

MINUTES OF THE
EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD

January 11, 2023

STATEMENT - Open Public Meetings Act

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:

Shawn Taylor, Chairman
Charles Heppel
Brad Cohen, Mayor
Kevin McEvoy
Joseph Criscuolo
Laurence Reiss
Adam Neary
Mary Pan

ABSENT:

Muhammad Hashmi
Steve Philips
Erum Shakir
Ziad Burghli, Student Rep.

ALSO PRESENT:

Lawrence B. Sachs, Esquire
Jessica Tegeder - Secretary
Anthony Abbonizio - Planner

MINUTES

December 7, 2022 - Motion to approve by Mr.
Criscuolo, second by Mr. Neary. Minutes approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #17556 and #17557 regarding amendments
for the Harts Lane Areas in Need of Redevelopment,
block 31, lots 2.07, 2.08, 3.02, from the Township
of East Brunswick Council. Motion to approve by Mr.
Heppel, second by Mr. Neary. Resolution approved.

PLANNING BOARD REORGANIZATION

Chairman - Shawn Taylor nominated by Mr. Heppel,
second by Mr. Criscuolo.

Vice Chairman - Charles Heppel nominated by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Neary.

Secretary - Muhammad Hashmi nominated by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Criscuolo.

Recording Secretary - Deborah Masterton nominated by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Heppel.

Attorney - Lawrence B. Sachs nominated by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Heppel.

Engineer - CME Associates nominated by Mayor Cohen, second by Mr. Neary.

Conflict Attorney - Shamy, Shippers & Lonski, PC, nominated by Mr. Criscuolo, second by Mr. Taylor.

Conflict Engineer - T & M Associates nominated by Mayor Cohen, second by Mr. Criscuolo.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Cohen, second by Mr. Neary. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, good evening, all, and hope everyone had a great holiday season, and for those who I have not spoken to, please have a happy and healthy new year.

This is the January 11, 2023, East Brunswick Township Planning Board meeting. In accordance with Open Public Meeting Law, on December 15, 2022, notice of this meeting stating the time, date, and location was sent to the Home News Tribune, filed with the township clerk, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the municipal building. A copy of this notice will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

The chair reserves the right to call an application in an order different from that appearing on the agenda, and on each application, the chair will give the public an opportunity to comment.

The planning board will entertain no new business after 10, and it will close all proceedings by 11.

Let's start the meeting with those who are able to please rise for a pledge, join me in a pledge to the flag.

(Flag salute)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Jessica, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. McEVOY: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: And Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Here.

Our first order of business is resolution number 17566 and number -- and number 17557 regarding amendments for the Harts Lane area in need of redevelopment, block 31, lots 2.07, 2.08, and 3.02, from the Township of East Brunswick Council. Mr. Sachs, is this resolution in order for us to vote on?

MR. SACHS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just so the board is aware, back on December 12, the township council issued two resolutions. One of them was 17556 and 17557.

The pertinent resolution that we have to deal with this evening is 17557. If the board will recall, we recommended that the township council adopt the Harts Lane redevelopment study; however, we referenced that it should be non-condemnation. It was originally condemnation. So as a result of that, the council deliberated at their council meeting on December 12, and they authorized now the planning board to have a redevelopment plan prepared for the non-condemnation area comprising block 31, lots 2.08, 2.07, and 3.02, and that once that plan is completed, that we'll have a public hearing as to that redevelopment plan and will transmit it to the governing body.

I also received from DMR Planners a proposal, which was actually sent to Michael Hughes, executive director, but we have a copy of it, as

well, and it's a proposal for them to do such a plan as referenced in resolution 17557.

So I think all we need to do tonight, Mr. Chairman, is we just need to take a vote on authorizing DMR to undertake that study as a non-condemnation area. They'll prepare a plan. We'll have a public hearing at some future date, and then we'll refer that to the council.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now, can we do them together or --

MR. SACHS: 17556 really is -- there's no action we need to take with respect to that one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. SACHS: All right, that was just determining that the area was an area in need of redevelopment, but obviously, because we changed the tenor of it from condemnation to non-condemnation, it requires an additional study.

THE CHAIRMAN: Got you, so -- and 17557 we need to act on.

MR. SACHS: Yes, and just by -- someone can make a motion to authorize presumably DMR to undertake that study.

MAYOR COHEN: Can we explain to everybody which lots they are --

MR. SACHS: Yes.

MAYOR COHEN: -- because number is irrelevant. Are they the three different reclamation centers or are all those lots one reclamation center?

MR. SACHS: They're under separate ownership, but it's block 31, 2.08, 2.07, and 3.02. I believe, Mayor, I think 3.02 may have been the application we approved back in September for that warehouse, and I think the other two lots are the remaining reclamation yards.

MAYOR COHEN: Both of them.

MR. SACHS: Yeah.

MAYOR COHEN: Because I thought the first one was already done.

MR. SACHS: It is but, it's -- it was in the zone. In other words, we granted site plan approval -- I forgot who the applicant was, but we granted site plan approval to that applicant to build that new warehouse. They're still part of this study area.

MAYOR COHEN: There's three reclamation centers on Harts Lane.

MR. SACHS: Right.

MAYOR COHEN: The one that's closest to

Tices I believe already had a designation. That's why we approved a warehouse on its property --

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: -- along with keeping a portion of --

MR. SACHS: Closer to Milltown.

MAYOR COHEN: Then there's the middle one --

MR. SACHS: Right.

MAYOR COHEN: -- which I believe was the person that --

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: -- complained because they didn't think it should be a condemnation area.

MR. SACHS: Right.

MAYOR COHEN: We agreed to that.

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: And then there's the one of Giancola's --

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: -- where we've already approved before any designation their warehouse, and now we're giving them the designation if they want to --

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: -- apply for a tax advantage to a PILOT.

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: So which properties do these refer to?

MR. SACHS: You know what, I don't have the tax map for it, Mayor, but let me just see.

Actually, Jessica, do you have the -- do we have that approval for that other -- for the one that we approved in September?

MS. TEGEDER: Harts XNJ.

MR. SACHS: Yeah, do you have that resolution there by chance?

MS. TEGEDER: No.

MR. SACHS: Okay.

MAYOR COHEN: Most of us are going to either understand it as the one that's closest to Tices, the one in the middle, and Giancola. What one is this one? That's all I'm asking. I don't know what the lot, block numbers are.

MR. SACHS: And you know what, Mayor, I think the one you're talking about was the one that we approved in September was closer to Milltown.

MR. CRISCUOLO: No, was closer to Tices.

MR. SACHS: Was it closer to Tices?

Okay.

MAYOR COHEN: Closer to Tices was a while back.

MR. CRISCUOLO: While back.

MAYOR COHEN: That wasn't September. It was before. That's -- that was a --

MR. CRISCUOLO: Ace.

MAYOR COHEN: That was a while ago.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, it was.

MAYOR COHEN: And then there was the one --

MR. SACHS: Do you have it, Jess, or not? Let's see. If we have it. If not --

MAYOR COHEN: I just want --

MR. SACHS: I understand. I understand what you're saying.

MAYOR COHEN: I think is I think these are the remaining two, but it's confusing with three different lots. That's all I'm asking.

MR. SACHS: Right. Yeah, I believe one of these lot numbers is the one that we approved last year, you know, in September because they were part of the initial study, as well.

MAYOR COHEN: And they were with condemnation?

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: And they --

MR. SACHS: They still --

MAYOR COHEN: After they already had an approval for their site.

MR. SACHS: Correct, correct.

Any luck, guys? Anthony, you're looking?

MR. ABBONIZIO: I am looking.

MR. SACHS: Maybe you have your staff report will show it.

MR. ABBONIZIO: That's what I'm looking for right now.

MR. SACHS: I got a feeling it's 3.02.

MAYOR COHEN: Is one, and 08 and 07 are --

MR. SACHS: Yeah, yeah.

THE CHAIRMAN: You know, since we're having discussion, why doesn't someone move it. Why doesn't someone --

MR. HEPPEL: I'll move it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Is there a second?

MR. NEARY: I'll second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Adam seconded. Now we're in the midst of discussion.

MS. TEGEDER: I think that was approved on Harts Lane, 15 Harts Lane?

MR. SACHS: Yeah. What's the lot?

MS. TEGEDER: The lot is 2.08.

MR. SACHS: Oh, that's 2.08.

MS. TEGEDER: Which is the Harts XNJ that was approved.

MR. SACHS: That was that warehouse.

MAYOR COHEN: What is Harts XNJ? That's the --

MR. SACHS: That's the applicant.

MAYOR COHEN: Giancola's?

MR. SACHS: No, no, no.

MAYOR COHEN: No?

MR. SACHS: No.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Seventeen Harts Lane, 2.07, 17 Harts Lane, and 2.03 --

MAYOR COHEN: What is 17 Harts Lane?

MR. CRISCUOLO: Is 15C Harts Lane. It's showing up as (inaudible)

MS. TEGEDER: I think 3.02 is the township with the --

MAYOR COHEN: There is a sliver in the back.

MS. TEGEDER: Yeah, I think that's 3.02.

MR. CRISCUOLO: 3.02 is township.

MR. SACHS: Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. SACHS: 2.08 is the one we approved.

MR. CRISCUOLO: 2.08 is Harts XNJ, LLC.

MR. SACHS: Correct.

MAYOR COHEN: Who is that?

MR. CRISCUOLO: Hang on one second. I'm trying to get --

MR. SACHS: That's the warehouse that we approved in September.

MR. CRISCUOLO: And then --

MR. SACHS: 2.07 is the guy next door, the foreign --

MR. CRISCUOLO: Seventeen Harts Lane is East Brunswick Foreign Car.

MR. SACHS: Correct. All right, so we're okay.

MR. CRISCUOLO: And --

MR. SACHS: Again, just so the record is clear, we -- 2.08, which is 15 Harts X -- Harts 15, Roman numeral 15, yeah, that was the one that was approved by this board back in September. They got an approval for the warehouse. 2.07 is the property owner next door, who I believe appeared as an

objector. Hopefully he'll do something now. And 3.02 is the township property.

MAYOR COHEN: Yeah, there's a sliver of property behind all three there, reclamation centers that the town actually owns.

MR. SACHS: Okay, so now we're clear. Okay.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yeah, that's right, because that property was sold in October of '21, so that lines up.

MR. SACHS: All right.

MAYOR COHEN: Okay. Sorry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Whatever you want --

MAYOR COHEN: All know what we're voting on.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Now do you have a motion, Jessica?

MS. TEGEDER: I got it, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? Okay. Seeing none, Jessica, call the roll of those eligible, please.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: And Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The --

MR. SACHS: Did you do the minutes?

THE CHAIRMAN: -- resolution is adopted. No, we'll skip back to the minutes. An item I missed -- I apologize -- are the minutes of December 7, 2022, which were distributed. I remind the board that we approve minutes by voice vote. What is the board's pleasure with the minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting?

MR. CRISCUOLO: Motion to adopt.

THE CHAIRMAN: Move to adopt. Second? Adam, second?

MR. NEARY: I wasn't at the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Charlie, will you.

MS. TEGEDER: You read the minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, you can still --

MR. NEARY: Sorry. I'll second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, that's -- okay, and all those in favor of approval of the minutes as

submitted signify by saying aye. Any nays? Any abstentions?

MR. REISS: Abstain.

THE CHAIRMAN: The minutes pass.

Now, our main item of business this evening is to reorganize the board. I will now turn the meeting over to our attorney Larry Sachs. Larry, would you please.

MR. SACHS: It'll be my pleasure, Shawn. So we will now commence the 2023 reorganization of the Planning Board of the Township of East Brunswick. The first order of business will be to select a chairman, and then once you select a chairman, then we'll select the other officers for this year and then our professionals.

So with that being said, do I have a motion from the board?

MR. HEPPEL: I'll make a motion.

MR. SACHS: Charlie, what is your motion?

MR. HEPPEL: Chairman.

MR. SACHS: Shawn Taylor for chairman? Okay, is there a second?

MR. CRISCUOLO: Second.

