

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING BOARD

February 10, 2021

STATEMENT - Open Public Meetings Act

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Shawn Taylor, Chairman  
Brad Cohen, Mayor  
Laurence Bravman  
Charles Heppel  
Joseph Criscuolo  
Laurence Reiss  
Steve Philips  
Julie Clarke  
Muhammad Hashmi  
Rachel Cohen

James Wendell

ALSO PRESENT:

Lawrence B. Sachs, Esquire  
Loren Morace, Secretary  
Keith Kipp, Director  
John Kriskowski, Engineer  
James Lambert, Engineer

MINUTES

December 9, 2020 - Motion to approve by Mr. Bravman,  
second by Mr. Criscuolo. Minutes approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Reorganization - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary,  
Recording Secretary, Attorney, Engineer, Conflict  
Engineer, Conflict Attorney - Motion to adopt  
resolution by Mayor Cohen, second by Mr. Bravman.  
Resolution adopted.

Application #20-09 - 8 Joanna Court, LLC - Proposed

new industrial production and storage area addition to 8 Joanna Court, block 31.01, lot 12, in the IM zone. Motion to adopt by Mr. Philips, second by Ms. Clarke. Resolution adopted.

Application #20-15 - 39 Edgeboro Road Urban Renewal, LLC - Proposed parking lot to be utilized by the warehouse located at 39 Edgeboro Road, block 834, lots 4.17, 4.19, 4.23, in the IM zone. Motion to adopt by Mr. Criscuolo, second by Mr. Bravman. Resolution adopted.

Vo-Tech Resolution - Proposed building addition to the Middlesex County Vocational & Technical School located at 112 Rues Lane. Motion to adopt resolution by Mr. Criscuolo, second by Mr. Bravman. Resolution adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is February 24, 2021.

THE CHAIRMAN: Good evening. This is the February 10 meeting of the East Brunswick Planning Board. The township is using a telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19 as part of the township's ongoing effort to slow the transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The dial-in information and the agenda have been posted on the township web site and are posted on EBTV for members of the public. Members of the public can call in with the number provided if they have any questions for planning board members. You will have 3 minutes to speak. Should you have any further comments or questions, the planning board and the engineering office is always available by e-mail or phone. Each member of the public shall have only one opportunity to speak during the public portion. Thank you in advance for your patience as we implement this technology to continue to move the township forward during this health emergency.

We -- Loren, please just call the roll.

MS. MORACE: Miss Cohen.

MS. COHEN: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Here.

MS. MORACE: Miss Clarke. Julie, you have to unmute yourself.

MS. CLARKE: Here. Can you hear me?

MS. MORACE: Yes. Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Wendell. Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Here.

MS. MORACE: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Here.

MS. MORACE: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

In lieu of the pledge of allegiance this evening, I would like us to have a moment of silence for all those unfortunately hundreds of thousands of people who have perished due to this horrible COVID in the United States and the millions of people who have been affected, so please join me in a moment of silence.

Thank you. Before I begin tonight's agenda, this is a very bittersweet evening for me personally and for all the long-serving members of the planning board. John Kriskowski, our township -- the township engineer, who is an employee of CME, has been our consulting engineer for a long time, is retiring, and tonight will be John's last meeting with us, and I am confident --

MR. CRISCUOLO: Who approved this? I don't remember approving this.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: That would be my wife.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we have Jim, who --

MR. KRISKOWSKI: That would be my wife.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- has already proven himself able, and CME is a wonderful firm, so I'm confident that the quality of engineering won't go down, but let me just -- I want to save my remarks until the end, so if any other board member, feel free to express any thoughts you might have about John from good luck to good riddance -- I'll leave it to you, but would any board member like to say anything? Or staff member.

MR. KIPP: I'll start. I'd like to say -- sorry, Larry. John, you've been like a mentor to me. I've learned so much from you throughout everything. Not only are you an

excellent technical engineer, but you're a true gentleman, and I appreciate all the time I got to spend with you, and I will miss you dearly.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thanks, Keith.

