

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION MINUTES

On September 14, 2023 at 7:01 P.M., the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park conducted a meeting at Borough Hall located at 280 Godwin Avenue as previously advertised. Agenda items for the meeting were listed on the Borough website.

Mayor Shortway called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 P.M.

Mayor Shortway read the **Sunshine Law Statement**: The meeting was held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice has been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call:	Mayor Shortway	Present
	Councilman Sansone	Present
	Councilman Braunius	Present
	Councilman DeBlasio	Present
	Councilman Kruis	Absent (entered Meeting at 7:22 P.M.)
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Council President DeLuca	Present

Also Present: Borough Attorney Robert Regan, Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin, and Deputy Clerk Mari J. Margiotta

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin took a roll call of the Public.

Borough Planner David Novak from Burgis Associates LLC, Engineer Afton Savitz from Burgis Associates LLC, Seth Zuidema (Midland Park resident), and Doug Swenson (Wyckoff resident)

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Draft Ordinances

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin announced due to time constraints, the (2) two draft ordinances will be discussed at the 8:00 P.M. Open Public Meeting during the Old Business section. The Governing Body will vote on tabling the (2) two draft ordinances at that time.

2. Draft Resolution – Hunger Action Month

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin discussed the proposed resolution with the topic regarding Hunger Action Month. The County of Bergen has invited all municipalities to pass a resolution to support and raise awareness of hunger in America. Ms. Martin also asked the **Mayor** and **Council** to approve hosting a food drive to support this resolution in Midland Park. The Governing Body agreed.

3. 90 Midland Avenue - Borough Planner David Novak

David Novak is a Principal and Planner at Burgis Associates LLC. Mr. Novak attended tonight's meeting to discuss and answer any questions regarding the redevelopment of 90 Midland Avenue. Mr. Novak reviewed the history of the property, legislative concerns, and criteria. The Planner detailed the next stages the Borough, Planning Board, and Burgis Associates LLC will be conducting to further develop the property. Borough Attorney Robert Regan listed the (7) requirements the redevelopment must have for Affordable Housing. The Governing Body discussed

and verified the number and location of the parking spaces. Seth Zuidema stated his family has been in the Borough for many years and wants to remain and have a presence in Midland Park. The property at 90 Midland Avenue needs the redevelopment in the R2 Zone and will conform with the Master Plan. The Department of Environmental Protection is involved with the footprint of the building. Mr. Zuidema is glad to work with the town.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Members of the Public were asked to speak individually.

Due to the adoption of Daniel's Law, P.L.2021, c371, the Borough only requires the Public to state their name and if they reside in Midland Park for the Record.

7:22 P.M. Councilman Ken Kruis enters the Meeting.

Doug Swenson, Wyckoff resident, and a concerned citizen and preservationist, recently found out that 60 Lake Street has been sold. A few years back, the Borough of Wyckoff addressed the matter of historical homes being sold and homes being rebuilt. Mr. Swenson, a descendant of the Van Houten Family, who had lived in the Baldwin House during the 1700's. He wished the Borough would create a Historic Preservation Committee so the historic homes remaining in Midland Park may not be demolished.

Since no one else from the Public wished to speak, the Public Portion was closed.

7:39 P.M. Chief Michael Powderley enters the Meeting.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin asked the Council to create a 90 Midland Avenue Redevelopment subcommittee with a limit of 3 council members, so gatherings do not constitute a meeting. **Council President DeLuca** announced the **Mayor, Councilman DeBlasio** and **Councilman Braunius** will be the representatives from the **Governing Body**. **Councilman Sansone** listed the Departments that should be involved with the subcommittee.

At this time, the public was notified that they were invited to attend the 8:00 P.M. Open Public Meeting in person.

There being no further business to discuss on a Motion made by **Councilman Braunius**, Seconded by **Councilwoman Peet**, and carried, **Council President DeLuca** adjourned the Work Session meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



**Wendy Martin, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk**