

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The September 3, 2008 Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert E. Nace at 7:30 P.M., in the Harding Township Municipal Building, Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey.

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ATTENDANCES

ELECTED OFFICERS

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Robert E. Nace
Township Committee Member Ronald M. Goldberg
Township Committee Member H. Scott Rosenbush
Township Committee Member Richard A. Watson

APPOINTED OFFICERS

John M. Mills, III, Township Attorney
Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

Thomas Kenny, Township Special Project Coordinator

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert E. Nace.

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**PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT RE: ADEQUATE NOTICE - O.P.M.A. -
(RECORD INSERT)**

Mayor Nace issued the following statement of adequate notice:

"Adequate Notice" of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, was given as required and defined by the Open Public Meetings Act, as follows:

Written Notice was sent via e-mail to the official newspapers, Daily Record and Morris News Bee, and to the additional newspaper, Star Ledger, by e-mail at least 48 hours prior to the date of this special meeting, and a copy of the Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris by the Township Clerk and a copy of the Notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk's Office and copies of this Notice. I hereby hand to the John Mills, Esquire, Township of Morris Municipal Attorney, a copy of the Notice which was given as above set forth for appropriate retention in the Municipal Files".

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SPEAKER'S TIME LIMITATION

Mayor Nace announced that in order to give interested parties a fair chance to be heard, each speaker could comment for an unassignable period of five minutes before turning the microphone over to the next speaker, and that after each has had one turn, a person may be heard for an additional unassignable period of 5 minutes.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

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The Township Committee remained in open session

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OPEN ISSUES:

Zoning modification for a fifteen (15) acre tract in Harding proposed to be acquired by the Township of Morris.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Morris Township Committee was on the agenda of the Harding Township Committee at Morris' request to present revisions to its proposed use of the 15 acre tract. All Harding committeemen were present. Mayor Nace addressed the meeting stating that Morris was seeking the application of the Harding Township PL (Public Land) zone designation to the property. He further detailed those areas in which Morris had modified its requests: No sound amplification, no permanent seating, the fields will be grass; the Mayor stated that lighting

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New Business (CONTINUED):

remained a condition, but that the illumination would be extinguished no later than 9:00 PM; security lighting would be extinguished no later than 9:30 PM. The rest facilities would be served by onsite septic as opposed to sanitary sewer. Mayor Louis Lanzerotti stated that there was to be no public input, commentary only from the Harding Committee members.

Harding Township Governing Body Comments

Mr. Marshall Bartlett- stated that he found the proposal, with lighting, acceptable, his only caveat being the need to secure a deed restriction on 25 adjoining acres, also in Harding Township that supported a floor area ratio for an office building in Morris Township.

Mr. John Murray- stated that his thoughts were aligned with Mr. Bartlett and he too would support the use and zone change.

Mr. James Rybka- opined that he thought the proposal worthy but that the negative impacts on Harding residents, primarily from the lighting, were causing him to incline against the proposal.

Mr. Ward-generally shared Mr. Rybka's thoughts on the proposal. He stated he would like to see first hand both a balloon test and view the actual illumination.

Mayor Louis Lanzerotti- stated that he was unalterably opposed to the proposed use, with or without lights, and that he saw no benefit to Harding arising from the use.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be considered, the Special Meeting of the Township Committee, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously (4-0) adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M., next to convene at the 8:00 P.M., September 17, 2008, Regular Meeting, in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.

Minutes submitted by: John M. Mills III