Prior to the regular Planning Board meeting, Steven D. Cahn, Board Counsel administered the Oath of Office to Planning Board Member, Gerald Tamburro, who was reappointed to a 3-year term by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders at their Reorganization meeting in January, 2015.

Vice Chairman Tamburro called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. He invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary called the roll and declared that there was a quorum.

I. Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Gerald Tamburro

Minutes – February 10, 2015: Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Mr. Wallner, to accept the Minutes as presented. Mr. Tamburro abstained. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Mr. Ververides stated that the Financial report was in the folder. Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Mr. Wallner, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Committee Report: None. Communications: None
II. Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Committee Report for February was contained in the folder. In connection with the Wastewater Management Plan work, the staff reviewed four future wastewater service area amendment applications, which will be presented to the Planning Board for consideration at its April meeting. In connection with the Manalapan Brook Watershed Restoration Plan Implementation, Ms. Becker introduced Ms. Michele Bakacs, Middlesex County Extension Officer and Manalapan Brook Public Outreach Officer, who presented a video that was created for public outreach and public education purposes. Freeholder Director Rios moved to accept the Committee report, seconded by Mr. Wong. Motion carried.

III. Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner

Committee Report: Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the Committee Report for February was contained in the folder. He reported on a meeting of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, at which Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Chairman of the Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, was the keynote speaker. Assemblyman Wisniewski discussed the State Transportation Trust Fund status and needs, and explained his proposal for a petroleum gross receipts wholesale levy tax of 25 cents per gallon that would provide funding for new projects and pay off the Transportation Trust Fund debt. Based on average fuel efficiency and gasoline consumption estimates, a 25-cent gas tax increase would cost the average driver 85 cents per day. Mr. Wong moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

IV. Development Review: Ms. Olga Szambettera

Committee Report: Mr. Olszewski stated that the Committee Report for February was contained in the folder. The Committee acted on 36 development requests. Site plan activity in February for additional square feet of building area amounted to 1.9 million, as opposed to 1.1 million square feet in February, 2014. Total monetary values received through subdivision and site plan applications for year-to-date amounted to $1,56,048, and $235,198 for 2014, the lesser amount attributed to smaller sizes of applications. Mr. Olszewski presented a summary of activities from the years 2008 through 2014: Planning Board review fees, performance guarantees, linear sidewalk and curbing miles, and pavement square feet. Mr. Wong moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Carried.

V. Comprehensive Planning: Mr. William Thomas

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Committee Report for February was contained in the folder. She reported on three current farmland applications, and stated that they are in various stages of the farmland preservation process: the Voight Farm in South Brunswick, the Protinick Farm in Cranbury, and the J.B. Heatherwood Farms in Monroe. Mr. Wong moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

VI. Other Matters: None  

VII. Public Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on motions by Messrs. Wong and Wallner.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Dated: March 30, 2015