



**BOROUGH OF
WALLINGTON, NJ**
Incorporated December 31, 1894

**24 Union Boulevard
Wallington, NJ 07057
Tel: 973-777-0318**

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023 MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON PLANNING BOARD

THE FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023 MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON PLANNING BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN STANLEY BAGINSKI AT 7:31 PM, CITING THAT THE RULES OF THE SUNSHINE LAW WERE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO ADVERTISING SAID MEETING.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: TOMASZ BAZEL, PAUL SZWACZKA, STANLEY BAGINSKI, THERESA WYGONIK,
MAYOR MELISSA DABAL

ABSENT: JOSEPH SMITH, ROBERT KASPEREK, COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI,
NICK MELFI.

FLAG SALUTE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BAZEL AND SECONDED BY SZWACZKA TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 17TH, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.

ROLL CALL: AYES: BAZEL, SZWACZKA, BAGINSKI, WYGONIK, DABAL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WYGONIK AND SECONDED BY DABAL TO MARK AND FILE THE FEBRUARY CORRESPONDENCE LIST.

ROLL CALL: AYES: : BAZEL, SZWACZKA, BAGINSKI, WYGONIK, DABAL

THE FIRST MATTER OF BUSINESS WAS AN APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL SEEKING SOME VARIANCE RELIEF AND WAIVERS: 52 VAN DYKE LLC – 52-64 VAN DYKE STREET, BLOCK# 60.01, LOT 1

THE APPLICATION WAS CARRIED AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT. APPLICANT REQUESTED THAT THE HEARING BE CARRIED TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON PLANNING BOARD WHICH WOULD BE MARCH 21ST, 2023.

THE APPLICANT AGREED TO WAIVE ANY RIGHTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE FOR THE BOARD FAILING TO ACT WITHIN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS UNDER THE STATUTE.

CHAIRMAN BAGINSKI INFORMED ALL CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD IN THIS MATTER ABOUT THE DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.



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THE NEXT MATTER OF BUSINESS WAS SITE PLAN WAIVER APPLICATION FOR:

WALLINGTON DINER – 417 PATERSON AVE. BLOCK 54, LOT 10

THE APPLICANTS, AUDEL VENTURA AND FERNANDO BENITEZ, SAID THAT THEY WANTED TO BRING BACK A DINER TO WALLINGTON. THEY PLANNED ON STARTING WITH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AND GRADUALLY INCORPORATE DINNERS AS WELL.

THE BUSINESS WOULD BE OPEN FROM 6 A.M. TO 3 P.M., SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THE BUSINESS WOULD EMPLOY AROUND 15-20 PEOPLE. NEW NAME SIGN WOULD BE INSTALLED.

CHAIRMAN BAGINSKI ASKED ABOUT THE GARBAGE DUMPSTER THAT WAS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE BUILDING AND THE APPLICANT EXPLAINED THAT THEY ALSO OWN NEIGHBORING PROPERTY – VIVA MARGARITA - AND THEY MOVED THE GARBAGE BEHIND THE OTHER BUILDING TO KEEP THE PROPERTY CLEAN. APPLICANT CLAIMED THAT THE BUILDING INSPECTOR IS AWARE OF IT AND HE APPROVED IT. THE PARKING LOT WOULD BE REPAINTED AND NO OTHER RENOVATIONS WOULD BE DONE TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN BAGINSKI ASKED ABOUT THE OUTSIDE LIGHTING. THE APPLICANT WAS SUPPOSED TO CONTINUE WITH THE DECORATIVE LIGHTING SO IT MATCHES THE CURRENT DESIGN OF PATERSON AVE. MR. VENTURA EXPLAINED THAT THE ESTIMATE HE RECEIVED FOR THE LIGHTS WAS AROUND 40K AND HE CLAIMED TO NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY IN THE BUDGET RIGHT NOW THE KNOX BOX WAS INSTALLED AND THE FIRE OFFICIAL ALREADY HAD THE KEY FOR IT. CHAIRMAN BAGINSKI ASKED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LIGHTS ON THE BUILDING ARE INSTALLED SO IT DOES NOT DISRUPT THE RESIDENTS LIVING CLOSE BY.

MR. BAZEL ASKED IF THE APPLICANT IS LEASING THE SPACE OR PLANNING TO BUY IT AND THE APPLICANT CONFIRMED THERE IS A LEASE IN PLACE BUT THEY ARE LOOKING INTO BUYING THE PROPERTY EVENTUALLY.

CHAIRMAN BAGINSKI OPENED AND CLOSED TO THE HEARING OF CITIZENS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WYGONIK AND SECONDED BY DABAL TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.

ROLL CALL: AYES: BAZEL, SZWACZKA, BAGINSKI, WYGONIK, DABAL

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT AT 7:45 PM.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marta Goldyn

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RECORDING CLERK

CC: ACE ANTONIO, ACTING CLERK (VIA: EMAIL)
FIRE OFFICIAL, EDWARD TANDERIS (VIA: EMAIL)
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RAY DYNES (VIA: EMAIL)
RESPECTIVE FILES