

A Reorganization meeting of the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment was held on the above date with Elaine Valentino presiding until a new Chairman was elected. The returning Members present were Wayne Choyce, William Christman, Dr. Lawrence Mroz & Diane Fox.

The Statement of Compliance was read.

Members Absent: Michael Graff

Ms. Valentino stated this is the Reorganization meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and there was a conference between her, Wayne Choyce and Bill Christman. The spread sheet is based on the applicants who submitted proposals for the board openings.

Oath of Service – Ms. Lafferty administered the Oath of Service to the following: Dr. Robert Kahrman & John Sacchnelli as Regular Zoning Board Members & Bruce Strigh as Alternate #1.

Appointment of Secretary for 2019– Mr. Christman moved, seconded by Dr. Kahrman to appoint Deborah Ohnemuller to the position of Secretary to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Election of Chairperson for 2019– Mr. Choyce moved, seconded by Dr. Mroz to elect Elaine Valentino for the position of Chairperson of the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2019– Mr. Strigh moved, seconded by Mr. Christman to elect Wayne Choyce for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Valentino stated that Board members have been involved with this process since 2009. It has been the practice of the Board, over the past several years, to review the applications for consideration of the positions; the locations of the offices; the hourly rate & primarily the experience of the professionals who are applying for these positions with the focus on zoning.

All of the recommendations by the Board are based on performance based contracts. The following are the recommendations of the Board in its entirety & the committee.

Appointment of Solicitor for 2019– Mr. Strigh moved, seconded by Mr. Christman to appoint the firm of Cooper Levenson to the position of Solicitor to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment of Planner for 2019 – Mr. Strigh moved, seconded by Mr. Sacchinelli to appoint Robert Watkins of Mott Associates, LLC to the position of Planner to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment for Alternate Planner for 2019– Mr. Sacchinelli moved, seconded by Dr. Kahrmann to appoint Vincent Polistina of Polistina Associates, LLC to the position of Alternate Planner to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment of Engineer, Lighting Consultant, and Traffic Engineer for 2019 – Dr. Kahrmann moved, seconded by Mr. Sacchinelli to appoint Kevin Dixon of Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC to the positions of Engineer, Lighting Consultant, and Traffic Engineer to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment of Alternate Traffic Engineer for 2019– Mr. Strigh moved, seconded by Mr. Christman to appoint the firm of CME Associates to the position of Alternate Traffic Engineer to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment of Landscape Architect Consultant, Alternate Engineer & Alternate Lighting Consultant for 2019– Dr. Kahrman moved, seconded by Mr. Christman to appoint Engineering Design Associates to the position of Landscape Architect Consultant, Alternate Engineer & Alternate Lighting Consultant to the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019, until the Board reorganizes in 2020. No other names were presented.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

In regards to an Alternate Solicitor, Mr. Choyce and Ms. Valentino had discussion as part of the nomination committee. The Board did not receive any bids for Alternate Solicitor and if a conflict arises the Solicitor for the Planning Board can fill in.

Chairperson's Appointments to Sub Committees:

Ms. Valentino commented how important it is for members to visit the properties & last year recommended it as a committee as a whole. There cannot be any more than 3 members at the workshop but if any of the committee cannot attend, another Board member can step in. If any member visits the property it should be stated on the record at the meeting.

Workshop Session Committee: Wayne Choyce, Bill Christman & Robert Kahrman
Fire & Safety Liaison: John Sacchinelli

A workshop is scheduled for January 18th and Mr. Choyce has to recuse himself from it and Ms. Valentino and Mr. Christman can attend. If anyone else can attend please contact the Secretary.

Meeting Times & Dates- Mr. Strigh moved, seconded by Mr. Choyce to establish the fourth Monday of every month, with the exception of May & December, as the day on which the Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings for 2019 will be conducted, and to establish the time of 7:00 P.M. The dates are as follows:

JANUARY 28, 2019
FEBRUARY 25, 2019
MARCH 25, 2019
APRIL 22, 2019
*MAY 13, 2019 (2nd Monday)
JUNE 24, 2019
JULY 22, 2019
AUGUST 26, 2019
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
OCTOBER 28, 2019
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
*DECEMBER 9, 2019 (2nd Monday)
*JANUARY 13, 2020 (2nd Monday-Reorganization)
JANUARY 27, 2020

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Designation of Official Newspapers – Ms. Valentino asked the Secretary to state the designated official newspapers for the Zoning Board Publications & she stated the following: The Press of Atlantic

City; Atlantic County Record/Record Journal. Mr. Choyce moved, seconded by Dr. Mroz, to adopt the above as the Official Publications.

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure – Ms. Valentino commented that a subcommittee had worked on these a while ago and revisited again in 2010. If there are any changes recommended these can be discussed throughout the year. Mr. Choyce moved, seconded by Mr. Strigh, to adopt the Rules of Procedure, as written, for the Township of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2019.

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MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-AYE	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. VALENTINO-AYE		

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

There have been 2 (Yoder and Dollar General) memos received from the Engineer regarding applications heard last year. The Secretary reported the Yoder application with the outstanding issues has been resolved and the Township Engineer will calculate an amount required for the applicant to place into the escrow account. The 2nd application (Dollar General) has had the outstanding Engineering issues which have been resolved.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Choyce moved, seconded by Dr. Kahrman to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting as amended. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS VOTING “AYE,” NO “NAY,” and ONE (1) “ABSTAIN.”

ROLL CALL ON THE ABOVE MOTION

MR. CHOYCE-AYE	MR. CHRISTMAN-AYE	DR. KAHRMANN-AYE
DR. MROZ-AYE	MR. SACCHINELLI-ABSTAIN	MR. STRIGH-AYE
MS. FOX-AYE	MS. VALENTINO-AYE	

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Lafferty thanked the Board for appointing her again and is looking forward to working with everyone again.

Mr. Strigh thanked Mayor Shanker for his support in his appointment however he did not apply for the Alternate Position. He has served as a full member on this Board for the past 10 years and also served on Township Committee along with a term as mayor. Committeemen Kurtz and Silva do not value the resident’s time and effort that they put into this township. He is disappointed but he will serve on this Board. He feels the township can do better with those who are elected. He will also remind the elected officials when they do not perform their job.

Public Comment – Ms. Valentino asked if anyone would like to speak for public portion. Mr. Choyce moved, seconded by Dr. Kahrman to close the public portion of the hearing. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE,” NO “NAY,” NO “ABSTAIN.”

Executive Session- There were no items.

Ms. Lafferty reminded members not to email each other regarding any open applications or board business. If members have questions, they can be directed to the Secretary or the Chair & do not hit reply all for emails.

Ms. Valentino stated the educational session which is normally done in February and in lieu partakes in a video session which Mr. Dixon will put on after the meeting in January. She also asked Mr. Dixon and Ms. Lafferty to work on a letter stating the Board watched it.

Mr. Strigh stated the MUA reported an application will be filed with the Planning Board in regards to the building they are proposing. He asked who can appeal the decision as to which Board an application will be heard at. Ms. Lafferty will research this and get back to Mr. Strigh.

Adjournment – Mr. Sacchinelli moved, seconded by Dr. Mroz to adjourn the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting at 7:31 p.m. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE,” NO “NAY,” NO “ABSTAIN.”

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ohnemuller, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment