

**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

7:00 pm

March 23, 2022

Chairman VanVliet called the Planning Board Meeting to order.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance

Chairman VanVliet stated “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Present: Members Clymer, DiLeo, Palitto, Sazanov, Vice-Chairman Samson, Chairman VanVliet. Also present was Attorney Ruitenber and Conflict Engineer Andrew Holt.

The record of this meeting was taken in shorthand as the recording machine was not working properly.

Old Business:

Minutes - Chairman VanVliet asked for a motion to approve Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022. Motion by Member Palitto, seconded by Member Sazonov. All in favor. Abstention by Members DiLeo and Mayor Mengucci; no Nays.

Resolution – Ordinance 22-03 – Amend and Revise Chapter 243 entitled “Zoning and Land Use” to amend Sections 243-5, 243-65.3 and 243-77 to Prohibit Truck Stops within the Township of Lopatcong. The Board reviewed the Ordinance and found it to be consistent with the Master Plan. Motion to adopt the Resolution by Member Clymer, seconded by Member Sazanov. Roll call vote:

AYES: Members Clymer, DiLeo, Palitto, Sazonov, Vice-Chairman Samson, Chairman VanVliet.

NAYS: None

Jessamine Minor Subdivision – Block 65, Lot 5.01 – Minor Subdivision w/variances. The application was found to be incomplete.

NFI Application – Attorney for the applicant, Mark Peck, appeared to request an extension be granted till April 30th. Motion by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Vice-Chairman Samson. Roll call vote:

AYES: Members Clymer, DiLeo, Palitto, Sazonov, Mayor Mengucci, Vice-Chairman Samson, Chairman VanVliet

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Judy Liptak – 47 Kyle Drive – Numerous complaints regarding truck parking, liter in many areas, porta potties at the Warehouse on lower Strykers Road, etc. Chairman VanVliet noted that the Planning Board was not an enforcement Board but that these kinds of complaints be addressed by Council.

John Ketcherson – 38 Jade Lane – Complaints of truck parking and Strykers Road being able to handle the traffic.

Donna Schneider – Complaint about a porta potty at the Berry Plastics location, asked about the current lawsuits and where they stood, etc.

Bob Bruce – 11 Harwich Road – read aloud a letter he prepared regarding ongoing concerns he had with regard to signage, traffic and ordinance enforcement.

Doug Liptak – 47 Kyle Drive – Traffic on 519 including the culvert and truck speeds.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Member Palitto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Land Use Secretary