

**FREEHOLD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2018**

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Freehold Borough Planning Board was held on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Reich stated that this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, by providing a copy of the agenda to the official newspaper and posting same on the official bulletin board of the Municipal Building.

Mr. Reich called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MR. WILLIAM BARRICELLI
PRESENT	MR. CORNELIUS BEGLEY
ABSENT	MS. JAMIE BENNETT
ABSENT	MR. PAUL CEPPI
ABSENT	MS. MICHELE GIBSON
PRESENT	MR. GARRY JACKSON
PRESENT	MS. ANNETTE JORDAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	MR. ADAM REICH

**Mr. Reich read Item No. 3 on the Agenda as follows:**

County of Monmouth Capital Project Review, Intersection Improvements  
Application Number: PB-CR-2018-010  
Applicant: County of Monmouth  
Location: CR 537 and Jackson Street and Jackson Terrace  
Request: Intersection Improvements

Mark Aikens, Esq. – Special County Counsel on behalf of the County of Monmouth;  
This is a capital county project which the board attorney will review – the project relates to post improvements at the intersection of Jackson Street, Jackson Terrace and County Road 537;

Plans have been submitted for review through the Board Secretary; with me this evening is the County Engineer but my witness will be Robert Strang Wolf, also an engineer at the County Engineers office.

John Miller, Esq. – brief reminder this is a capital review and governed by section 31 of the MLUL; government entity is exempt from requiring to obtain site plan approval for their project; the Board does not have jurisdiction to make approval or denial; the Boards job is to hear the presentation and can make comments or recommendations that it sees fit

to include in a resolution to put on the record and you can ask questions of me or the applicant as you would any other application.

John Miller, Esq. – swear in Robert Strang Wolf,

Robert Strang Wolf, licensed engineer NJ – 19 years;

Mr. Aikins – ask Mr. Strang Wolf to orient the Board the intersection discussed in my opening comments and review the improvements that will be done at the is intersection and beyond;

Mr. Strang Wolf – we are signalizing the intersection; it will be a three face signal; County Rt. 537 East Bound and West Bound will have their own phase; Jackson Street and Jackson Terrace will each have their own phase; this is due to the angle that Jackson Street come into the intersection, we don't want these two going at the same time; We also propose cross walks at the intersection for the safety of the pedestrians; there is only one crosswalk now on the easterly side of the intersection; we are going to provide crosswalks across Jackson Terrace and Jackson Street;

We are making several other safety improvements to the intersection; there is a driveway, that exists at the intersection; our proposed project will remove the driveway approximately 40 feet to the east, allowing for the ease of the in and out;

Another aspect is at the Henry Hudson Trail we are installing solar power flashing beacons for pedestrians and bicyclists; those improvements in addition to drainage, stripping and signing that essentially makes up the project.

Mr. Reich – is there an option to extend the sidewalk on Rt. 537 to connect to the intersection;

Mr. Strang Wolf – any sidewalk improvements would be the responsibility of the Borough; we have sidewalk in our contract and wouldn't be a problem but the only issue is there is only about five feet between the curb line and the right-a-way making it difficult to put a sidewalk.

Mr. Aikins – with the second point would the County be willing to pass along the per unit price that receives form the contractor for the sidewalks, if the Borough saw fit to pursue;

Mr. Strang Wolf – yes

Mr. Reich – Councilman is that something the Borough would be interested in;

Councilman Schnurr – there are other parts of the Borough that have no sidewalks on either side; I am more interested in that, than is site; at least there are sidewalks on one side of the street; on Route 33 down by the old Food Town there are no sidewalks and I am more interested in pursuing that;

Mr. Reich – the curbing, the radius becomes smaller;

Mr. Strang Wolf – larger, making turns easier;

Mr. Reich – what are you doing with the driveway ;

Mr. Strang Wolf – the driveway serves 3 duplex units, it goes to the back of the units where the parking is and we will pick up about half way back and reroute to intersect to Route 537;

Mr. Barricelli – is the county aware there is going to be a new access to the school just north of Rt. 537, on McElwaine and if you know did you make accommodations at the intersection and if you did not know will that change what you are going to do;

Mr. Strang Wolf – I am not aware of the access to the school; I don't believe it will change our design;

Mr. Barricelli – I am concerned because of it being a major exiting for the buses; what will that do to the light; traffic flow;

Mr. Adam – I guess the question is, is the light on a sensor that will be picked up at the light;

Mr. Strang Wolf – the signals have video detection on both Jackson Terrace and Jackson Street;

Mr. Reich – so if it sees there is a back up it will keep the light on Jackson Terrace light green longer to elevate the traffic;

Mr. Strang Wolf – yes;

Mr. Reich – the crosswalk, is that a dedicated cross walk or is it while the light is green in one direct

Mr. Strang Wolf – while green and supplied with pedestrian signal heads with the count down timers on them;

Mr. Jackson – this will be a 24 hour red/green light;

Mr. Strang Wolf – yes

Mr. Reich – will there be a restriction of no right turn on red or will you be able to turn right on red;

Mr. Strang Wolf – no restriction but will be monitored;

Councilman Schnurr – is there a bus stop there –

Mr. Strang Wolf – yes, it is on the east bound side;

Ms. Jordan - when do you anticipate breaking ground;

Mr. Strang Wolf – still revising plans and should be awarding a contract by the end of August early September, that will be the soonest;

Mr. Reich – how long will the project take;

Mr. Strang Wolf – approximately six months depending on the complexity;

Ms. Jordan – you many want to give the Borough High School a heads up on this matter;

Mr. Strang Wolf – we will keep all parties involved and informed;

Mr. Reich – will the intersection be closed or narrowed;

Mr. Strang Wolf – on section of Jackson Street will be closed for a short duration;

Mr. Wentzien – that is on sheet 28;

Councilman Schnurr – Linda Jewell is the principal of the High School and she is well aware as well as the school board and the superintendent – all very supportive;

Mr. Barricelli – is the intersection large enough to accommodate a left turn lane on Rt. 537

Mr. Strang Wolf – not in the proposed condition and we do not see the need based on the traffic count;

Mr. Reich –

Mr. Begley anything from you – No

Ms. Jordan – No

Mr. Jackson – No

Councilman Schnurr – No

Mr. Barricelli – No

Mr. Reich – thank you for your time, we appreciate;

Mr. Reich – I don't think we have anything to add to a resolution;

John Miller, Esq. – I recommend that the Board move to have our office prepare a resolution in accordance with the testimony and presentation this evening to put on the record;

Mr. Reich – can I get a motion for a resolution to put on the record what was testified and presented tonight;

Mr. Begley made a motion to approve for a Resolution to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Yes	6	Barricelli, Begley, Jackson, Jordan, Councilman Schnurr & Reich
No	0	
Abstain	0	
Disqualified	0	
Absent	3	Bennett, Ceppi & Gibson

Mr. Reich – anything coming up

Dominica Napolitano – yes, July 11, 2018 we have a Use Variance on Avenue A, looking to put in residential units – 10 Avenue A; as well as 2 applications on July 25, 2018

Mr. Reich – anything else, Councilman – Mr. Miller – Mr. Wentzien; anything from the public; seeing none;

Mr. Reich – anyone want to make a motion to adjourn the meeting;

Mr. Begley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Schnurr. All in favor, Aye (everyone), no one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Bellina