

**MEETING AGENDA
OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE UNION TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AND THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 24, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kirkpatrick called the Special Joint Meeting of the Union township committee and the Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to appoint Grace Kocher as Temporary Acting Deputy Clerk. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek
Mr. Mazza

Planning Board Members Present: Mr. Mazza, Mr. Martin, Mr. Badenhausen,
Mr. Walchuk, Mr. Ryland, Mr. Kirkpatrick

Planning Board Members Absent: Mr. Taibi, Mr. Ford

Others Present: Atty. J. Peter Jost, Atty. Mark Anderson, Carl Hintz, John Reymann,
Geoffrey Goll

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

- a. Discussion of Issues regarding Exit 15/Frontage Road & Edna Mahan Correctional Facility & Hunterdon Developmental Center

Mr. Hintz gave an overview of potential development in the areas near Exit 15/Frontage Road & the Correctional Facility and Developmental Center and its impact on those areas. The Town of Clinton, Franklin, and Union Townships would all be impacted by development. Mr. Hintz said development would be limited because Clinton is largely built out, and Franklin Township is in the process of buying a 174-acre site for which there are no immediate plans at this time. There may be some COAH units, park land and farm land. Franklin also owns a 12-acre site which will be used for 8 COAH units. Clinton has redone its Master Plan and a 54.9-acre site could be developed for a conference center. The Wachovia site in Union Township, which has Preliminary Site Plan approval will probably not move forward. Wachovia was relying on water and sewer from the Town of Clinton and there is no more capacity.

Mr. Reymann displayed a picture of the Road connecting the Edna Mahon Exit Road to Frontage Road. He also displayed a picture of proposed improvements to Exit 12. Mr. Reymann mentioned the need for another Park n Ride or expansion of an existing site.

Mr. Mazza asked if the proposal would be a long-term or short-term fix. Mr. Reymann felt that people who use Race Street will use the Frontage Road. It will, however, increase traffic at Exit 12.

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Mr. Severino said there were more questions than answers. He voiced opposition to the County tying funding for Milligan Farms to the Township's endorsement of the proposed Plan. Mr. Severino said answers were needed. Mrs. Dziubek concurred. She thought a Resolution listing the concerns should be sent to DOT from the Committee.

Mr. Severino had a question about traffic at the Walmart Plaza. He wanted to know the percentage of traffic that would use the new Road, as opposed to going under the Bridge and traveling onto Route 78. Mr. Reymann said there was a study done in 2004.

Mr. Haynes said the County had made a presentation to the Township Committee in 2004. He said the study was flawed because the model did not show trucks going east and getting off at Exit 12. The Committee was told the County would get back to them. That did not happen.

Mr. Hintz said he and Mr. Reymann will compile a list of concerns raised tonight and provide that information to the Township Committee. Mr. Hintz said the County should also be copied with the information.

b. Other matters that may come before the Township Committee

No other matters were discussed at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michele McBride, Olde Forge Lane, Glenn Roth, Marudy Drive, John Scott, Gano Road, Andy Riehl, County Road 579, Robert Nargi, UTEC Chairman asked various questions on the subject.

Township Committee Member adjourned the Joint Committee/Planning Board of Adjustment meeting at about 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Kocher,
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Secretary