

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
March 4, 2021
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:31 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Frank Carrajat
Gregory Keller
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Thomas Galfo

Also in attendance:

Commissioner Stephen Shaw
Cindy Roberts, SADC
Amy Mandelbaum, SADC
Rachel DeFlumeri, SADC

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla
Staci Santucci, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Davis announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

Ms. Coyle announced that the meeting was being held remotely via WebEx and was being recorded. Ms. Coyle provided instructions for the public to provide comments during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Carrajat, the Board members approved the January 9, 2021 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the January 9, 2021 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Coyle introduced Ms. Cindy Roberts, SADC Outreach and Training Coordinator. Ms. Roberts introduced Ms. Rachel DeFlumeri, the SADC's new Regional Acquisition Coordinator, and informed the Board that Ms. DeFlumeri will be covering Morris County. Commissioner Shaw welcomed Ms. DeFlumeri.

Ms. Roberts provided the SADC status report and informed the Board that the Right to Farm Act had been amended to extend protections to agricultural labor housing for equine operations.

Ms. Roberts also informed the Board that the Highlands Bank is in the process of hiring a consultant to establish a valuation methodology based on municipal averages.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Davis announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Morris CADB considered closing the open portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, and litigation in Closed Session. On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Ort, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:30 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Gargiulo, Long Hill Township. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Carrajat, the Board directed staff to inform the landowner regarding the Board's decision as discussed during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. Legislative updates were shared with the Board via email prior to the meeting.

RIGHT TO FARM

Ort Farms, Washington Township: receipt of request for SSAMP. Ms. Santucci informed the Board that she had submitted a request to the Local Finance Board regarding potential board member conflicts of interest and is awaiting a determination.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to review.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director