THE CHAIRMAN: Vice Chair Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Similarly, John, it's -- I look back, I think it's been 17 years for me, which I guess is equal to, if not more, of where you've been sitting on this board as a professional, and that's the key word there, professional. As Keith has just indicated, you -- whether it's personal, whether it's professional, it's your knowledge, it's your technical abilities, everything has just been phenomenal, and I've learned so much from you, and I just truly appreciate that, and not that we're going to be as a board or a municipality falling behind because CME is obviously an able engineering firm, but losing you is definitely going to be something that we will absolutely feel. So thank you again for everything you've done and you've contributed to this board and this township.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thank you, Larry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: I just -- it's kind of hard to add to the things that everybody said. I know I've only been involved in this since I become mayor, which was only 4 years ago, so I don't have the 17 years, the 20 years everyone else has had, but I've had the last 4, and I know that over the last 4, we've developed an even stronger relationship as you've kind of intertwined with the work that we do in our own engineering and planning department, and it really has -- it speaks for itself. We get very few people that at the end of the day come back to the town and challenge some of our decisions, and I think it's because we do such a good job preparing all of these applications to begin with, and we're a tough board, and we've got good advice and counsel, and I think it's in large part because of the team we've been able to build together, and you were a very large part of that. So you will be missed, and I wish you the best in your retirement where ever you intend to move onto as your next chapter.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thank you very much, Mayor. Appreciate that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Larry.

MR. SACHS: Yes, thanks, Shawn. John, you know, you've been my right-hand man for more than 20 years, and you've made my life so much

easier being board attorney, you know, with your expertise and guidance, and, you know, not just being a colleague of mine but also a friend, and I wish you well in retirement, and you know that I'm going to miss you, John, but best of luck and everything else.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thanks, Larry. Best to you and your family.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. PHILIPS: Yeah, I'd like to say something to John. Actually, John, I think it goes back to your previous job, does it not, when you came the first time to the zoning board back about 24 years ago.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Correct.

MR. PHILIPS: I didn't like you then, John, and it hasn't changed. Twenty-four years, at least it's been consistent; you know what I mean?

MR. KRISKOWSKI: We've had some good times, Steve.

MR. PHILIPS: Yes, we certainly have, and I can't believe you're retiring. You look like you have another 30 years in you.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Right.

MR. PHILIPS: I don't want to see you in 30 years, but, yeah, that's a lot of baloney.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Appreciate it.

MR. PHILIPS: Good luck, John.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thank you so much.

MR. CRISCUOLO: I'm not going to say good-bye, John; I'm going to say, see you at the Rutgers games.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Whenever they come back. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, anyone else? I'll just -- and then, John, you can respond. I just -- John, I think you know how much you and Cathy mean to me personally. You've been good friends, and I remember when we first started out, you know, we always would talk about your boys, and it was, you know, what are they doing in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and here they are now grown men.

You have -- you personally have put in your indelible print on East Brunswick, and you should be incredibly proud of the work that you have done here for this town, for the various members of this board and the various administrations that have served this town during your tenure here. I can't think of a better person -- hold on. Someone is calling in and says you're not so good. Yeah, I

can't think of anyone who could have served our town better over the years. So look at all the good times we had here, in Atlantic City, and elsewhere. You know, you've been a lot of fun, you know, you're always quiet, you're always so professional, and I love when I made a -- when I make questionable comments, you get that smile on your face and kind of shake your head, and I can tell you that, you know, I am frequent -- and I can tell you that I'm a better chairman for having served with you as our consulting engineer.

Like I said, you're -- you know how much you mean to me personally. I wish you and Cathy nothing but good things, and as I said before, I know, you know, we have Jim, and I'm confident in Jim and CME, but there's a special bond that you, I, and Larry have had kind of growing up on this board together with some other long-term members that just can't be duplicated.

