

MINUTES OF THE
EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD

February 8, 2023

STATEMENT - Open Public Meetings Act

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:

Shawn Taylor, Chairman
Muhammad Hashmi
Kevin McEvoy
Joseph Criscuolo
Laurence Reiss
Steve Philips
Adam Neary
Erum Shakir
Ziad Burghli, Student Rep.

ABSENT:

Mary Pan
Charles Heppel
Brad Cohen, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Larry Kroll, Esquire
Jessica Tegeder, Secretary

MINUTES

January 25, 2023 - Motion to approve by Mr. Reiss,
Second by Mr. Philips. Minutes approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution of Appreciation - James Wendell. Motion
to adopt by Mr. Reiss, second by Mr. McEvoy.
Resolution adopted.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the redevelopment study for Edgeboro
Road, block 833, lots 3-6, 7.01, 8.01, 9, 10.02, 17,
18.01, 19, 21.02, 21.03, 23.01, 24.01, 26-28; block
834, lots 34.03, 35.01, 35.02, 36.02, 36.03; block

834.01, lots 37, 38, 39.01; block 17.13, lots 2.01, 3.01, 4.01, 5.01, to the township planning board for review. Adjourned to April 26, 2023. No further notice required.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Neary, second by Mr. Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: Good evening. This is the February 8, 2023, East Brunswick Township Planning Board meeting. In accordance with the 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 p.m. and will hang ourselves if we're not out of here well before we close all proceedings at 10:30.

The doors outside of the courtroom are the exits to be used in case of fire or other emergencies.

Please join me in a pledge to the flag.
(Flag salute)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Just before we begin the meeting, I just want to let everyone know that the presentation on the redevelopment study for Edgeboro Road will not be heard this evening. That will be adjourned until the meeting of April 26, 2023. There will be no further notice on that meeting, so those who are interested in hearing about that very important study, please note that that will not be heard until February 26.

Just hopping back up to the top, will you please call the roll, Jessica.

MS. TEGEDER: Ziad Burghli.

MR. BURGHLI: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mrs. Pan. Mrs. Shakir.

MS. SHAKIR: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Reiss.

MR. REISS: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Criscuolo.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Here. And I was asked by Mayor Cohen to just tell you that he's at the funeral service for the councilwoman in Sayreville, and he didn't know if he'd be back on time. They are running late. I was watching it on TV. So, you know, he felt that, you know, we had enough members here that he could represent East Brunswick in Sayreville this evening for that service.

THE CHAIRMAN: Certainly, and that certainly was a tragic event, and we wish our best for her family and for all of our friends in Sayreville. Terrible, terrible tragedy. I knew the councilwoman a little bit. Horrible, horrible.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. McEvoy.

MR. MCEVOY: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Heppel. Mayor Cohen. Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I am here.

Mr. Sachs could not be with us tonight. He sent an able replacement. Would you like to introduce yourself.

MR. KROLL: Certainly. Larry Kroll. I am of counsel to Mr. Sachs' office. So he asked me to come.

THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome, Larry, and just for the record, we'll let Larry know that you dress better than Larry.

MR. KROLL: I'll let him know.

THE CHAIRMAN: I've known him since the 7th grade.

Okay, the next up we have the minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting. Just to remind the board, we adopt minutes by voice vote. We all had a chance to look over those minutes. What is the board's pleasure with those minutes?

MR. REISS: Motion to approve.

THE CHAIRMAN: They've been moved.

MR. PHILIPS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: And seconded. Any

comments or questions? Hearing none, all those in favor of the minutes as submitted, signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

MR. McEVOY: Abstention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Council President McEvoy abstains.

The next is we have a resolution of appreciation for Councilman James Wendell.

Jimmy, we really enjoyed having you on the board.

