

**RIVERDALE PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2025**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Riverdale Planning Board is opening on January 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Scott Trowse read the Sunshine Law.

John Barbarula swore in the Members and Secretary.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS:

MAYOR PAUL CARELLI (CLASS 1 MEMBER)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
VINCENT PELLEGRINI (COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
SAL POLI (MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
BOBBY ROBERTS (CLASS IV MEMBER)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2028
JAMES TALERICO (ALT. NO. 2)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2026
STEPHANIE COLELLA (SECRETARY)	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Paul Carelli	Christopher Scilingo
	Council Pres. Vincent Pellegrini	Warren Sheps
	Sal Poli	Scott Trowse
	Bobby Roberts	Kevin Bulger (Alt. No. 1)
	Rick Malanga	James Talerico (Alt. No. 2)
	Michael Reilly	

REORGANIZATION:

CHAIR HEARS NOMINATIONS FOR:

1. CHAIRMAN Attorney John Barbarula opens the meeting for Nominations for Chairman. Thereupon Mayor Paul Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Council President Vincent Pellegrini to nominate Scott Trowse for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Pellegrini, Roberts, Reilly, Scilingo, Sheps
Nays: None
(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

2. SECRETARY Thereupon Chairman Trowse set forth the motion seconded by Warren Sheps to nominate Stephanie Colella for Secretary and Recording Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trowse, Sheps, Carelli, Pellegrini, Roberts, Reilly, Scilingo
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

3. VICE-CHAIRMAN Thereupon Chairman Scott Trowse set forth the motion seconded by Mayor Paul Carelli to nominate Warren Sheps for Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trowse, Carelli, Pellegrini, Roberts, Reilly, Scilingo
Nays: None
(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

4. ATTORNEY Thereupon Vice Chairman Warren Sheps set forth the motion seconded by Bobby Roberts to nominate John Barbarula of Barbarula Law Offices for Attorney. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Sheps, Roberts, Carelli, Pellegrini, Reilly, Scilingo, Trowse
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

5. ENGINEER Thereupon Council President Vincent Pellegrini set forth the motion seconded by Mayor Paul Carelli to nominate Tom Boorady of Darmofalski Engineering, Inc for Engineer. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Pellegrini, Carelli, Roberts, Reilly, Scilingo, Sheps, Trowse
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

6. PLANNER Thereupon Bobby Roberts set forth the motion seconded by Christopher Scilingo to nominate Colliers Engineering and Design for Board Planner. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Roberts, Scilingo, Carelli, Pellegrini, Reilly, Sheps, Trowse
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

7. LEGAL NEWSPAPER AND ALTERNATIVE NEWSPAPER

It is customary that the Planning Board appoint the legal newspaper and alternative legal newspaper that the Mayor and Council have appointed. Thereupon Mayor Paul Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Chairman Scott Trowse to nominate the Morris Daily Record for legal newspaper and the Suburban Trends as the alternative legal newspaper. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Trowse, Pellegrini, Roberts, Reilly, Scilingo, Sheps
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

Mr. Sheps stated that he read that five newspapers were ceasing printed publication. Mr. Barbarula stated that an emergency law was passed that if newspapers cease printing they can advertise online with that paper. Chairman Scott Trowse set forth the motion seconded by Bobby Roberts as requested by the attorney that when it goes to public notice it can be through the newspaper itself or online version if newspaper ceases printing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trowse, Roberts, Carelli, Pellegrini, Reilly, Scilingo, Sheps
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

8. MEETING NIGHTS AND TIME: ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:30 PM

WORKSHOP	REGULAR
	01/23/2025
02/06/2025	02/27/2025
03/06/2025	03/27/2025
04/03/2025	04/24/2025

05/01/2025

06/05/2025

08/07/2025

09/04/2025

10/02/2025

11/06/2025

12/04/2025

05/22/2025

06/26/2025

07/24/2025

09/25/2025

10/23/2025

11/13/2025

12/11/2025

Thereupon Vice Chairman Warren Sheps set forth the motion seconded by Bobby Roberts to nominate the above dates and time for the meeting dates. There a no more nominations.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Sheps, Roberts, Carelli, Pellegrini, Reilly, Scilingo, Trowse
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

MOTION TO ENTER IN REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING

Thereupon Chairman Scott Trowse set forth the motion seconded by Mayor Paul Carelli to enter into the regular portion of the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 5, 2024

Thereupon Mayor Paul Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Michael Reilly to approve the minutes as written and submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Reilly, Pellegrini, Roberts, Scilingo, Sheps, Trowse
Nays: None
(7 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

APPLICATION TO BE DEEMED COMPLETE:

1. **Application No. ZBOA-10182024 / 19 Van Duyne Avenue / James O’Connell / Block 14.02 Lot 43 / R-7.5 Zone**

Letter from Darmofalski Engineering recommending completeness dated December 9, 2024.

Thereupon Christopher Scilingo set forth the motion seconded by Michael Reilly to deem the application complete as per Darmofalski Engineering’s completeness report.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Scilingo, Reilly, Roberts, Sheps, Trowse
Nays: None
(5 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

Rick Malanga in attendance 7:44 PM

The Board would assign a hearing date of January 23, 2025 with a backup hearing date of February 27, 2025. In order to be heard in the January hearing the notices would have to be sent and published by January 13, 2025.

Thereupon Rick Malanga set forth the motion seconded by Michael Reilly to assign Mr. O’Connell’s hearing date.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Malanga, Reilly, Roberts, Scilingo, Sheps, Trowse
Nays: None
(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Reilly stated that he would be interested in having a tour of the Quarry property. Mr. Barbarula stated that once the Quarry files an application the Board is allowed to perform an inspection of the site and he would recommend waiting until an application is filed.

Chairman Trowse opened the meeting to the public for comments, no one from the public is present, thereupon Chairman Trowse sets forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Warren Sheps to close the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Thereupon Chairman Scott Trowse set forth the motion seconded by Christopher Scilingo to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Colella, Planning Board Secretary

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