

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2010**

Jack Gangluff, Chairman, called the meeting of the Board to order and stated that it was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and has been duly noticed and published as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Armano, Councilman Nick Maccaroni, Chairman Jack Gangluff, Joseph Adolf, Carl W. Canfield Jr., Richard Crain, Ken Clegg, Bonnie Deery, Jack Hall

ABSENT:

Daniel MacDonnell who is continuing service in the military, Jack Hall and Ken Clegg will be voting on all matters.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes for April 12th, 2010 was made by Carl Canfield, and seconded by Bonnie Deery, on roll call all members voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Case # 10:4-1

Lauren Lafferty

Block: 1700 Lot: 21

Bulk Variance for Pole Barn

Mr. Rinaldi addressed the board regarding this application. He spoke with Mrs. Lafferty twice, and a continuance is being sought since the applicant was unable to notice the property owners in the required time prior to the meeting. Mr. Rinaldi informed Mrs. Lafferty she would not have to re-notice in the paper, Mr. Adolf made a motion to grant the continuance, and Mayor Armano seconded the motion.

Case # 10: 27-1

Virtua Hospital

Block: 1805 Lot: 24

100 Townsend Avenue

Berlin, NJ 08009

Robert Baranowski appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Baranowski summarized by stating that the previous height of the sign would be lowered from 12 feet to 10 feet and placed on a small 1 foot maximum burm.

Available testimony from Chris Chekouras the Chief of Operations at Virtua Hospital, and Dennis O'Hara, from the sign company. Mr. O'Hara commented that the sign will be reduced to 10 feet, and all material as previously discussed would remain the same. The sign will be aluminum and opaque, and the lettering will be illuminated internally. The new design will be a 42.5 sq. ft. sign. The directional signs will not be illuminated they will only be reflective, and the colors will change to white background with blue letters. Mr. O'Hara also testified that the current landscaping will be removed, and an earth burm with low level plantings will be in place.

With no further comments or questions from the board, Chairman Gangluff opened this portion of the meeting up to the public.

Appearing is Fred Traftz of 15 Townsend Avenue. Mr Traftz was sworn in. Mr. Traftz is happy with the sign, it looks nice, he is concerned with the closeness to the curblineline. Pam Pellegrini showed Mr. Traftz that the sign will be moved back farther than where it is currently located, about 18 to 20 feet back. Mr. Traftz stated that is much better. He also commented on the property owners being notified properly. Mr. Rinaldi explained that when an applicant requests a property owners list, that it comes from the Borough. Once the Borough provides the list, proof of service is given to the Secretary of the board. This was verified, and the applicant has complied as necessary. With nothing further from the public, this portion of the meeting is closed.

With no further comments or questions, Mayor Armano made a motion to approve this application as modified with the color change on the directional sign, and with the height change to 10 feet on a maximum 1 ft. burm for the identification sign, Joe Adolf seconded the motion, all members of the board voted aye.

PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Adolf made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Canfield seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Simone

Planning Board Secretary

CC: Stacey DiVello, Finance Department Escrow

Theresa Stagliano, Tax Assessor

Michael DePalma, Construction Official

Bill Behnke, Fire Marshall

Lou DeMarco, Captain, EMS

Paul Miller, Fire Chief

Chariman Andrew Slmone, Chairman Andrew Simone, West Berlin Planning Board