



**BOROUGH OF LEONIA**  
**Leonía Planning Board**  
**MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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**January 26, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**REMOTE MEETING VIA  
GOTOMEETING**

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The Borough of Leonia Planning Board held a special meeting on January 26, 2022 at 7:00 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, 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 7:08 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:

- Sean Thompson – Class IV Member
- Damee Choi – Alternate II Member

**ELECTIONS**

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

Seconded: Mr. Wolf

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	abstain	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

Motion to elect Ira Gold as Vice Chairperson was made by: Mayor Zeigler

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	abstain
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT**

Motion to appoint Daniel Steinhagen of Beattie Padovano, LLC as Planning Board Attorney was made by: Mr. Botten

Seconded: Mr. Gold

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

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

Seconded: Mr. Russell

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

Motion to appoint Sanyogita Chavan of H2M Associates, Inc. as Professional Planner was made by: Mr. Botten

Seconded: Mr. Wolf

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

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

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	yes

Motion to appoint Adam Myszka as Planning Board Secretary and Recording Secretary was made by: Chairman DeGidio

Seconded: Mr. Botten

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mayor Zeigler:	yes	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	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	Chairman DeGidio:	yes	Mr. Thompson:	yes
Mr. Wolf:	yes	Mr. Ford:	yes	Mr. Gold:	yes
Mr. Russell:	yes	Mr. Botten:	yes	Mr. Ko:	Yes

Chairman DeGidio thanked Mr. Dan Melfi for his years of service to the Board as the Zoning Officer.

\*Councilman Fusco joined the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Mayor Zeigler administered the Oath of Office to the Councilman:

- Councilman Fusco – Class II Member

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no public comment.

With no further business presented, a motion to adjourn the 2022 Reorganization meeting was made by: Mr. Wolf

Seconded: Mr. Botten

All in Favor – Motion Passed

The 2022 Reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Copeland  
Planning Board Secretary