

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
February 2, 2020**

The Clerk took roll call, the following members were present or absent:

Present: Mayor Kurpis, Chairman Jeff Liva, Council Member Hekemian (on phone), Members: Gerald Bedrin, Carol Boyajian, Chris DiGirolamo, Nicholas Lonzisero, Doug Holden, Jordan Richin,

Absent: Members: Jerry Decrosta(Recused), Peter Ponzini

Professionals Present: Attorney Tom DiBiasi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clerk to Read - "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 has been given by posting a notice of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board, in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Clerk and by e-mailing notice thereof to the Record and the Herald News on January 30, 2020."

"Special Joint Meeting of the Planning Board and Mayor and Council to discuss Affordable Housing Litigation. Meeting will be held in closed session.

Notification of fire exits

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present participated.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Special Counsel Jonathan Drill stated the trial on this matter commenced on Thursday. He urged residents to please be cautious when discussing this issue and if possible to not discuss it. Chairman Liva opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none this open session was closed.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and
WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Saddle River has deemed it necessary to go into

closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Saddle River will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b:

 X Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

 X Any spending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

Motion to approve R20-04A Closed Session Offered by Chris DiGirolamo

Seconded by Jordan Richin

Passed Absent: Decrosta, Ponzini

Motion to suspend the closed session to reopen meeting. Offered by Dr. Doug Holden

Seconded by Peter Ponzini

Passed Absent: Decrosta, Ponzini

Motion to go back in to the Closed session at 5:30 for the same reasons (Affordable Housing)

Offered by Jeff Liva

Seconded by Nicholas Lonzifero

Passed Absent: Decrosta, Ponzini

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Offered by Jeff Liva

Seconded by Carol Boyajian

Passed Unanimously Absent: Decrosta, Ponzini

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Nienhouse
Municipal Clerk