MR. WENDELL: This may not be an end.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's an end for this year. If you come back and leave again, we'll give you another. But given your -- and, look, we've known each other a long time, and there's no one who cares as much about the town as you, you know. Your dear parents love this town. You grew up here. You're involved in so much, you know, the Buffalos and many other things. And, you know, I remember very fondly -- just one of our very fond memories. We were at the Elks, East Brunswick Elks, and we were doing that wonderful dinner that you were very instrumental in to raise money for the Buffalos' new helmets I think because it's so important to you. The number 1 thing you always preach and we've talked about, you know, juvenile football is the safety of your players. You know, it's about building confidence and building kids working together, but, you know, you've always said that football can be a violent sport, and there's nothing that you and Dave and all the folks involved in, you know, you said, look, our kids safety comes first, and we had a wonderful dinner because I think you knew somebody who worked at that wonderful restaurant in New Brunswick, Stage Left, and so I was sit can there feasting on steaks, and I looked around at the large crowd we had, the vast majority of folks from East Brunswick, and I say, boy, you know, this is one of the reasons why I love this town, because we came together for an event like that, had such a good time for such a good cause, you know. It didn't -- your politics didn't matter. Anything about you didn't -- anything else about you didn't matter. We just were there to have fun. And that just is indicative of the attitude that you bring to the council every day and you brought to East Brunswick since I've known you since we were on different political sides and now that we're on the same political side. And I can tell you that your input on this board was invaluable, not only because

of your professional associations, but because you're so involved in the redevelopment efforts in East Brunswick, and as I look around this council and as I look around the town council -- and my dear friend Council President McEvoy is here -- the one common denominator is how much we all love this town, you know. Really, it's -- and that our involvement -- our involvements go well beyond just being on council or just being on the planning board, and I think that's what makes this town so special, and it really made your service on this board so special.

So while I'm not going to read the resolution, I just really commend you for the services to the Township of East Brunswick and its citizens, and we can white out the planning board and put tens of other organizations and the resolution would read the same. So it is my distinct pleasure to sign this and to ask one of my colleagues what is their pleasure with this resolution. Someone like to move it?

MR. REISS: I'll move it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded?

MR. McEVOY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Second. Any further comment? Hearing none, please call the roll.

MS. TEGEDER: Mrs. Shakir.

MS. SHAKIR: Here.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Neary.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MS. SHAKIR: Oh, yes.

MS. TEGEDER: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: 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. Hashmi.

MR. HASHMI: Yes.

MS. TEGEDER: And Chairman Taylor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Jim, would you care to say a few words?

MR. WENDELL: Listen, I'd just like to say, I mean, thank you for the kind words. It's been a pleasure working with each and every one of you on different things over the years, maybe not all on the planning board, but -- Adam, we've worked together on several different things. Joe, we

worked -- but Steve, Larry, Muhammad, I mean, great board, great people, and I was happy to serve here. Fortunately -- unfortunately, right now my job doesn't allow me the time to get here regularly and put in enough time, so I was happy that Council President McEvoy wanted to step up to this position, but I will still be concentrating my efforts between town council, redevelopment agency, and trying to move things forward with the help of staff. So thank you, all.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is -- oh.

MS. TEGEDER: We're missing three people.

THE CHAIRMAN: I said all that.

MR. CRISCUOLO: They didn't want to sign it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business to come before us this evening?

MR. WENDELL: We're here just for this? I actually feel terrible.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Well, you should feel terrible.

MR. WENDELL: If there was nothing else, we could have pushed this.

MR. CRISCUOLO: Announcement needed to be made in public. It wasn't -- you're special, but not that special.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would any other member of the planning board wish to say a few words on anything? Council President McEvoy.

MR. McEVOY: No, I'm good. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Adam, are you good?

MR. McEVOY: Get out early.

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to get out early. Do we have any predictions for the Super Bowl?

MS. TEGEDER: Eagles. I'm an Eagles fan.

MR. NEARY: Can we discuss future employment options here.

THE CHAIRMAN: I got my --

MS. TEGEDER: I'm from Philadelphia, outside of Philly.

THE CHAIRMAN: I got my numbers from my father.

MR. CRISCUOLO: If we knew that when you applied for the job --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, all I can say --

MR. CRISCUOLO: We don't like anything Philly.

THE CHAIRMAN: All I can say is that --
MR. PHILIPS: Didn't officially say
adjourned, but --