

**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 pm**

February 28, 2024

Chairman Samson called the Planning Board Meeting to order.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance

Chairman Samson stated “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Attorney Bryce requested Robyn George – Class I and Brian Weeks – Alternate No. 1 stand for the Oath to be sworn in. Attorney Bryce read the Oath aloud with both affirming yes to the Oath.

Present: Members Coyle, Melendez, DiLeo, Palitto, Caughy, George, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman Samson and Alternate Brian Weeks. Also present were Attorney Bryce, Planner Ritter and Engineer Wisniewski.

Old Business:

Minutes – Motion to approve by Member Palitto, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo. Roll call vote:

July 26, 2023 –

AYES: Members Coyle, Palitto, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman Samson, Member Weeks.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Member George

January 24, 2024 –

AYES: Members Coyle, Melendez, Palitto, Caughy, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman Samson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Member George, Member Weeks

Resolution – The Cubes US 22 Sub 1, LLC – Block 102, Lots 9.01 and 9.03 – Memorialize the Amendment to Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval. Motion to approve by Member Melendez, seconded by Member Palitto. Attorney Bryce informed the members that Adam took a look at the resolution and recommended two modifications – amended by Board Engineer.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Members Coyle, Melendez, Palitto, Caughy, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman

Samson.

NAYS: None

Resolution – Honoring Gary VanVliet for years of service to the Lopatcong Township Planning Board. Motion by Member Palitto, seconded by Alternate Member Weeks. Roll call.

AYES: Members Coyle, Melendez, Palitto, Caughy, George, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman Samson, Alt. Member Weeks.

NAYS: None

Secretary Dilts read into the record the Resolution in its entirety.

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,
COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
GARRETT VANVLIET

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet is a longtime resident of the Township of Lopatcong, Warren County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet was appointed to the Planning Board of Lopatcong Township in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet was elected by his Planning Board colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Planning Board and held that position until his voluntary retirement at the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet faithfully served Lopatcong Township for over twenty-eight years as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet's service contributed greatly to both the welfare and betterment of the residents of Lopatcong Township and the Township of Lopatcong itself; and

WHEREAS, Garrett VanVliet has distinguished himself as deserving of recognition and honor for his sacrifice and the quality and longevity of his service to the Township of Lopatcong.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and honors GARRETT VANVLIET for his distinguished service to the Township of Lopatcong and expresses its gratitude to both him and his family for his valued contributions to the Planning Board and to the welfare of the Lopatcong Township community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Members of the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong offer their sincere thanks to Garrett VanVliet and his family.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be recorded and spread upon the official minutes of the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong for posterity and that a copy of same shall be provided to Garrett VanVliet.

WITNESSETH: The adoption of this Resolution was by unanimous Roll Call vote taken by the Members of the Planning Board on the 28th day of February, 2024.

Beth Dilts, Secretary

Robert Samson, Chairman

Ordinance – Amend Chapter 243 entitled “Zoning Ordinance” to revise Non-Conforming Structures under Section 60(A)(1). Attorney Bryce explained that this ordinance would provide relief to a property owner during a specific expansion of a structure that does not increase in size and intensity. This would also relieve the Zoning Official from denying the request of the property owner saving an appearance before the Zoning Board of Adjustment seeking a variance. This ordinance shall be recommended to the Mayor and Council for consideration. Motion by Member Melendez, seconded by Member Coyle. Roll call vote:

AYES: Members Coyle, Melendez, Palitto, Caughy, George, Vice-Chairwoman DiLeo, Chairman Samson.

NAYS: None

Motion by Member DiLeo, seconded by Member Melendez to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Planning Board Secretary