

A Special Public Meeting of the Brick Township Planning Board was held on March 30, 2016. The meeting came to order at 7:40 PM.

Chairman Cooke read the following notice: Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this public meeting was made in the following manner: Forty eight hours notice. The notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, forwarded to the official newspaper and filed with the Township Clerk as required by the Open Public Meetings Law. Mr. Cooke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bernard Cooke  
Kevin Aiello  
Councilman Art Halloran  
Richard Gross  
Joseph Marra  
Cosmo Occhiogrosso  
JoAnne Lambusta  
Margie McMahan, Alt 1  
George Osipovitch-Alt 2

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Catalano  
Brad Clayton

**ALSO PRESENT**

Michael Fowler, AICP/PP, Municipal Planner  
Harold Hensel, Esq., Planning Board Attorney  
Denise Sweet, Court Reporter  
Christine Papa, Secretary

Chairman Cooke called on Michael P. Fowler, Municipal Planner for a brief presentation on the Master Plan Elements: Floodplain Management Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan Element, Capital Improvement Plan Element, and Green Building and Sustainability Element.

Mr. Fowler said he was giving a brief recap of the Master Plan Elements. He noted the following people were present this evening as consultants to the Township:

Christine Bell, T & M Engineering, on the Green Building and Sustainability Plan. Cynthia LoBianco, Tetra Tech, the Floodplain Management Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan Elements.

Megan Stanley, on the Capital Improvement Plan Element.

Mr. Fowler noted the Board had previously heard presentation on the Floodplain Management Plan, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Green Building and Sustainability Plan, and the Capital Improvement Plan. The Board comments were reviewed by the three consultants along with any feed-back from the website where the information had been posted for 30 days.

He discussed how the Planning process benefits the Township and the residents. He discussed what a Hazard Mitigation Plan is. These elements have never been incorporated in the Master Plan. The typical Master Plan reexamination occurs every six years. Three of these elements will be required to be revisited every year. They will be more a Living Document.

Once the elements have been reexamined, the elements will be incorporated into ordinances. Tara and Michael worked closely with the consultants.

There was a Floodplain Committee of 15 to 20 members who worked on this project including Councilman Halloran, Mark Elsworth, JoAnne Bergin, Tara Michael. There were 6 or 7 meetings with lots of good input.

Chairman Cooke called on the consultants for comments.

Cynthia LoBianco of Tetra Tech thanked Michael for his review of the reasons for the Floodplain Management Plan Element and the Hazard Mitigation Plan Element.

She noted this will help reduce the flood risk. It is a living plan to be revisited every year. It was written to maximize the points the Township will receive for

the Community Rating System for the most effective results for the National Flood Insurance.

She reported that all of the meetings were advertised and were Open Public Meetings. Comments received at these meetings were incorporated in the plan. The meetings were attended by members of the community, Agencies and a newspaper reporter. The web page invited comments, but none were received.

Megan Stanley commented on the Capital Improvement Plan Element. She noted the needs of the Township change yearly. This serves as a reference document including everything the Township takes care of and is meant to be reviewed annually.

Christine Bell, T & M Engineering reported on the Green Building and Sustainability Element. She noted this is a little different in that it does not get looked at every year. This makes the Township eligible for another certification. Currently the Township has a bronze certification.

Councilman Halloran said it is important that the Public understand the cost moving forward of not moving forward with these plans and relate to the urgency to approve. He expressed appreciation for all of the work of the Consultants to move this forward.

Chairman Cooke opened the hearing to the Public. Seeing none he closed the Public and called for a motion>

A motion was made by Mr. Gross and seconded by Councilman Halloran to approve the resolution.

In favor Mr. Marra, Councilman Halloran, Mr. Gross, Mr. Occhiogrosso, Ms. Lambusta, Mr. Aiello, Ms. McMahon, and Mr. Osipovitch.

Respectively submitted,

Judith Fox Nelson