

**HOPEWELL BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD**  
**January 3, 2018 – Meeting Minutes**

The Hopewell Borough Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Attorney DeGrezia who declared compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was taped and a copy of the tape is on file.

**Attendance Roll Call**

**Present:** Bob Donaldson  
Ryan Kennedy  
Brad Lyon  
Peter Macholdt – *Chairman*  
David Mackie  
Jacqueline Perri  
Lou Young – *Alt. #1*  
Attorney DeGrezia  
Engineer O’Neal

**Absent:** Michele Hovan  
David Shymko  
Wyatt Pratt  
Ruth Morpeth – *Alt. #2*

**Oaths of Office**

Attorney DeGrezia administered the oaths of office to Mr. Mackie, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Young.

**Nominations**

A motion by Jackie Perri, seconded by Brad Lyon to nominate Peter Macholdt as the Board’s Chairman was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Jackie Perri: Yes, Brad Lyon: Yes, Bob Donaldson: Yes, Ryan Kennedy: Yes, Peter Macholdt: Yes, David Mackie: Yes, Lou Young: Yes

**Election of Vice Chair**

A motion by Peter Macholdt, seconded by Brad Lyon to nominate Jackie Perri as the Board’s Vice Chair was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Peter Macholdt: Yes, Brad Lyon: Yes, Bob Donaldson: Yes, Ryan Kennedy: Yes, David Mackie: Yes, Jackie Perri: Yes, Lou Young: Yes

**Election of Board Secretary**

Secretary Andrews noted she has resigned to pursue the Township Clerk position in West Amwell Township and stated she believed her job has been posted. She thanked the Board for allowing her to serve them over the past 12 years noting she will treasure the friendships made as well as the experience. Everyone wished her well.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion by Bob Donaldson, seconded by Lou Young to approve the Board’s minutes from 9/6/17 with no revisions noted was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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### **Approval of Vouchers**

A motion by Lou Young, seconded by Bob Donaldson to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the agenda was unanimously approved by voice vote.

### **Resolutions**

A motion by Bob Donaldson, seconded by Peter Macholdt to approve reorganization Resolutions PB#2018-01, PB#2018-02, PB#2018-03, PB#2018-04 and PB#2018-05 was unanimously approved by voice vote. It was noted that the January 2, 2019 reorganization reference in Resolution PB#2018-01 will be deleted because Borough Council must hold their reorganization before the Planning Board.

### **Open to the Public**

Chairman Macholdt opened the floor to public comment. Seeing no members of the public come forward, he closed the floor to public comment.

### **Certificates of Appropriateness**

It was noted for the record that no certificates of appropriateness were presented for approval.

### **Applications – Public Hearings**

It was noted for the record that there were no applications listed on the agenda.

### **New Business – Other**

Mr. Mackie commented that he had a meeting with Jim Waltman from the Stonybrook Millstone Watershed Association who indicated they have grant money available for rain garden projects and stated he will be reaching out to Hopewell Borough property owners along Broad Street to see where some can be created. Mr. Mackie said Mr. Waltman would like to make a presentation to the Planning Board to discuss how surface water quality can be enhanced.

Engineer O'Neal remarked that Mr. Waltman had called him to discuss amending the stormwater ordinance noting that the State's thresholds contained in the current ordinance are typically not triggered in small boroughs. Chairman Macholdt expressed support for hearing Mr. Waltman's proposed revisions.

Ms. Perri suggested the Board consider issuing rewards to property owners for such things as "best renovation project" or "best stormwater management project." Mr. Kennedy stated the Economic Development Committee (EDC) in Lawrence Township does this. Attorney DeGrazia commented there could be a conflict of interest if such a reward were to be presented by the Planning Board. Mr. Kennedy agreed and indicated he will bring the idea to the Borough's EDC.

There was some brief discussion on the status of potential redevelopment projects in the Borough.

There was some brief discussion on marijuana laws and possible ordinance revisions in light of New Jersey's new Governor taking office soon.

### **Adjournment**

A motion by Bob Donaldson, seconded by Lou Young to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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Maria Andrews, Planning Board Secretary