

THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The meeting opened at 6:31 P.M.

Certification of advertised public notification of the meeting was given during the reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. Present:

Chairman Robert DeMarino
Commissioner Cheryl McCants
Commissioner Leamon McKenzie
Commissioner Yudi Sobharam
Commissioner Peter Tom
Commissioner Nicole Williams

Others Present: Executive Director Glenn Domenick
Kevin P. McManimon, Esq., McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Al Lardieri, Bloomfield Center Alliance Liaison

Public: None

Absent: Commissioner Abdallah Chalet
Mayor Michael Venezia, Township Liaison to Authority

Counsel McManimon swore in Commissioner Peter Tom and Commissioner Tom told the Board about his background.

Chairman DeMarino introduced new Operations Manager Anne Prince and Ms. Prince told the Board about her background

A discussion about the election of the Vice Chairperson ensued. The Commissioners explained that they were expecting a written outline of potential amendments to the Authority's By-Laws concerning the election process.

Counsel McManimon explained that the Authority's By-Laws provide for voting on matters by voice vote and the floor should be opened for nominations, after which the nominations will be closed and the Board will proceed to a vote. The Board will vote on nominated Commissioners in the order in which the Commissioners were nominated until a Commissioner receives a majority of the votes.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chairperson.

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Commissioner McCants nominated Commissioner Williams. Commissioner McKenzie nominated Commissioner Sobharam. No other nominations were forthcoming. Commissioners Sobharam and Williams spoke about their respective backgrounds.

The Board then voted on the nominated Commissioners. Commissioners McCants, Tom and Williams voted for Commissioner Williams. Commissioners McKenzie, Sobharam and Chairman DeMarino voted for Commissioner Sobharam. Neither Commissioner received a majority of the votes.

The Commissioners inquired about voting by proxy and/or by mail. The Commissioners requested that counsel propose amendments to the By-Laws providing for voting by proxy for the election of Officers only. The Commissioners will respond and be prepared to consider adopting amended By-Laws at the next Authority meeting prior to the election for Vice Chairperson.

The Commissioners also asked counsel to address abstentions and whether it is possible to provide in the By-Laws for resolution of a tie vote.

At 7:10 P.M., Commissioner Williams motioned to open the meeting for Public Comment. Commissioner Sobharam seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Yes

Hilary Michel, the Executive Director of the United Way of Bloomfield attended the meeting and explained that the United Way has a couple of key fundraising events this year. One of which is a garage sale, at which the United Way takes donations of items and, sells the items and keeps the proceeds. Ms. Michel asked the Authority to consider allowing the United Way to use the Lackawanna Parking Garage to conduct the garage sale. The Commissioners asked Ms. Michel to send a letter with a specific request. Ms. Michel also noted that the United Way will operate a market on the Township Green Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM throughout the summer. She noted that the United Way may request that the Authority allow it to utilize some parking spaces in the area.

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Sobharam motioned to close the Public Comment section. Commissioner McCants seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as

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follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Ye

Ms. Prince described some articles in the newspaper. She suggested a social media page, on which the Authority can post information like notices and related information. She also suggested considering modest gift cards for employees to boost morale. Some of the Commissioners expressed concern about using public funds to celebrate birthdays and, in any event, there is annual review and bonus process. Some Commissioners believe such gifts could boost morale and perhaps could be paid for from the petty cash fund. Commissioner Tom also spoke in favor of a holiday party.

Ms. Prince advised that she got a notice for the Suburban Essex County Chamber of Commerce and the Authority was invited to an event in Belleville. Commissioner McCants suggested that a letter be sent thanking the Chamber but sending regrets.

Ms. Prince noted that the cleaning personnel have not been coming to clean the office because the personnel are not getting paid by the owner of the company. No one has cleaned the office since January 21st. Chairman DeMarino stated that he would speak with Executive Director Domenick and the situation will be addressed with the owner of the company.

Commissioner McCants noted that the owner of the beauty supply shop in Bloomfield Center is angry about loading related to the construction project that occurs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily, disrupting business in the area. Ms. Prince stated that she would speak with Mr. Domenick about this issue.

Commissioner McCants motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-2-11-1 authorizing the payment of certain project costs. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes

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Chairman DeMarino Yes

Commissioner Sobharam motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-2-11-2 approving an amended and restated shared services agreement with the Township. Chairman DeMarino seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Yes

Commissioner McKenzie motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-2-11-3 expressing approval of exploration of development of surface parking lots. Commissioner Sobharam seconded the motion. Commissioner McCants recommended that Minority and Women Owned Businesses be included in the parties from whom proposals are solicited and that there be a public forum prior to the deadline for submission. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Yes

Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-2-11-4 introducing the 2015 budget. Commissioner Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Yes

Commissioner Sobharam motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-2-11-5 requesting Division of Local Government Services late consideration of the 2015 budget.

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Commissioner McCants seconded the motion. The motion carried forth as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Chalet	Absent
	Commissioner McCants	Yes
	Commissioner McKee	Yes
	Commissioner McKenzie	Yes
	Commissioner Sobharam	Yes
	Commissioner Williams	Yes
	Chairman DeMarino	Yes

Counsel McManimon explained that at the January 21 special meeting, the Authority authorized an increase in the budget approved for Edge Business Allianz for 2014, although the approved increase was insufficient. Mr. McManimon noted that the matter could go on the March meeting agenda and he would explain the issue prior to the meeting.

Commissioner McCants motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tom seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.