



**PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 18th, 2023
WebEx Meeting**

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Skip Bartlett, Chair; Rocky Hazelman, Commissioner; Michael Eelman, Commissioner; Dr. Timothy Feeney, Commissioner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: - Janet Rekesius, Soil Conservation District of Hudson, Essex, & Passaic; Cindy Roberts, State Agriculture Development Committee

STAFF PRESENT: John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Andras Holzmann, Planning Director; Salvatore Presti, Assistant Planner

OTHERS PRESENT – none.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 17th, 2023 was made by Commissioner Hazelman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feeney. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting to the public questions and comments and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to be heard. No members of the public were present. Seeing no members of the public present, Chair Bartlett closed the meeting to public questions and comments.

NEW BUSINESS

County Counsel Pogorelec opened the Jurisdictional Determination hearing for a Site-Specific Agriculture Management Practice (SSAMP) application in the matter of J. Klipphouse, the applicant. The applicant wishes to construct a structure to store agriculture equipment on site. Mr. Klipphouse filed site plan approval in 2022 to the Borough of Bloomingdale, and contends that after Bloomingdale received his application, ordinance was changed to prevent the proposed development. Mr. Klipphouse stated that he believed he met the qualification for his SSAMP application to be heard by the board since he meets the financial threshold for qualification.

Dawn M. Sullivan, attorney for the Borough of Bloomingdale, dissented by stating that Mr. Klipphouse's property is not zoned for agriculture use, which would disqualify the site from being eligible from Right to Farm protections and privileges, regardless of the income generated. After discussion, it was determined that the applicant and Borough of Bloomingdale would have fourteen (14) days to submit supplementary exhibits for their arguments to County Counsel Pogorelec. County Counsel Pogorelec stated he would review the arguments and submitted exhibits and make a determination at the scheduled November 13th Agriculture Development Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

OPEN DISCUSSION – none.

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ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hazelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Salvatore Presti".

SALVATORE PRESTI