MR. SACHS: Seconded. Any further discussion? Any further nominations for chairman? So be it. We'll close the nominations for chairman. Jessica, if you can please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: I guess so.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. McEVOY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MR. SACHS: Congratulations, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

MR. SACHS: It's your meeting now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, thank you. First I want to thank the mayor for his continued support in my endeavor here chairing this board. I thoroughly

enjoy it. I think it's a wonderful board, and I think that under your leadership with support from our wonderful council, we're doing great things for East Brunswick, and I'm proud to be just a little part of it.

I also want to thank all my board members, my fellow board members. I see us as a team. I always say, and it's always been true, you know, I'm the stupidest guy up here. I'm just surrounded by some of the best people the town has to offer. Please, if you ever think that I'm doing something that needs -- that I'm out of line or you would like me to do something differently, please let me know. I've been doing this a long time, not always well, but always trying -- try hard. So I'm just very proud to be -- to be sitting up here with the rest of you. So thank you.

The next office we have to fill is a vice chair, and we have to do that because our long-time vice chair, Larry Bravman, as most of you probably know, his enormous talent was recognized. Governor Murphy nominated him to the bench, and about two Mondays ago I think, the Senate Judiciary Committee supported his nomination. The full senate acted on it, and he is now a proud member of the bench. He is serving right here in Middlesex County, and I know we will miss Larry greatly, but this is something that he wanted, and the -- we're lucky to have him in the larger sense of now he not only brings his wisdom and commitment to this body, but to the larger judiciary. Now, I guess we will invite him, hopefully have him at a future meeting to thank him in person.

So because of that --

MR. HEPPEL: The mayor wants to speak.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, sure.

MAYOR COHEN: I didn't want to steal your thunder. You were going so well there that I didn't want to break that up.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, no, absolutely.

MAYOR COHEN: I did want to thank you for your years of service here as the president of this planning board, and I think that we have done, as you said, a lot of really great things here for the township, and we're not done yet, but ushering us, shepherding us, you've done a great job --

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: -- and I think that the proof of it goes to the fact that we very rarely have people contest the decisions that have been

made here. So I think it's a testament to the way that we work as a team, and we make an effort with your support to really apply what the needs of the township are with true Land Use Law, and we still stuck by Land Use Law, which as we all know is very prescribed, and we all have to do that, but at the end of the day, when you have so few times that people challenge those decisions, whether they like them or not -- you might not like the decision, but they knew that it was the right decision and didn't end up challenging it -- just goes to show you that we must be doing something right.

As far as Mr. Bravman, it was an opportunity yesterday to be there and speak at his swearing in, and I'll tell you, like, you're often proud of going around the table and mentioning all the East Brunswick people that are there, but besides the East Brunswick people that were there to just see him get that honor, it's amazing the number of people that are actually sitting on the bench who are from East Brunswick. So we must be doing something right, and so I'm enormously proud, and it was an honor to be there to speak on his behalf.

We also have two new members that are on our planning board here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Would you like to introduce them?

MAYOR COHEN: Sure. One's not here today, but I do want to introduce Mary Pan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Since they are your appointments.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes, and again, back to the idea of trying to bring people onto this board that have their fingers in the community and can combine their knowledge of the community, love of the community, and being part of this, this land use board.

So I want to introduce everyone to Mary. I'm sure she doesn't need an introduction because she's been around for a long time, but somebody who's clearly been involved in the township for many years, served on the library board, involved with the East Brunswick Democratic Organization, and I don't know what she doesn't do, but the reality is that it's again another person who I believe truly represents this township and will do a great job here on the board. So I'm going to give her a second to introduce herself and say a couple words.

MS. PAN: All right. Thank you so much. Thank you for the kind words, Mayor. I am very

grateful that you have appointed me to this position. I look forward to serving with everyone here. It's a great honor to be here.

Just a little bit about myself. My husband and I are from Chicago. We moved to East Brunswick, like, a little over 18 years ago, so we've been here for a while. When we were looking into places to move to out here in New Jersey, we considered East Brunswick because we wanted to be able to raise a family, and East Brunswick is known for their excellent school system as well as the cultural diversity so, you know, and it was close to work for us. So we're very happy to be here, and it's such a great honor to be able to serve and represent the residents of East Brunswick.

THE CHAIRMAN: We're so happy to have you aboard, Mary, and you only have a paper name plate --

MS. TEGEDER: It's ordered.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- so, you know, if you mess up a little bit, you know -- I'm only kidding. And we're so happy, and you and Wilbur contribute so much to the town, and he's a wonderful man, and we're just happy to have you.

The other thing is we have a new member from the council. We have --

MR. SACHS: A new old member.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- council President Kevin McEvoy. All of us know Kevin, and I'm so happy to have him back. He's in general a thoughtful guy who really gives -- he and his wife, Donna, who I'm proud to call friends, have made East Brunswick a much better place, whether it was your job here as an educator, a coach, school board member, announcer, and now as a councilman. East Brunswick is really a better place for having the McEvoy family involved in the town. So welcome aboard, Kevin.

MR. McEVOY: Thank you. Appreciate those kind words.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I said, I called you council president. You're the new council president. Used to call you mayor. But to me you'll always be Kevin because that's just the kind of guy you are.

MR. McEVOY: Once again, thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will move on now with the reorganization.

MAYOR COHEN: We do have one more member

coming on.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MAYOR COHEN: Not here tonight. I guess we'll save that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't we save that until she's here.

So we have to fill the voice chair spot. If I may take a little personal prerogative, I would like to nominate my good friend, long-time planning board secretary, and when we were thinking of who might replace Larry, the mayor and I and Larry, we all spoke and you were really the name that came up, Charlie, so I would love to nominate and first ask you to serve and nominate Charlie Heppel for vice chairman of the planning board. Do I have a second?

MR. NEARY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Been moved and seconded. Any comments or --

MR. NEARY: Hope there's no 15 rounds of voting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Absolutely.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. MCEVOY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Absolutely.

MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, although I notice, Mr. Criscuolo, I got a just barely, and you got an absolutely.

MR. HEPPEL: You squeaked by.

THE CHAIRMAN: Charlie, would you like to say a few words?

MR. HEPPEL: Like to thank everybody. I have enjoyed working with, you know, many of you for a long, long time. I really do believe we're a good group. We're in sync. And it's nice when you have a group and it's not like you have (inaudible) or something where it's in name only people would join things. Here seems like virtually everybody goes out to the sites. Even though we live here, there are things you don't see when you, you know, up and

down, say, it's 18 or whatever it is, you don't necessarily see after a while, but you go there, you see what's what, you evaluate it for the purpose of this meeting, and you see a lot more, whether it's a sight line or whatever it may be, and everybody here really puts their best foot forward and pleasure to work with everybody, and I have enjoyed it all these years.

I just want to mention something, too, with Mary, okay. Tell me if she doesn't fit in or not, okay. Haven't seen Mary for a long time. We both volunteer for American Cancer. She knows Adam well. She knows Larry well. And so it already it's like she's part of a team, like the newbie or anything. So I think that's a great addition for us. I welcome you again. But thank you everybody.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The next position we have to fill is secretary. Since Larry -- Charlie is vacating that position, I'd like to again take a point of personal privilege and nominate Muhammad Hashmi for that position. He could not be with us tonight.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded. Any discussion or questions? Hearing none, call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. MCEVOY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

The next position is recording secretary. I'd like to nominate Debbie Masterton once again for that position. Do we have a second?

MR. HEPPEL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.
MR. NEARY: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.
MR. REISS: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.
MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.
MR. McEVOY: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.
MR. HEPPEL: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.
MAYOR COHEN: Yes.
MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.
THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Those are the board positions that we needed to fill. We move on now to our professionals. And, you know, it is interesting, Mayor, when you said that very few of our decisions go to court or get overturned, and that's largely because of our professional staff, our consultants, and our actual planning and zoning department. Everyone is stellar, you know, and I have witnessed over the years -- I've been to planning board meetings in many, many other towns, and the difference is there's glaring. First of all -- and I just wanted to -- believe it or not, in a lot of towns, the mayor doesn't come to planning board meetings. His appointees -- he appoints someone to represent him. And I can honestly say that, you know, under Bill Neary and under Dave Stahl and under you, you're here. You know, you take responsibility for our decisions. You meet the public. Again, like you said, they don't always agree with our decisions, but I think that that somehow energizes not only the staff but the board when you take time out of your busy schedule to make sure you're here, not that your appointment wouldn't be a worthy person or a good person, but you're elected mayor. You're responsible to the people who voted for you and those who didn't vote for you that are citizens and residents of East Brunswick. And I am -- I have always been very impressed that mayors in East Brunswick come to meetings.

