DiSalvo, Trevena, LiaBraaten Nays: None Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING/APPLICATIONS

1. West Morris High School - Block 17, Lots 8 & 9 – 10 S. Four Bridges Rd.
Proposed Water Storage Tank – D31 Courtesy Review

Project Engineer Robert Walsh introduced himself and stated that the previous plan for the water storage tank that had been seen by the Board previously had to be changed. He

Mr. Banisch said that Heath agreed to some fairly rigorous landscaping requirements. He said that the landscaping should be used adjacent to the industrial use but the residents should have visual access to the corner open space. Mr. Akin suggested that a row of maple trees be used to block out the tops of the roofs.

Mr. Akin asked that the Board secretary contact the county agricultural board and the owner of the adjacent preserved farm to ask if they would be alright with a 75 foot buffer rather than a 100 foot buffer.

Chairman Leavens asked if the buffer landscaping could utilize native species. Mr. Banisch stated that it would be better if the buffer were 75% native species and 25% not native species. He said that he will take a look at this matter.

Mr. DiSalvo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Akin. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Margolese, Clerk