



(9) **Election of Vice Chairman**

Upon motion made and seconded, Tom Grosskopf was unanimously elected Vice Chairman by all members present and eligible to vote to serve at the pleasure of the Board through January 21, 2025.

(10) **Board Appointment Resolutions** – *Resolutions 2024-01-ZB through 2024-05-ZB (attached)*

Upon motion made and seconded and by the unanimous votes of all members present, the following actions were taken.

1. Appointment of Debra Coonce as Board Secretary to serve until January 21, 2025.
2. Appointment of Steven K. Warner, Esq. of the firm Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. as Board Attorney to serve at the pleasure of the Board until January 21, 2025.
3. Appointment of Joe Vuich with the firm of Van Cleef Engineering as Board Engineer to serve at the pleasure of the Board until January 21, 2025.
4. Appointment of Elizabeth Leheny with the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC as Board Planner to serve at the pleasure of the Board until January 21, 2025.
5. Appointment of the firm Bright View Engineering as Board Traffic Engineer and alternate Engineer and/or Planner to serve at the pleasure of the Board through January 21, 2025.

(11) **Board Procedural Resolutions** – *Resolutions 2024-06-ZB through 2024-09-ZB (attached)*

Upon motion made and seconded and by the unanimous votes of all members present, the following actions were taken:

6. 2024 Meeting/Hearing Schedule – Adopted
7. Notice of Publication – Adopted
8. Resolutions for Applications – Adopted
9. Meeting/Hearing Cut-Off – Adopted

(12) **Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting minutes of December 5, 2023 were approved as presented.

(13) **Resolution**

***Raphael & Adriana Viana / Application No. 23-02Z***

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Grosskopf and seconded by Mr. Gianakis, the resolution was memorialized by the unanimous votes of Vice Chairman Grosskopf, Mr. Gianakis and Chairman Gerecht; they being all members present and eligible to vote.

(15) **Board Secretary Report** (Out of Agenda Order)

Board Secretary Coonce noted the Board has a full schedule of applications for the next several months.

(14) **Application**

***Bulk Variances***

Block 13003 / Lot 8 / Zone R-3

424 Elm Street

Application No. 23-16Z

**Laudineia & Milton Duarte**

Applicant proposes to construct a second story addition to an existing single-family residence.

Chairman Gerecht recused himself from the application as a neighbor to the Applicant.

Board Planner Leheny was sworn in to offer testimony on behalf of the Township.

Milton Duarte was sworn in to offer testimony.

Witnesses that were sworn in to offer testimony on behalf of the Applicant:  
Tom Ellenberger, as Architect

No members of the public were present with questions for the Applicant.

During discussion, the Board agreed the application is a great application and the variances requested are due to the existing non-conforming size of the property, therefore the benefits outweigh any detriments.

Upon motion made by Ms. Collins and seconded by Mr. Watts, the application was approved with conditions subject to a memorializing resolution by the unanimous votes of Ms. Collins, Mr. Watts, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Gianakis, Mr. Rosenberg and Vice Chairman Grosskopf; they being all members present and eligible to vote.

(16) **Old / New Business** – None.

(17) **Adjournment** – The Regular and Organizational Meeting/Hearing was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Coonce  
Zoning Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Board Coordinator

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*Videos of Planning Board meetings/hearings are available on the Township website at [www.longhillnj.gov](http://www.longhillnj.gov). All documents relating to applications may be examined by the public in the Planning & Zoning Office located in the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-07-ZB**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill that the following newspapers are designated to receive Notices as required by the Open Public Meetings Law:

1. Echoes-Sentinel
2. Morris County Daily Record

All notices required by the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law shall be furnished to the newspapers designated for such purposes.



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Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator



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Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr.  
Board Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-08-ZB**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPLICATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill that:

The Resolutions for all applications shall be sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustment members for review prior to scheduled meetings/hearings and a copy of said Resolution will be posted on the Township Website once memorialized by the Board. Once memorialized, copies will be made available to the public upon request. The charge for such copies of Resolutions will be determined by Township Ordinance.



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Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator

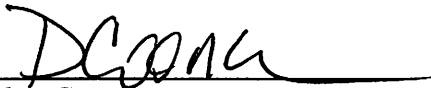


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Board Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-09-ZB**

**MEETING CUT-OFF**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill that, as a matter of procedure, it is the intention of the Zoning Board of Adjustment not to continue any matter past 10:30 P.M. at any regular or special meeting/hearing of the Board unless a motion is passed by the members then present to extend the meeting/hearing to a later specified cut-off time. Further, that this notice shall be made part of published operating procedures for applications to this Board and shall be announced at the opening of each meeting/hearing.



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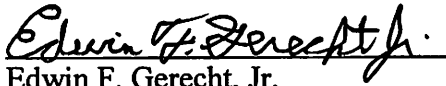
**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-06-ZB**

**2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill regular meeting/hearing dates for the calendar year of 2024 are listed below. All regular and special meetings/hearings will begin at 7:30 PM unless otherwise scheduled, at the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey.