So and -- so I just -- that just popped into my head, which is why I said it, but we are now appointing or reorganizing and appointing our professional staff. The first one is attorney, and I'll take another point of personal privilege only because Larry and I have known each other since grade school. So it's been a long time, and we're

both old now, you know. He's got a cane and I got the walker. His is temporary; hopefully so is mine. But we've been together a long, long time, Larry, you, Sheila, the kids. Again, part of what makes East Brunswick great is, you know, part of that larger East Brunswick family. So it is my great privilege and great honor. I think you've been here longer than I have, right, by a couple years.

MR. SACHS: Maybe a year or two.

THE CHAIRMAN: To appoint Larry Sachs -- to nominate Larry Sachs for appointment for East Brunswick Planning Board attorney. Do I have a second?

MR. HEPPEL: Second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Been moved and seconded. Further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Okay.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. McEVOY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Moving on --

MR. SACHS: And by the way, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, board and professionals and elected officials. I do appreciate your confidence in me and look forward to serving again.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Next up is engineer. Would someone else like to nominate CME. I'm kind of running on here. I don't want to -- yes, Mayor.

MAYOR COHEN: Nominate CME for our township planning board engineer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Terrific. Is there a second?

MR. NEARY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Second. Great.

Discussion? Anthony and those who have come before you always give great service to the town, and we're

happy to have you back. There's a lot of institutional knowledge there and just a lot of once again great professionals.

MR. ABBONIZIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Care about this --

MR. ABBONIZIO: Hold off until the vote to actually --

THE CHAIRMAN: There you go.

MR. SACHS: You got nervous, right?

THE CHAIRMAN: Anyway, so, Jessica, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. McEVOY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.

MR. HEPPEL: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. ABBONIZIO: Mr. Chairman, members of the board, thank you. On behalf of CME, we appreciate the reappointment, and we look forward to 2023.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Next slot is conflict attorney.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Dave Lonski.

THE CHAIRMAN: A man that's no stranger to all of us. Dave Lonski has been moved. I'll second that. Any further discussion? Seeing none, I mean, once again, a man who is -- a man and a family who is steeped in East Brunswick and, you know, does things far beyond his role as an attorney in town. He's involved in Pop Warner forever and rec board and again what makes this town great.

Just call the roll, Jessica, please.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.

MS. PAN: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.
 MR. McEVOY: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.
 MR. HEPPEL: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.
 MAYOR COHEN: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.
 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

And then the last position we will reorganize tonight is for conflict engineer. I'm told that we are appointing the engineering firm T&M Associates in that role. Would anyone like to second that? Been moved and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Miss Pan.
 MS. PAN: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.
 MR. NEARY: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.
 MR. REISS: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.
 MR. CRISCUOLO: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.
 MR. McEVOY: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel.
 MR. HEPPEL: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Mayor Cohen.
 MAYOR COHEN: Yes.
 MS. TEGEDER: Chairman Taylor.
 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Yes.

So that -- is there any other business?
 I notice we have a visitor in the audience. Good evening.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Good evening.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'd like to open up the public portion just to ask how are you and why are you here.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Here to observe.
 Thank you, Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry?

MS. TEGEDER: Just here to observe.

THE CHAIRMAN: Wonderful. Well, you picked a meeting that didn't have much action, but we reorganized.

What is our next meeting?

MS. TEGEDER: January 25.

THE CHAIRMAN: January 25. I will be --
 I will be back from vacation by then.

MR. SACHS: Don't miss the flight back.

Or unless the planes -- there's a computer --

THE CHAIRMAN: This morning all the planes went down because they had that computer glitch. And, you know, you said maybe we're not meant to go. And because we missed our first flight to Mexico and --

MR. SACHS: I think you should leave now. What is your flight, Saturday?

THE CHAIRMAN: Saturday. We spent a few days in the airport. So I will be back by then.

Any other business to come before us this evening? Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MAYOR COHEN: Motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, we're out of town, folks. We'll see you on the 25th.