

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH  
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD  
JANUARY 8, 2024  
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING  
to the extent known**

1. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Brecht-Mangiafico, stating, “Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notifying the South Jersey Times on December 21, 2023”.

2. Swearing-In Appointments  
Mayor Reinhart  
Salvatore Mangiafico  
Michael Ivanick  
Michael Henry  
Kathleen Barndt Alt 1  
Veronica Flanagan Alt 2  
Shawn Burke Alt 3

Ms. Brecht-Mangiafico apprised the Board on procedure; the term of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson expires on December 31st; therefore, the Board does not have a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson until voted in at the reorganization meeting.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are selected only from those fulfilling the role of Class IV members. That includes:

Deborah Bacon  
Michael Henry  
Michael Ivanick  
Matthew Pisarski  
Neil Riley  
Michele Serabian  
Penelope Watson

Ms. Brecht-Mangiafico opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson:

Mr. Michael Ivanick nominated Ms. Penelope Watson, seconded by Mr. Matthew Pisarski. No other nominations were submitted. A vote was held, approved by all with no abstentions.

4. Nomination for Vice-Chairman

Ms. Brecht-Mangiafico opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Michael Henry nominated Mr. Neil Riley, seconded by Mr. Michael Ivanick. No other nominations were submitted. A vote was held, approved by all with no abstentions.

5. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Reinhart, Salvatore Mangiafico, Matthew Pisarski, Michael Ivanick, Deborah Bacon, Michele Serabian, Michael Henry, Penelope Watson, Kathleen Barndt Alt 1, Veronica Flanagan Alt 2, Shawn Burke Alt 3

Absent: Neil Riley

Also Present:

Renee Brecht-Mangiafico, Board Secretary, Bob Flanagan, Steven Barndt

6. No appointment for solicitor was made.

7. Appointment of Secretary

Michael Ivanick nominated Ms. Brecht-Mangiafico to serve as board secretary, seconded by Mayor. A vote was held, approved by all with no abstentions. all in favor; with one abstention by Mr. Salvatore Mangiafico; no nays.

8. The following meeting dates were set:

February 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

April 1, 2024

May 6, 2024

June 3, 2024

July 1, 2024

August 5, 2024

September 9, 2024

October 7, 2024

November 4, 2024

December 2, 2024

9. Approval of Minutes

Matt Pisarski proposed approval of the December 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Salvatore Mangiafico; and approved by all with abstentions by Michael Ivanick, Kathleen Barndt

10. A time limit for Public Comment was proposed utilizing the following text: “We have now reached the public comment portion of our meeting. Anyone who would like to address the Board, please state your name and address your concerns. Please limit your comments to approximately 5 minutes.” Michael Ivanick motioned, Michael Henry seconded; approved by all.

11. There were no applications.

12. Consideration of Amendment of Resolution 03-2023

Ms. Brecht-Mangiafico informed the board that previous attorney, John DeSimone, strenuously advised “I might suggest that Kathleen not deliver the Barndt’s request to amend the Resolution but her husband. I am going to go far enough to suggest that Kathleen not be present in the meeting room when the request is made.

I am making this suggestion because of Kathleen’s role as a Board member. I want to avoid any look whatsoever of a conflict of interest.

I just attended a Continuing Legal Education program titled Ethics for Municipal Attorneys. Based on what I heard we could be asking for trouble with the recommendations made.

I am conservative and do not welcome suits so I always advise a municipality more on the safe side than not. Apparently, that approach has become a bone of contention.

I can only advise the Board of risks. The Board is welcome to do what they want. If the Board wants an applicant to sit on the Board, testify and vote thereby creating a conflict of interest the Board can do that; if the Board wants a Board member to fill the role of applicant and offer public comment that is the Board's decision. Although I would advise the Board of the risks and against such acts I can only advise the Board of the risk associated with such acts.”

Ms. Kathleen Barndt recused herself from this discussion and sat in the audience.

Ms. Watson stated the precedent was to sit in the audience; that is what was done previously and that it is difficult to do differently in a municipality of Greenwich's size. Mayor said in the past, the one member that objected to subdividing land did not recuse self and he lost that opportunity until many years later; would like to follow Mr. DeSimone's suggestion. Michael Ivanick, believes as a citizen of Greenwich she should have the right to be in the room. All have taken an oath; one's presence in the audience should not affect anyone in this case, per Mr. Ivanick. The board was unanimous in its agreement that Ms. Barndt, who had recused herself and was sitting in the audience, could remain in the audience.

The request to amend Resolution 3-2023 (application 05-23) (Steven and Kathleen Barndt) was approved, proposed by Matthew Pisarski and seconded by Michael Ivanick, approved by all with changes of date and spelling.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING  
BOARD AN APPLICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS  
APPROVAL FOR STEPHEN BARNDT AND KATHLEEN BARNDT,  
BLOCK 8, LOT 9.04  
1118 SHEPPARDS MILL ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY  
OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ms. Barndt returned from the audience to the table as an alternate member.

14. New Business

— Ms Watson would like to consider changing the name from Joint Planning Zoning Board to Land Use Board. The municipal clerk is in agreement, per Ms. Mangiafico; the board can make a recommendation to the township committee.

Matthew Pisarski made a motion that the language meet the same language of municipal land use law and that the name change reflects standard language used in municipal land use law; seconded by Mr. Mangiafico; all in agreement.

15. There were no bills to review.

16. Public Comment

Michael Ivanick made a motion to open the public meeting, seconded by Matthew Pisarski ; all in favor.

Chairperson Watson stated: "We have now reached the public comment portion of our meeting. Anyone who would like to address the Board, please state your name and address your concerns. Please limit your comments to approximately 5 minutes."

Mr. Barndt stated that he appreciated the board considering the amendment to the resolution..

Michael Ivanick made a motion to close the public meeting, seconded by Matthew Pisarski ; all in favor.

17. Adjournment

Matthew Pisarski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Ivanick ; all in favor.