January 16, 2024 (Reorganization Meeting)	(No second meeting in January)
February 6, 2024	February 20, 2024
March 5, 2024	March 19, 2024
April 2, 2024	April 16, 2024
May 7, 2024	May 21, 2024
June 4, 2024	June 18, 2024
July 2, 2024	(No second meeting in July)
August 20, 2024	(No second meeting in August)
September 3, 2024	September 17, 2024
October 1, 2024	October 15, 2024
(No meeting on Election Day)	November 19, 2024
December 3, 2024	(No second meeting in December)
January 21, 2025 (Reorganization Meeting)	


  
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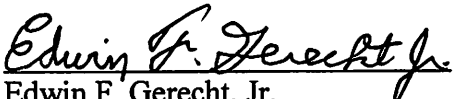
  
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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-01-ZB**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill has appointed Debra Coonce as the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment until January 21, 2025. The Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary will hold office hours at Town Hall, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM and will be present at all regular and special meetings/hearings scheduled for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

  
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Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator

  
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Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr.  
Board Chairman



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-02-ZB**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment requires professional legal services which shall include but not be limited to attendance at meetings/hearings/hearings, preparation of administrative documents and correspondence, legal research, consultation with the Board Members, Coordinator, and other municipal personnel, as well as with legal representatives of applicants, and miscellaneous other legal services (including litigation and certain other types of services such as (a) Any litigation handled for the Board; (b) Any extensive or major redrafting of Township ordinances; (c) Drafting of resolutions on applications for development and for other matters coming before the Board; and (d) Review of easements, deeds, agreements or documentation pertaining to formation of a planned development, condominium, homeowners' association, or the like; (e) Other matters requiring attendance at conferences, work sessions, etc., out of the office. Other types of legal services would also include the preparation of administrative documents and correspondence, miscellaneous legal research, consultation with the Board Members, the Board Coordinator and other municipal personnel.

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of the contract is (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven K. Warner, Esq. of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. has agreed to legal services at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for attendance at meetings/hearings and a rate of \$175.00 per hour for other types of legal services including those set forth above; and

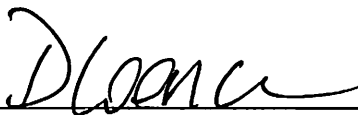
**WHEREAS**, Steven K. Warner, Esq. of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Steven K. Warner, Esq. of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A.. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Long Hill in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, this contract is for professional services and may be awarded without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1, has certified in writing to the Township Committee the availability of adequate funds to pay, not to exceed, the maximum amount of the department's 2024 fiscal year budget provided; Additionally, any service charges in connection to developer escrow accounts are subject to funds deposited and available to us from escrow applicants; Township will not be responsible for any charges related to escrow accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Steven K. Warner, Esq. of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., 56 East Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 is hereby authorized for the period of February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025 to serve at the pleasure of the Board, during which time the annual performance review shall be completed.
2. The Board Chairman and Planning & Zoning Coordinator are authorized to sign a professional service contract with Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
  - A. Term: February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025
  - B. Rate: \$175.00 per hour per meeting/hearing attendance and \$175.00 per hour for other legal services as stated above
  - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional legal services
3. The Board Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) is directed to publish a notice once in the Echoes-Sentinel stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Board Secretary shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, during regular business hours.
5. This contract shall be charged to Zoning Board of Adjustment – Legal Expenses. The certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be maintained in the files of the Planning & Zoning Coordinator.
6. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.



Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator



Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr.  
Board Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-04-ZB**

**APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment requires professional planning services which shall include but not be limited to attendance at Board meetings/hearings; field work, research and writing; and any other task assigned by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and providing advice as a non-fair open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is (1) one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC has agreed to provide planning services at a rate of \$155.00 per hour for attendance at meetings/hearings and a rate of \$155.00 per hour for all other planning services including, including field work, research and writing; and any other task assigned by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Long Hill in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and


**WHEREAS**, in addition, this contract is for professional services and may be awarded without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, , the Township Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1, has certified in writing to the Township Committee the availability of adequate funds to pay, not to exceed, the maximum amount of the department's 2024 fiscal year budget provided; Additionally, any service charges in connection to developer escrow accounts are subject to funds deposited and available to us from escrow applicants; Township will not be responsible for any charges related to escrow accounts.

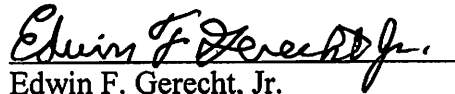
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC, 33-41 Newark Street, Third Floor, Suite D, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030 is hereby authorized for the period of February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025 to serve at the pleasure of the Board, during which time the annual performance review shall be completed.

2. The Board Chairman and Planning & Zoning Coordinator are authorized to sign a professional service contract with Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
  - A. Term: February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025
  - B. Rate: \$155.00 per hour per meeting/hearing attendance and \$155.00 per hour for other planning services as stated above
  - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional planning services
3. The Board Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) is directed to publish a notice once in the Echoes-Sentinel stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Board Secretary shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, N.J. during regular business hours.
5. This contract shall be charged to Zoning Board of Adjustment – Planning Services. This certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be maintained in the files of the Planning & Zoning Coordinator.
6. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.



Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator



Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr.  
Board Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-03-ZB**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment requires certain technical and/or professional services hereinafter described as Engineering Consulting Services which shall include but not be limited to the following: serve as the general engineering consultant to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; attend hearings/meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as requested; advise the Zoning Board of Adjustment on all engineering matters under their jurisdiction; the Consultant shall be available for consultation by telephone at all reasonable times; represent the Zoning Board of Adjustment as its Professional Engineer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-24; review site and subdivision plans, as requested; prepare special reports, plans, studies, applications, and similar work, as requested; testify on behalf of the Zoning Board of Adjustment before Commissions, Agencies, or Courts of the State of New Jersey, as requested; and perform any other related engineering work, as requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is (1) one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph R. Vuich, PE of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC has agreed to engineering services at a rate of \$155.00 per hour for attendance at hearings/meetings and a rate of \$155.00 per hour will be billed for engineering services, including field work, research and writing; and any other task assigned by the Board (fee schedule attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Joseph R. Vuich, PE of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm of Joseph R. Vuich, PE of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Long Hill in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Joseph R. Vuich, PE of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, from making any reportable contributions throughout the term of the contract; and


**WHEREAS**, in addition, this contract is for professional services and may be awarded without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and


**WHEREAS**, , the Township Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1, has certified in writing to the Township Committee the availability of adequate funds to pay, not to exceed, the maximum amount of the department's 2024 fiscal year budget provided; Additionally, any service charges in connection to developer escrow accounts are subject to funds deposited and available to us from escrow applicants; Township will not be responsible for any charges related to escrow accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Joseph R. Vuich, PE of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, 111 Howard Blvd., Suite 110, Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856 is hereby authorized for the period of February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025 to serve at the pleasure of the Board, during which time the annual performance review shall be completed.

2. The Board Chairman and Planning & Zoning Coordinator are authorized to sign a professional service contract with Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
  - A. Term: February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025
  - B. Rate: \$155.00 per hour per hearing attendance and \$155.00 per hour for other engineering services as stated above
  - C. Services: Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC shall provide professional engineering services.
3. The Board Secretary in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Echoes-Sentinel stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Board Secretary shall make copies of this Resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey during regular business hours.
5. This contract shall be charged to Zoning Board of Adjustment – Engineering Services. The certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be maintained in the files of the Planning & Zoning Coordinator.
6. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

  
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Debra Coonce  
Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator

  
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Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr.  
Board Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION 2024-05-ZB**

**APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE BOARD PROFESSIONALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment requires alternate professional services such as traffic engineer, engineering services and planning services if the primary Board professional has a conflict of interest with a specific application for development; and

**WHEREAS**, the alternate services shall include but not be limited to attendance at Board Meetings/Hearings; field work, research and writing; and any other task assigned by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and providing advice as a non-fair open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Bright View Engineering has agreed to provide services for traffic engineer, as well as alternate engineering and planning services at a rate of \$170.00 per hour for attendance at meetings/hearings and a rate of \$170.00 per hour for all other services including, but not limited to field work, research and writing; and any other task assigned by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm holds contracts in good standing with the Township of Long Hill as the contracted professional for the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm has completed and submitted the necessary Business Entity Disclosure Certification to the Township Clerk which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Long Hill in the previous one year, and that this resolution will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the engagement for alternate professional services may be awarded without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, , the Township Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1, has certified in writing to the Township Committee the availability of adequate funds to pay, not to exceed, the maximum amount of the department's 2024 fiscal year budget provided; Additionally, any service charges in connection to developer escrow accounts are subject to funds deposited and available to us from escrow applicants; Township will not be responsible for any charges related to escrow accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. By way of this resolution, the Board Chairman, the Planning & Zoning Board Coordinator and the Board Attorney are authorized to engage said alternate services should it be

determined a traffic expert be required or that the Board's primary professionals have a conflict of interest with a specific application for development.

2. By way of this resolution, the Traffic Engineer and alternate Engineering/Planning Firm shall be: Bright View Engineering, 70 South Orange Ave, Suite 109, Livingston, NJ 07039  
Term: February 6, 2024 through January 21, 2025 to serve at the pleasure of the Board  
Rate: \$170.00 per hour per meeting/hearing attendance  
\$170.00 per hour for other planning services  
Services: The firm shall provide professional planning services
4. The Board Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) is directed to publish a notice once in the Echoes-Sentinel stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this resolution.
5. The Board Secretary shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, N.J. during regular business hours.
6. Associated fees for any/all services shall be charged to the appropriate escrow accounts or to Zoning Board of Adjustment – Engineering/Planning Services. This certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be maintained in the files of the Planning & Zoning Coordinator.
7. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.



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Board Secretary  
Planning & Zoning Coordinator



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