

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Robin Keggan, Secretary at 7:00 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Under the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the New Jersey Herald and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL: Joshua Belverio, Kamil Belverio, Melissa Debiak; Gianfranco DiSalvo, Verity Fox, Maria McDonough, Robert May and Emily Brown. Liaison: Mayor Timothy McDonough was present.

Members Absent: Chris Beatty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 8, 2024 Reorganization meeting have been distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Mr. May asked for a correction to be made to the minutes regarding the reference to wood windows pertaining to the Iulo application. He noted that the minutes should reflect “Anderson Wood-Rite composite” windows. Mr. May then made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction put in place, seconded by Mrs. Fox. Voice vote taken – All members who were present at the last meeting were in favor. Abstentions: Josh Belverio, Melissa Debiak and Maria McDonough as they were not present at the last meeting.

APPLICATIONS:

2024-01 PAULSON – BLOCK 2200, LOT 500 (1 CEDAR STREET)

Dave and Cheryl Paulson appeared in person to discuss their application submittal regarding the alterations they wish to make to the property at 1 Cedar Street. They discussed changes to the windows. Across the top portion of the house, they will replace the existing windows with 2 over 2 windows that mimic neighboring properties. The windows on the side of the house will also be changed (one window will be slightly smaller in height), while the two windows on the top of that section will be 2 over 2. The rear portion of the house has no gutters, so the siding needs to be replaced due to rot. There will also be grading done as well as the addition of a small flagstone wall. The small addition will get 2 over 2 windows as well. The rear door will be taken out and replaced with a full-length glass door. The east side of the house will see replacement windows of 2 over 2 to match the rest of the home. Josh Belverio asked about the material the windows consist of. Mr. Paulson noted that they are currently a mix of wood and vinyl. Vinyl windows will be installed for ease of maintenance. The exterior of the house will be repainted from the current yellow to a dark gray with dark green/charcoal trim and doors. It was noted that the owners may perhaps choose a “brighter” color to paint the door. The outhouse will be painted red. The rear portion of the home will receive replacement siding (cedar siding to blend in with the rest of the home). Josh Belverio commended the new owners for being so caring in their efforts to restore the home they just purchased. On a motion made by Mr. May, seconded by Mrs. Brown and by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present, this application was **APPROVED** pertaining to all of the various alterations mentioned above as presented in their application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor McDonough noted that the windows had been delivered to the Community Center and the installation of them has already begun. Mrs. Brown showed the Commission members early photos she obtained of the Community Center. Mayor McDonough asked that she forward him the photo so that he could have it enlarged for hanging in the Community Center.

Melissa Debiak asked for an update on the Moravian plaques/signs that hang on various residences in the center of town. Mrs. Brown stated that a new grant is being applied for in reference to these plaques in order to help pay for their replacement. Josh Belverio questioned whether the plaques would be uniform in style on each residence and Mrs. Brown stated that they would be. She hopes to have an update for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Brown noted that she received a call from a resident in town center regarding installation of solar panels and receiving approval for those. She requested the secretary to send an email to the resident requesting that they submit an application and a visual of where the solar panels are intended to be installed.

Also discussed was the library that will be relocating to the St. Luke's Church temporarily while their building in Blirstown is renovated. A temporary sign will be put in town so that the public can find the temporary library. Mrs. Brown stated she is not worried about the temporary sign being placed in the center of town as far as the HPC is concerned.

Also discussed was the banner/sign that hangs at the Burgdorff real estate offices announcing their 60 years in business. They had appeared before the HPC a few years ago to get permission for the sign to be placed temporarily at their business. The HPC approved that sign to be placed for one year. It was noted that the sign still remains there, and a discussion took place as to how to handle that. Mr. May asked the secretary to look in that Block and Lot file to ascertain whether they had come back before the Board for further approval and to report on that at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made by Joshua Belverio, seconded by Verity Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Robin L. Keggan, Secretary