

**MINUTES OF THE MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

Open public meeting statement: The meeting was called to Order by the Chairwoman, Jody Case Kennedy, and a statement was made that the meeting was duly advertised and met all of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. Those present were: Richard Innella, Fred Merusi, Bryan Leeper, Glenn Barbagallo, Glen Plotsky, Lauren Zitone, Joseph Cooper, Katherine Snyder, Nina Fradl, John Sorraco, Jody Case Kennedy, and William Haggerty, the Board Attorney.

Those absent were: None.

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Land Use Board Meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Mr. Plotsky and seconded by Mr. Sorraco to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Land Use Board Meeting. Roll Call: Mr. Innella, yes; Mr. Merusi, yes; Mr. Leeper, yes; Mr. Barbagallo, yes; Mr. Plotsky, yes; Mrs. Zitone, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mr. Sorraco, yes; Ms. Fradl, yes; and Ms. Kennedy, yes. The Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Live Work Zone District – Accessory Uses – 35 Day Review:

Mr. Haggerty indicated that it was brought to his attention by the Zoning Officer, Bryan Leeper, that in the Live Work Zone District there was an omission to list accessory uses which are listed in other zones. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Leeper thought it would be wise to include garages to house vehicles and provide storage associated with the permitted uses in the district. They also felt sheds should be allowed to store materials normally associated with the permitted uses in the zone. This is basically the language in the other zones in the township. This Ordinance has passed on first reading by the Township Committee and was back before this board for their 35-day review.

A Motion was made by Mr. Barbagallo and seconded by Mr. Plotsky to approve the ordinance to allow accessory structures as stated above in the Live Work Zone District and forward same to the Township Committee for review and adoption. Roll Call: Mr. Innella, yes; Mr. Merusi, yes; Mr. Leeper, yes; Mr. Barbagallo, yes; Mr. Plotsky, yes; Mrs. Zitone, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mr. Sorraco, yes; Ms. Fradl, yes; and Ms. Kennedy, yes. The Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chicken in Residential Areas Ordinance:

A letter was received from the Township Committee requesting a discussion on this issue. It indicates that people in developments, and people who have lots that are less than 2 acres, would like to have 6 to 10 chickens. They are prohibited from doing so under the current guidelines. A lengthy discussion was held by the board.

It was agreed to have Mr. Haggerty draft an Ordinance which allows hens only, no roosters panned for properties under 2-acre minimum. Coops shall be restricted to the rear yard and shall adhere to the applicable side and rear-yard setbacks to accessory structures applicable to the residential district in which the property is situated.

R-4 Zone Ordinance Change (Requested by Margot Sawicki and Paul Detoit):

Ms. Sawicki and Mr. Detoit did not appear at the meeting.

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VOUCHERS

The vouchers were reviewed. A Motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Plotsky to approve the vouchers on the bills list attached hereto and made a part hereof. Roll Call: Mr. Innella, yes; Mr. Merusi, yes; Mr. Leeper, yes; Mr. Barbagallo, yes; Mr. Plotsky, yes; Mrs. Zitone, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mr. Sorraco, yes; Ms. Fradl, yes; and Ms. Kennedy, yes. The Motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed. No formal action was taken.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The meeting was opened to the public. There being no public, the meeting was closed to the public.

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Having no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Sorraco and seconded by Mr. Merusi to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

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Land Use Administrator