



PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY



**P.O. Box 10243
Trenton, N.J. 08650**

Minutes of General Meeting:
Fezziwigs Warehouse Bar & Grill
October 24, 2007

Persons Present: (Roll Call) Meeting called to order

Fred Czepiga (President, Director), Jake Rigelon, Jr. (Secretary), Dennis Smith (Treasurer), Ken Raike (Vice President), Dave Siegrist, Bruce McKenna

Minutes: Motion by Ken Raike to approve minutes, 2nd by Dennis Smith.

Treasures Report:

Checking Balance..... \$ 1,166.00
Savings Balance.....\$ 4,291.97
8 Month CD..... \$1,500.00

Fred is still checking with Rona as to see if the Chapter has to file tax reports.

Communications: Fred Czepiga received copy of our letter (signed by Ken Raike, V. P.) regarding finally putting in the stalled Pole Farm Baseline (more later). Communication was received from Borbas Surveying and Mapping, LLC; the company had tried to use the Greenwood Lake Airport Baseline, but was informed that there will be a fee of \$45.00/hour to have an escort present.

Question from the floor: Why was the Pole Farm stopped?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Directors Report: See attached minutes.

AD HOC Committee, Pole Farm Baseline: Fred Czepiga's boss gave him a copy of the letter sent by PLSANJ requesting to move forward with the Pole Farm Baseline site since it was all set to go, but the site was never built. Mercer County and Municipal Officials were all on board. Fred eventually eluded that other forces were involved in stopping the placement of this site. {More later, see NJSPLS}.

Old Business:

Fred is still checking with Rona as to see if the Chapter has to file tax reports. We need to give Rona our Tax I.D. number because NJSPLS covers all Chapters.

Website: Please check it out and provide feedback.



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New Business:

Upcoming meetings:

**Nov. 14, 2007 Vote for Officers ~ Location: Fizziwigs Warehouse Bar & Grill
(*Meeting was changed from the 15th to the 14th of November)

Dec. 14, 2007 Installation of Officers and Holiday Party at:
Amarone's ~ 29 Church St. ~ Windsor, NJ 609-448-7144
\$45.00 per person and \$85.00 per couple
A good time will be had but all ~ please plan to attend.

Good and Welfare:

Dave gave a great demonstration of the latest Topcon GPS equipment and Robotic Total Station with reflectorless EDM. Those present were very impressed. Please contact Dave with any of your Topcon questions:

Dave Siegrist, Sales Manager, Survey Division Cleary Machinery Co., Inc.
Dave.Siegrist@verizon.net and/or 800-527-3721

NJSPLS Ambassador Bruce McKenna, PLS, PE, Director at large (Bruce.McKenna@Monarcheng.com and/or 856-582-8200) was in attendance to discuss NJSPLS and ways to promote membership and ask what the State Society can do for the membership.

Basically the discussion focused on the perceived division amongst surveyors in New Jersey. We definitely have two organizations in New Jersey, NJSPLS and Garden State. Everyone seemed to agree Garden State is a force that has to be dealt with. It was suggested they be brought in as a Chapter of NJSPLS. The discussion included noting that some members of both organizations will be stubborn and want to continue the division. This of course only assists those that want to harm surveyors. The message was that we (all New Jersey surveyors) have to put aside all the childish, petty personal issues, and get behind making the New Jersey Surveyors stronger than ever. The conclusion was that until NJSPLS can get everyone in its organization on board with this kind of forward thinking, growth of the entire organization be held back by those stubborn few.

Also discussed was developing more training opportunities for support technicians. Also discussed was continued education on the real costs associated with providing our services so that fees can support the hiring and training of the quality of personnel necessary to provide the professional services the public expects.

Still OPEN: The approved motion to allow a budget of \$150.00 to rent a passenger van to transport Chapter members to Trenton to oppose Bill A-3753.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Vincent Rigelon, Jr.

Vincent Rigelon, Jr., PLS ~ Secretary

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