The meeting was opened by Chairman Battista at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Battista read a statement of compliance with the *New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law* as follows:

This is a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Tinton Falls and is being held in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given by posting on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and by publishing in the <u>The Coaster</u> and the <u>Asbury Park Press</u>.

Chairman Battista then led the meeting in a salute to the flag.

Ms. Connolly took roll call.

- Present Chairman Battista, Vice-Chairman Palmieri, Mr. Lomangino, Mr. McKinley, Ms. Hatami, Ms. Berk
- Absent: Mr. Slazyk, Mr. Porzio, Mr. Kuzmin
- Also present: Ms. Connolly, Board Secretary

Chairman Battista read a statement of procedural guidelines.

Minutes

Chairman Battista states that the minutes from May 16, 2019 have been previously distributed via email for the Board members to review.

Motion is made by Mr. Lomangino and seconded by Mr. McKinley to accept the minutes of May 16, 2019. All in favor by those members eligible to vote.

Resolution

BA 2019-01 Adam Hays and Stephanie Fornino, 30 Danbury Road, Blk. 124.43 lot 12. Front yard setback (dual frontage)

Chairman Battista states that the proposed resolution in this matter has been previously forwarded to Board members prior to tonight's meeting.

Motion is made by Mr. Lomangino and seconded by Ms. Berk. All in favor by those eligible to vote.

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Chairman Battista states that prior to adjournment, Mr. Lomangino wishes to make a statement. Mr. Lomangino discusses his reasons for stating that he is unhappy regarding the division of duties that have taken place of the retired Ms. Paone's position..

Chairman Battista thanks Mr. Lomangino for his viewpoint and states that, of course, we do want to make sure that whomever assumes all of Ms. Paone's duties, has the appropriate qualifications. To that end, I would highly encourage all members of the Board to attend the next Council meeting and voice our concerns over the possibility of the diminishment of her many duties.

Ms. Hatami agrees with the importance of the zoning officer role being a full-time job commitment and that it is an important role for the town. Our Board relies on the Borough for many things, among them is to follow-up on the variances we grant. I agree that if it is the town trying to divide the many aspects of this position among numerous people making it a part-time job, if that is truly their intent, then that certainly makes our job that much more difficult.

Vice-Chairman Palmieri asks if this matter is going to be brought up at the next council meeting. Chairman Battista states that it is best to get ahead of this whether it is on the Agenda or not.

Vice-Chairman Palmieri directs the Board Secretary to draft a letter saying that we are in total disagreement of the possible decision to divide Ms. Paone's job duties among various individuals whereby diminishing the job and that the Board feels that the Town needs to continue to fill this full-time position to carry out the duties of the retired Ms. Paone.

Chairman Battista states that he agrees and that we should encourage the Planning Board to do the same in stating that it should not be divided into part-time positions and that it should be a qualified interviewed position.

Vice-Chairman Palmieri states that the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Boards should participate in the interviewing process.

Mr. Lomangino wants to clarify and add to what he spoke to earlier. He was not diminishing the job that Ms. Paone performed. We have heard a numerous amount of times from her when she was before us that she was so busy that she could not begin to cover what she needed to do in order to perform the job properly. He states that her position made her overburdened for years and stated such openly in front of all of us. How do you go from that to just making it a part-time position for several people?

Chairman Battista states that it is his intention to read the letter in front of the Council at the next meeting.

Chairman Battista asks if there is any member opposed to allowing me to speak on behalf of the entire Board at the next Council meeting. None heard.

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Mr. Lomangino asks the Board Secretary to send out an email to the Board members that are not in attendance and let them know what is happening. The draft is to go to Chairman Battista first in order to make any changes. Chairman Battista would like everyone to review and then respond.

Chairman Battista asks for a motion to close the regular meeting. Motion is made by Mr. Palmieri and seconded by Mr. Lomangino

Chairman Battista states that he wishes to go into closed Executive Session. We are reopening the meeting as an executive closed session as we have quorum.

There is continuing conversation regarding the Board's opinion regarding the division of the responsibilities of Ms. Paone as well as the continuing issues of code enforcement and the planning and zoning department.

Chairman Battista makes a motion to close the closed executive session

Motion to Close

Motion to close the meeting at 8:46 p.m. by Mr. Porzio and seconded by Mr. Lomangino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Connolly Zoning Board Secretary

Approved at Board of Adjustment Meeting on September 5, 2019