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**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Thomas Ward.

Salute to the flag (Pledge of Allegiance was said).

The Chairman of the Perth Amboy Board of Adjustment, Thomas Ward advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, City of Perth Amboy's web page at www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us and posted on the Bulletin Board in the City Clerk's office, indicating that tonight's meeting is being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 260 High Street, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Those present: Chairman Thomas Ward, Vice Chairperson Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez, Ms. Susan Batista, Secretary, Mrs. Linda Cruz, Mr. Elias Rivera, Mr. Ronald Ray, Mr. Rinaldo Aviles and

Those absent: Ms. Wilma Matey

Zoning Board Staff: Jamie Rios, Administrative Officer
Alfred J. Petit-Clair, Jr., Esq.
Jeffrey Rauch, P.E., P.P.
Iwona H. Cwiek, Recording Secretary

CLOSED SESSION: procedural matter

APPLICATIONS: the following applications have been carried to the next meeting

Docket No. 2991 Flynn & Sons Funeral Home, LLC; no new notices required.
Docket No. 2993 567 Perth Amboy, LLC, W. Petroleum; no new notices required.
Docket No. 2996 Muhmad Melheess; no new notices required.

Docket No. 2989 Forman Sign Company
148 Smith Street
Block 125; Lot 8

Applicant is requesting for Use Variance. Applicant proposes to install a sign awning to the subject property.

Mr. Gary Smith, Esq. is representing the applicant. He submitted an affidavit of publication and affidavit of service prior to the meeting. All witnesses are sworn-in by Mr. Petit-Clair.

Mr. Smith calls his first witness Mr. Timothy Olsen, VP of Operations. Mr. Olsen stated that this application seeks approval to install a 73 feet and 8 inches long by 4 feet and 6 inches high non-illuminated awning sign on an existing building at 148 Smith Street. The site is located at the intersection of Hobart Street in the C-2 Central Business Zone. Previously, the building had a similar awning containing signage. The proposed similarities are between the two awnings which are the same size, about 84 S.F.

Mr. Rauch stated that awnings with signs are permitted provided the letters are not over 7 inches in height except uppercase script letter may be 12 inches in height. The proposed sign overall height is 3 feet and the width is 56 feet and 9 ¼ inches. Each land use is entitled to display signs containing up to 10 items of information. The proposed sign contains 5 items. The building currently contains various signs (additional items). When there is a change in property ownership or new tenants, the new owner or new tenant must remove all items not in conformance.

Mr. Olsen submitted Exhibit A1 – Picture of the old awning

Public portion: none

Chairman Ward made a motion to approve the application with the conditions set forth and the motion was so moved and seconded by Ms. Batista. The motion was voted on and approved by the vote of 6 to 1 (Aviles).

NEW BUSINESS: none

MEMORIALIZATIONS:

Docket No. 2989 Siva Petroleum Approved 4/10/2014

Vice Chairperson Dominguez Rodriguez made a motion to approve the resolutions and the motion was so moved and seconded by Chairman Ward. The motion was voted on and approved. Ms. Batista abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13 & April 10, 2014

Chairman Ward made a motion to approve the resolutions and the motion was so moved and seconded by Vice Chairperson Dominguez Rodriguez. The motion was voted on and approved.

ROLL CALL FOR UPCOMING MEETING: JUNE 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson Dominguez Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Cruz. Motion to adjourn the meeting of May 8, 2014 was so moved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Iwona Cwiek
Recording Secretary