

Board of Adjustment

Virtual Meeting

January 20, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Statement of compliance read by Joel Kenderdine.

Roll Call

Present:

Ms. Castro
Mr. Estrella
Mr. Graubard
Dr. Allen
Mr. Battista
Mr. Kenderdine

Absent:

Mr. D'Armiento
Mr. Lewis

Also present, Board Attorney Brian Schwartz

Mr. Battista and Dr. Allen sworn in with the oath of office.

Election of a chair of the Board of Adjustment for the year 2021. Ms. Castro nominated Mr. Kenderdine for chair. Seconded by Mr. Graubard. All in favor. None opposed.

Steve is no longer a member of the Board of Adjustment. He had to resign because he is now a member of the Borough Council. Mr. Kenderdine will work with Mayor La Ronde to get his position filled. Typically an alternate member will move into a member position and the alternate member position will then be filled.

Election of Vice Chairman of the Board of Adjustment for 2021. Mr. Estrella nominated Mr. Lewis. Seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor. None opposed.

There was discussion about appointing Dawn Gaebel as the clerk/secretary for the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Kenderdine will discuss getting a recording secretary with Dave Hollod and Mayor La Ronde.

Motion made by Mr. Estrella to appoint Dawn Gaebel Board Secretary. Ms. Castro seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

Board of Adjustment used to have a compliance committee and maybe a liaison with the planning board.

The minutes are incorrect. The minutes state there was a motion to deny the application. There was a motion to approve and the Board voted no. The way the minutes read, there was a motion to deny and the Board voted yes so this will have to be corrected by Dawn before the minutes are considered for approval.

Resolution of the Board of Adjustment of the Borough of North Plainfield to appoint a Board Attorney for the year 2021. The Board advertises for the position of Board Attorney. Brian Schwartz is the only attorney that submitted for the position. Mr. Kenderdine made a motion to appoint Brian Schwartz as the Board of Adjustment attorney for 2021. Seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor. None opposed.

Resolution to retain Brian Schwartz as attorney to the Board of Adjustment for 2021. He will be retained at the rate of \$500 for attendance at meetings and at the rate of \$250 per hour for services of the Board other than at meetings. Motion to approve resolution by Ms. Castro. Seconded by Mr. Graubard. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business

None

New Business

No new applications at this time.

Discussion about Seven Eleven. Rock Avenue Seven Eleven closed. Seven Eleven in westbound side is moving.

Gary Lewis sworn in with the oath of office as a member of the Board of Adjustment.

No comments from the public.

Mr. Battista asked about 380 Somerset Street. Mr. Kenderdine stated it was worked on last fall and the application was disapproved by the Board.

Mr. Estrella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Graubard. All in favor.