ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK Bergen County, NJ

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 18, 2022

Re-Organization

Mr. Cathcart stepped down as Chairman. Opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Alberque nominated Mr. Cathcart as Chairman. No other nominations were made. Mr. Morrissey seconded Mr. Cathcart as Chairman.

All in favor. Aye.

Mr. Cathcart nominated Mr. Alberque as Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were made. Mr. Orth seconded Mr. Alberque as Vice-Chairman.

All in favor. Aye.

Mr. Cathcart motioned to approve Mr. Alampi as the Board Attorney for 2022. Seconded by Mr. Alberque.

Roll Call: Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfo, Olcott.

Mr. Alberque motioned to approve Ms. Orovitz as the Board Secretary for 2022. Seconded by Mr. Cathcart.

Roll Call: Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfo, Olcott.

Regular Meeting

The Chairman opened the regular meeting.

The Chairperson announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 seq., notice of which was published in the Record on the 28th day of December 2021.

Roll Call:	Present:	Messrs. Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfo, Olcott Mr. Morrissey joined the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
	Absent:	Vorhees, Frontera and Ms. Velez

Correspondence: None

Mr. Alberque motioned to approved the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Morrissey.

Roll Call: Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfo, Olcott

Mr. Alampi explained the list of applications from 2021 and instructed Ms. Orovitz to forward to the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board.

Mr. Orth read the Rules of Procedure.

Announce: That there is (1) application to be memorialized.

Case #1579 65 Orchard Street Block 129/Lot 4 Extension

Mr. Morrissey motioned to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Alberque.

Roll Call: Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfo and Olcott

Announce: That there is one (1) application to be discussed and voted on. No public comment will be heard.

Case #1575 71 Mt. Vernon Street Block 89/Lot 16 Convert building to residential from mixed use. Vote has been carried from the November 16, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Alampi explained to the Board that this application was on hold to discuss the Fire Chief's comments. Mr. Alampi also explained that the attorney and applicant have agreed to the Fire Chief's recommendations.

Fire Chief John Antola was sworn in.

Chief Antola addressed the Board and explained that his opinion is to add a sprinkler system should be added to a any multiple dwelling. He is recommending a full NFPA13 system.

Mr. Sarlo, attorney for the applicant, joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Sarlo responded to Chief Antola's recommendation.

Mr. Alampi has the Resolution prepared but wants a copy of the transcript of tonight's agreement attached to the Resolution as an exhibit.

Mr. Orth and Mr. Gandolfo had to recuse themselves from the vote. Therefore, the vote will be held in February. Mr. Frontera and Ms. Velez will listen to the November and January meetings in order to vote on the application.

Announce: That there is one (1) "A" appeal to be heard Continuation of the November 16, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Frank DeVito, Esq. addressed the Board.

Mr. DeVito has amended the appeal to include Section 68. Mr. Alampi explained Section 68 to the Board members.

Mr. Michael Landolfi was sworn in. Mr. Landolfi is the Acting Zoning Officer and also the Construction Official for the Village.

Mr. DeVito showed an OPRA request from January 13, 2022 to Mr. Landolfi, Mr. Betesh and Mr. Alampi.

Exhibit A4 – OPRA Request 1/13/22.

Mr. William Betesh, Esq. from the firm of Boggia and Boggia addressed the Board.

Mr. DeVito objected to Mr. Landolfi speaking as the Zoning Officer.

Mr. DeVito called Mr. DePrato. Mr. DePrato remains under oath from the November meeting.

Mr. DeVito had many exhibits to show the Board but had not submitted them prior to this evening.

Exhibit A5 – Confirmation from Tax Office that Block 151/Lot 6 was built in 1935.

Mr. Alberque motioned the applicant provide all documents to the Board prior to the February meeting along with copies to Mr. Betesh, Mr. Landolfi and Mr. Alampi. Seconded by Mr. Orth.

Roll Call: Cathcart, Alberque, Orth, Morrissey, Gandolfi and Olcott

Appeal adjourned until the February 15th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(Note: Please refer to the Transcription of the January 18, 2022 meeting for the rest of the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted, Francine Orovitz