So I'm really going to miss you, but I'm so happy for you and Cathy. It's your time to go. It's your time to retire, and you deserve every bit of happiness in your next endeavor. So take good care, my friend.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Thank you. Thank you all for your kind words. I really appreciate it. I'll say it's been a privilege to work with you all in East Brunswick. The planning board, the administration, the staff have all been very helpful to me, and it's been a great working relationship. I'm going to miss that part of it, and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your engineer on the board for -- and I think Steve had it right -- for most of 24 years, which is hard to believe. It's been a great opportunity. I am going to miss the friendships that we've developed over the years, and, you know, I've gotten to know all about -- a little bit about all of your families, and I think that's an important part, and I think I shared some of my personal information with you guys, and it's been a great relationship, and it's been a pleasure to work with you all, and I am going to miss you, and I'm not going to miss the night meetings. Certainly not going to miss -- what I am going to miss though, Shawn, I must say is, you know, I've said it so many times, what a great board it is. East Brunswick is a great place to work, and I think you as the chairman have done such a great job, and one of the things that you do is you take those difficult times when we have some difficult

applications, and you find a way to loosen things up and make people feel comfortable, and I think that's a great thing, and I really admire you, and I appreciate all that you have done for me. So thank you so much and I appreciate it. Be well everyone.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, John, and, you know, I always say I'm the dumbest guy on the board, which is true, so I've always been bolstered all these years by members far smarter than I am, and that's been my good fortune, but -- my other question is how is the St. Stan's carnival going to survive without you.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: I think they're going to do away with it actually.

MAYOR COHEN: They can't do that.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: They're working on -- actually, we have a meeting on Saturday. We're going to set up the grounds and hope that everything clears up with COVID and we can have that carnival back again.

THE CHAIRMAN: There you go. For those of you who don't know, it's St. Stan's church in Sayreville, which John, his family have been parishioners at. He's been involved in their annual charity carnival every year for -- how many years, John?

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Twenty -- 21 actually.

THE CHAIRMAN: There you go. So one place I can -- outside of planning board, it was the one place I could count on seeing you is at the St. Stan carnival. But anyway, we'll miss you. We certainly welcome Jim, and we'll -- I plan on busting his chops the same degree I bust yours.

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Don't worry; I warned him about that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Having said -- having said that, let's move forward with our meeting. The first item of business is the approval of the minutes of December 9 that we received. What is the board's pleasure with those minutes, and I remind you that we approve minutes by voice vote.

MR. BRAVMAN: Make a motion to approve.

THE CHAIRMAN: Somebody want to move it?

MR. CRISCUOLO: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved. Is there a second. Second. Any comments, questions?

Hearing none, all those in favor of approval of the minutes as submitted, signify by saying aye or kind of wave your hand a little bit. Any opposed? Any abstention? Those minutes are

passed.

Moving on to the next set of resolutions -- and I checked with Larry earlier this evening, we can approve items 2 through --

MR. SACHS: -- 9.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- 2 through 9, Larry, is that it?

MR. SACHS: Yeah, Shawn, 2 through 9.

THE CHAIRMAN: As a block?

MR. SACHS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: And, Larry, they're in order for us to vote on tonight?

MR. SACHS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then I would ask what is the -- thank you, Larry. What is the board's pleasure --

MAYOR COHEN: So moved.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- for the resolution numbers 2 through 9?

MAYOR COHEN: Moved.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by the mayor. Is there a second?

MR. BRAVMAN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bravman. Any questions or comments?

Seeing none, Loren, please call the roll.

MS. MORACE: Miss Cohen. I didn't hear you.

MS. COHEN: Oh, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, Loren, I didn't hear you.

MS. COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Miss Clarke.

MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The resolutions are approved.

Moving on, the next application -- resolution is for application 20-09, 8 Joanna Court. Remember these are items that the board has already acted upon, and we are considering them tonight in their formal fashion.

Mr. Sachs, is this resolution in order for us to vote on tonight?

MR. SACHS: Yes, it is, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then what is the board's pleasure with application 20-09? Someone?

