

Minutes of the Bogota Planning/Zoning Board Meeting

December 14, 2021

The December 14, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Mancini at 7:34 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Corrado Mancini, Councilwoman Mary Ellen Murphy, Tom Napolitano, Councilwoman Daniele Fede, John Mitchell, Ed Reiper, Daniel Schnipp and Jessie Frias.

Motion by John Mitchell, second by Mary Ellen Murphy to open to public comments. Being no public comments, motion to close was made by John Mitchell and seconded by Mary Ellen Murphy. All in favor. Passed.

Attorney Pantel requested that the presentation of the Cross Street project be carried to the January 11, 2022 meeting so that concerns expressed by the town engineer can be addressed. Mr. Kelly advised Mr. Pantel that the escrow account has been depleted and the Borough requested it to be replenished. Mr. Pantel advised his client will be sending checks out within the next couple of days. Mr. Kelly also advised if the escrow and all fees were not paid in full by January 11, 2022, this matter will be subject to dismissal without prejudice. A motion was made by Daniel Schnipp and seconded by Jessie Frias to carry to the January 11, 2022 meeting. Daniele Fede abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kevin Kelly read Golden Adult Day Care resolution 2021-6. A discussion followed and with a few adjustments in wording, a motion was made by Tom Napolitano, seconded by Ed Reiper to approve this resolution. After a roll call, motion passed

The Yakira Bella, LLC application was discussed. Mr. Kelly explained that due to time constraints the Completeness Committee conditionally approved this application. A letter was sent to the applicant's attorney requesting escrow, and a request for a letter of denial. Neither have been received. It is imperative that the Planner, Borough Engineer and Borough inspectors make the necessary recommendations to move forward. A presentation is scheduled for our January 25, 2022 meeting. However, if escrow accounts and the letter of denial have not been provided, this matter will be dismissed for lack of compliance. Mrs. Morrone will monitor dates so we are within the 120 day time frame.

Mary Ellen Murphy raised a concern about the growing number of Covid 19 cases and our approval of returning to in person meetings in January. It was decided that our meetings will return to Zoom in January with a review of the situation after the first quarter. John Mitchell motioned, Tom Napolitano seconded. All in favor. Passed.

The minutes of the November 9 & 23 meetings were presented for adoption. Motion Tom Napolitano, second Mary Ellen Murphy. Jessie Frias abstained from voting. Daniele Fede abstained from voting November 23 minutes. All in favor. Passed.

John Mitchell made a motion to close the meeting. Mary Ellen Murphy second. All in favor. Passed.

A motion was then made by Mitchell and Murphy to re-open the meeting so Mr. Peter Faller, Fire Inspector could comment on the Yakira Bella LLC (VFW) application. All in Favor. Passed.

Mr. Faller, 74 Gray Street, Bogota, NJ expressed his concerns regarding fire safety. Mr. Kelly advised Mr. Faller that any further details would taint the board's decisions and any matters pertaining to fines should be pursued in court.

A second motion was made by John Mitchell, seconded by Mary Ellen Murphy to close the meeting. All in favor. Passed. The meeting was closed at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Morrone
Planning/Zoning Board
Secretary