

**RIVERTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

The Public Session of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Joseph Creighton. Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given in the following manner:

1. Posting notice on the official bulletin board in the Borough Office on January 26, 2011.
2. Required Service of notice and publication in the Burlington County Times on January 31, 2011.

PRESENT: Joseph Creighton, Joseph Threston, Cheryl Progin, Mayor Robert Martin, Councilwoman Suzanne Wells, and Robert Bednarek (7:10PM).

Also Present: Solicitor Tom Coleman and secretary Ken Palmer.

ABSENT: Mary Lodato and Tracy Foedisch.

MINUTES: A motion was made by the Robert Martin and seconded by Cheryl Progin to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2011 regular meeting as distributed. The voice vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 9/11, Announcement and registration for ANJEC's 38th Annual Environmental Congress, Saturday, 10/15/11, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ.
2. 1 voucher/invoice as presented under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Matters of Importance to the Board – The mayor and Suzanne reported on Council's decision to proceed on dissolving the zoning board and combining the functions under the planning board. The decision was made following endorsement by both boards and a presentation by Tom Coleman. The mayor stated that it is hoped that members from both boards will continue to want to serve on the reconstituted board. The reorganized board will initially consist of nine full members and four alternates; and, it is planned to fill existing vacancies and new positions from the zoning board's members. Council plans to have the first reading in October and conduct the hearing in November with the plan to have the reorganization effective January 1, 2011. Tom Coleman reviewed details of the changes with the board.

COAH – Tom reported that since there was no activity during the comment/objection period, the governor's previously announced executive order regarding affordable housing reconfiguration would be implemented. Cheryl Progin had a personal announcement regarding her position that is reported under new business.

Zoning and Related Land Use Code changes – Suzanne Wells reported that there had been no additional activity and the committee did not plan to meet for the rest of the year.

Environmental Commission – Joe Threston reported that the school's rain garden is doing well. The commission is looking into providing information about the new laws regarding fertilizers to residents. Joe also wanted to remind folks that the Riverton Library is organizing the Christmas House Tour for 2011 and looking for volunteers to open their homes for the tour.

Minor Site Plan Applications – Mary Lodato reported via e-mail that there were no new applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Invoices and vouchers:

1. 9/2/11, Raymond, Coleman & Heinold, LLP, \$140.00, prepare and attend August meeting. PAY FROM GENERAL BUDGET

There was no discussion and a motion was made by Joseph Threston, seconded by Suzanne Wells, and unanimously approved to pay the submitted item as presented. The secretary will have it signed and submitted for payment.

Resignation of Cheryl Progin – At the conclusion of the meeting, Cheryl Progin announced that for personal and family reasons that she was relocating from Riverton and she needed to submit her resignation. Cheryl expressed her appreciation and enjoyment being a board member and serving the Borough. The chair, mayor and board members thanked Cheryl for her service and expressed personal comments that she would be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The chair noted for the record that there were no members of the public present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. (motion by Progin, second by Wells)

**Next meeting is on 10/18/2011 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall.
Tape is on file.**

**Kenny C. Palmer, Jr., Secretary
RIVERTON PLANNING BOARD**