MR. PHILIPS: I'll move it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Been moved. Is there a second. Second. Thank you, Julie. Any comments or questions?

Hearing none, Loren, please call the roll.

MS. MORACE: Miss Cohen.

MS. COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Miss Clarke. Miss Clarke.

MS. CLARKE: Sorry, can you hear me?

Yes, yes.

MS. MORACE: Yes. Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The resolution is approved.

Moving now to the next resolution, application 20-15, 39 Edgeboro Road Urban Renewal, LLC. Mr. Sachs, is this resolution in order for us to vote on this evening?

MR. SACHS: Yes, it is, Mr. Chairman. I did receive a few comments from Mr. Kriskowski I guess in his last official action. We had to change one of the lot numbers, and he had a few other typos that we corrected, but, yes, we can vote on this this evening.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Very good. That probably -- we're going to see that couple of thousand dollar bill soon as he gets --

MR. KRISKOWSKI: Oh, man, some things

never change.

MR. SACHS: Sorry, John.

THE CHAIRMAN: John, I had to give you one shot before you left.

MR. SACHS: They were minor. They were minor corrections.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, like that affects the bill, they were minor. Has this been moved and seconded? I kind of lost track for a second.

MAYOR COHEN: Not yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Who would like to move this resolution?

MR. CRISCUOLO: I'll move it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe. Second.

MR. BRAVMAN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: And second. Very good. Any comments or questions?

Hearing none, Loren, please call the roll.

MS. MORACE: Miss Cohen.

MS. COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Miss Clarke.

MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Heppel?

THE CHAIRMAN: Someone mute? Oh, there we go.

MS. MORACE: Yeah, I think it was me. Mr. Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, Loren seems to be frozen, right?

MR. SACHS: Who hasn't voted yet?

MR. BRAVMAN: I just voted yes, so after me --

MAYOR COHEN: I think it's me and Shawn.

MR. BRAVMAN: The mayor and Shawn.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's the mayor. It's Larry, the mayor, and then me.

MAYOR COHEN: Right.

MR. SACHS: Mayor, we'll call you.

MAYOR COHEN: I'll say yes.

MR. SACHS: Okay. Shawn.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The resolution is adopted.

MR. SACHS: Fine.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, Larry, I have on my agenda proposed building addition.

MR. SACHS: No, this was another resolution. It's another resolution, Shawn. This was the Middlesex County Vo-Tech. So we just have to vote on the resolution, as well.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. It doesn't have a --

MR. SACHS: There's no application number.

MR. CRISCUOLO: I'll make a motion to adopt it.

MR. BRAVMAN: I'll second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: And it's good --

MR. SACHS: It's good to go.

THE CHAIRMAN: Good to go on this this evening, Larry?

MR. SACHS: Yes, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: So it's been moved and seconded. Any comments or questions by any board members?

Seeing none, Larry, if Loren is not back, could you please call the roll.

MR. SACHS: She's back.

THE CHAIRMAN: She's back? Okay, Loren, please call --

MS. MORACE: Sorry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Loren, please call the roll.

MS. MORACE: Miss Cohen.

MS. COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Miss Clarke.

MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mr. Bravman.

MR. BRAVMAN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. MORACE: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The resolution is adopted. So I believe that as -- we have gone through all of our business this evening and.

MR. SACHS: We have.

THE CHAIRMAN: Our next -- that's great. Loren, when is our next meeting?

MS. MORACE: Scheduled for February 24.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Good. Is there any other business to come before us tonight?

MS. MORACE: No, that's all.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, listen, John, once again, we're going to miss you, but enjoy your well deserved retirement.

Everyone please continue to stay safe. Hopefully fingers crossed it won't be too much longer where we can see -- we can all see each other in person and, you know, maybe go out for a little libation after a meeting, not alcoholic, of course, but after the meeting, and everybody enjoy -- have a happy Valentine's Day, President's Day, and I think I hit all the holidays between now and our next meeting. So be well, all. Good night.