



OFFICE OF
VENTNOR CITY ZONING BOARD
VENTNOR CITY PLANNING BOARD

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Ventnor City Zoning Board

Minutes

Wednesday February 8, 2010 – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order: 6:15 PM
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call

Present

Lorraine Sallata
Greg Maiuro
Dan Smith
Mike Weissen
Clyde Yoste
Stephen Rice

Professionals:

John Matthews, Esq.

Absent

Jim Reynolds

4. 2010 Reorganization: Appointment of Board Engineer
 - a. Board Engineer: City moves to appoint Vince Pollistina & Assoc.
 - i. Discussion
 1. Vince Pollistina
 - a. A small engineering firm of about 12 employees
 - b. Sit on several Boards including EHT, Galloway, Hamilton, etc.
 - c. Have a great young staff
 2. Lorraine:
 - a. Board has always had an engineer sit for meetings, will that continue
 - i. Yes, there is no charge to attend meetings and an engineer will attend all meetings
 - b. Will a written report be delivered

- i. Yes, in advance of the meeting, probably the Friday prior. Will give all members business cards and can contact at any time
- 3. Clyde: Will same person attend each meeting
 - a. Yes, Wesley Becker
- 4. Mike Weissen:
 - a. Will fees charged be in line with previous engineer
 - i. Fees are usually set by ordinance
 - ii. Jack Matthews: Was done differently previously, as it was part of the engineer's yearly salary. Most do by ordinance with an escrow fund set up to pay engineer and an application fee charged by the City
 - b. Is there an issue now that City has two engineers
 - i. Jack: many Cities have split engineers
 - c. Is it cost effective for Board
 - i. Vince: City does not pay anything to firm, all fees are built to applicant
 - d. Hope is that the costs will be in line with previous engineer and not become costly. At end of year what does it cost City to make the change
 - i. Jack: Previously, 2 towns shared the costs, but do not know the numbers now, so cannot respond
- 5. Dan Smith:
 - a. With previous engineer, were there escrow fees
 - i. Jack: do not know
 - ii. Vince: not sure how previous rate established
 - iii. Jack: Other towns, application fee included all costs.
- 6. Mike W:
 - a. If application comes for different variances, how is cost established
 - i. Jack: not sure how set up. There is set dollars for each
 - b. Sounds like fees could get incredibly higher than in past
- 7. Lorraine: Sounds like if fees are going to be raised would there then be issue with people coming before board.
 - a. Jack: Applications in towns like Pleasantville and EHT are 5-10 times higher than here.

Motion to nominate Pollistina & Associates as Board Engineers

Greg Maiuro
2nd: Dan Smith

Vote:

Dan Smith: Yes
Steve Rice: Yes
Greg Maiuro: Yes
Mike Weissen: Yes
Clyde Yost: Yes
Lorraine Sallata: Yes

Motion Carries 6 in favor, 0 opposed

5. Other Business:

Steve Rice: What resources do members have to look at?

Leading book is Cox on Zoning and Planning

Will look into getting Board Copies of book

Jack: amount of input varies from town to town.

Got a lot of info from old Engineer, won't get same but different

Obligation is from the applicant to prove to you what they want is warranted. Often times have to try and extract info. Everyone tries to get at truth in different ways.

This Board does a great job at getting to the truth. Many members are a lot better than when they first started.

Motion to adjourn: Mike Weissen

Second: Greg Maiuro

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM