

## **Hawthorne Planning Board Minutes of December, 2009 Work Session**

The December 1, 2009 meeting of the Hawthorne Planning Board was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Chairman Garner. After recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, Board Secretary William A. Monaghan, III called the roll. All members and alternates except Mr. Matthews were present as well as Board engineer Michael J. Kelly, P.E. and Board attorney/secretary William A. Monaghan, III, Esq. Chairman Garner announced that notice of the meeting had been published and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Chairman Garner also acknowledged with sadness the passing of former commissioner and councilman John A. Pasquale III and the Board expresses its sincere condolences to his family, including Borough attorney Michael J. Pasquale.

1. With regard to the application of **Campos Landscaping**, Jose Campos, owner, appeared on behalf of the applicant. After being sworn, he testified that the applicant is seeking approval to continue parking his landscape business vehicles at the subject premises which he has done since 2002. Rent is paid to the operator of the service station at the site. The owner and his son are the only employees of the business which utilizes a truck and two trailers. Vice Chairman Lane raised questions regarding other vehicles at the site which do not belong to the applicant, as well as an unscreened dumpster and other debris. Although these conditions are not the responsibility of the applicant, the Board was unwilling to grant the application without input from the operator of the service station. A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the hearing and request the appearance of the service station operator. Although initially adjourned to the December regular meeting, Vice Chairman Lane requested that the hearing be carried until the January work session on January 5, 2010. Mr. Monaghan will notify the applicant and the service station operator.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. With regard to the form of soil movement permit application, Board engineer Michael Kelly indicated that both forms currently under consideration were adequate but recommended that a single form be utilized to simplify processing by the Building Department staff. Vice Chairman Lane suggested the use of the form drafted by Mr. Kelly since it could be used for all types of applications and would provide the detailed information required by the Board engineer for evaluation of more complex applications. A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously

approved to adopt the soil movement permit application form prepared by the Board engineer for use in all future soil movement permit applications.

2. Mr. Monaghan distributed copies of a letter sent to Construction Official John Pallotta requesting investigation of possible unauthorized parking of commercial vehicles at several sites, a letter sent to the adjoining property owner regarding proposed landscaping revisions at the Realty Acquisition Group property, and a letter sent by the Board engineer to the architect for Verizon Wireless regarding the color of the equipment along the roof of the Municipal Building.

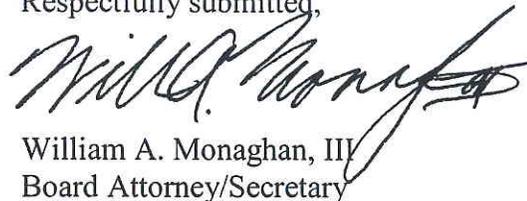
**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC**

The meeting was then opened for public comment. James Dusenberry asked whether discussion by the Board of possible design standards and color schemes was intended to include residential properties. He was advised that the discussion was limited to commercial and industrial sites.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Monaghan, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

William A. Monaghan, II  
Board Attorney/Secretary