

the Board; Family Dollar, X-Strikes, Osmundsen subdivision & Schweibinz subdivision. He demonstrated how the new fees worked in these examples. In the case of Family Dollar (BOOS Development), he stated that he eliminated those costs that were attributable to the 5% inspection escrow, which is controlled by law, and used the proposed application fee and escrow amounts for the analysis.

He explained that the reasoning for the expanded categories for fees and escrows were twofold. The first was to address future developments with anticipation of larger developments and the second was by creating more categories or classifications. He explained that those applications that will require the most attention and review will pay the highest fees and vice-versa. He used as an example an application not requiring any variances which would then not incur variance fees, and which may not require Stormwater Management fees if it does not classify as a “major development,” under Stormwater Management Rules.

He explained that in Chapter 25.3, most of the wording comes from the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) N.J.S.A. 40:55D. He stated that by adding all of this language to a separate chapter, he was able to eliminate the text between the fees, which was very confusing in the old ordinance, especially to an applicant. Solicitor Russell briefly addressed a typo in the document. Board Professional Conley agreed and further explained that by providing this section on the website, once adopted, applicants would be able to access and find a wealth of information available regarding the fees, escrows, and procedures as they prepare their applications. Councilman Bennett further commented regarding the access of information on the website. Some discussion was initiated regarding this matter.

Board Professional Lewis Conley concluded his presentation by asking the Board members to review the draft ordinance and get comments to him at or before the November meeting, as he wanted to review that wording in Chapter 25.3 with Jack Miller, the Borough’s CFO, to be sure that the process that he currently used was consistent with the draft. Mr. Conley’s goal was to put the draft in final form at the November meeting, and to seek a resolution to forward the draft to Mayor and Council for consideration. He called for questions, which were very few. It was the consensus of the Board that the draft ordinance was a considerable improvement and much more readable than the old ordinance. While they will review the fee and escrow amounts the Board appreciated the level of effort expended to come up with the amounts.

ESCROW REPORT: Board Professional Lewis Conley addressed the Escrow Report sent via email by Jack Miller, Borough CFO.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Recommendations from the Engineer: Nothing further to report.

Recommendations from the Solicitor: Nothing to report.

There was no correspondence to review.

There being no other official business to come before the Board, Chairperson Fisher called for a motion for adjournment at 7:43 P.M.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

OFFERED BY: Mr. Hudgins

ROLL CALL: All Present Voted In Favor

SECONDED BY: Ms. Marra

Respectfully submitted by:

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