



BOROUGH OF LEONIA
Leonía Planning Board
MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 27, 2021

7:30 PM

**REMOTE MEETING VIA
GOTOMEETING**

The Borough of Leonia Planning Board held a special meeting on January 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via remote video conference in lieu of an in-person meeting due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Governor Murphy’s Executive Orders 107 and 152 that restrict public gatherings.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Judah Zeigler, Councilman Pasquale Fusco, Chairman Michael DeGidio, Vice Chair Vincent Petti, William Russell, Ron Wolf, Timothy Ford, Patrick Botten, Sean Thompson, Ira Gold, Haeseok Ko, Damee Choi

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: N/A

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, OPENING MEETING STATEMENT

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW/RE-APPOINTED MEMBERS

Mayor Zeigler administered the Oath of Office to the following members:

- William Russell – Class II Member
- Councilman Fusco – Class III Member
- Ronald Wolf – Class IV Member
- Ira Gold – Alternate I Member
- Haeseok Ko – Alternate II Member
- Damee Choi – Alternate III Member

ELECTIONS

Motion to elect Michael DeGidio as Chairperson was made by: Mr. Botten

Seconded: Mr. Wolf

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	abstain	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Motion to elect Vincent Petti as Vice Chairperson was made by: Mayor Zeigler

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	abstain	Mr. Thompson:	yes

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Botten provided brief detail regarding the evaluation and recommendation for the appointment of the Planning Board Attorney.

Motion to appoint Daniel Steinhagen of Beattie Padovano, LLC as Planning Board Attorney was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Ford

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Mr. Botten provided brief detail regarding the evaluation of the proposals received for Planning Board Engineer. Chairman DeGidio provided additional feedback regarding the benefit of consistency between the Borough Engineer and Planning Board Engineer roles.

Motion to appoint Drew Di Sessa of Pennoni Associates Inc. as Planning Board Engineer was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Chairman DeGidio thanked Mr. Robert Costa for his years of service to the Board.

Motion to appoint Jeffrey Janota of H2M Associates, Inc. as Professional Planner was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Chairman DeGidio noted that Mr. Janota is recovering from a procedure and that the Board wishes Mr. Janota a quick recovery.

Motion to appoint John Corak of Stonefield Engineering & Design LLC as Planning Board Traffic Engineer was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Vice Chair Petti

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Motion to appoint Angela Copeland as Planning Board Secretary and Recording Secretary was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Wolf

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

Motion to designate The Bergen Record and The Star-Ledger as the Official Newspapers for the Planning Board was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Councilman Fusco:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Vice Chair Petti:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public comment.

John Corak, of Stonefield Engineering & Design LLC, was sworn in as Traffic Engineer for the Planning Board.

With no further business presented, a motion to adjourn the 2021 Reorganization meeting was made by: Mr. Botten

Seconded: Mayor Zeigler

All in Favor – Motion Passed

The 2021 Reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Copeland
Planning Board Secretary