

Office of the Board of Commissioners
Borough of Monmouth Beach
SPECIAL MEETING
February 25, 2013

The following statement was read by Mayor Susan Howard:

This special meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the open public meetings law. Notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press on February 22, 2013 and in addition, a copy of this notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on that date. The notice has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present – Mayor Howard, Commissioner Cunniff, Commissioner McBride

Absent – None

Mayor Howard stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to hear variance requests from homeowners seeking relief from the requirement that coastal AE Zone properties build to V-Zone construction standards.

Mayor Howard said she was happy to hear and to approve the appeals for the homeowners but she wanted to be sure that all the variance applicants understood the possible risks posed to them for not building to the V-Zone standards. She said it was unknown whether or not homeowners would be subject to paying higher flood insurance premiums if they did not comply fully with the Ordinance that the Borough had adopted, based upon FEMA's recommendation.

The homeowners and/or their contractors stated that they understood the possible risk and they stated their desire to proceed with their applications for a variance.

The properties for which owners sought variances were as follows:

57 Navesink Drive, owner and contractor Ken Shaw appearing
58 Monmouth Parkway, owner and contractor Ken Shaw appearing
8 River Avenue, owner and contractor Ken Shaw appearing
13 Robbins Street, owner Mr. Weir and his contractor, Sullivan, appearing

Commissioner McBride moved, seconded by Commissioner Cunniff that the following Consent Agenda Resolutions be passed and adopted:

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO LOT 21.01 BLOCK 30
(57 Navesink Drive) FROM THE
STRICT APPLICATION OF FLOODPLAIN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
IN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Monmouth Beach has adopted and enforces a local floodplain ordinance which incorporates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain standards and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the residence located on Lot 21.01 Block 30 and more commonly known as 57 Navesink Drive seeks the following relief:

1. Relief from the requirement that Coastal A Zone properties employ V-Zone construction standards; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has represented that it will comply with the standards applicable to A Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the use of V-Zone construction standards in a Coastal A zone is not a mandatory requirement under federal guidelines and remains a recommendation to local government entities; and

WHEREAS, although the Borough has adopted the maximum standards recommended by FEMA, the requested variance from the Borough standards should be permitted as the owner does not seek to deviate from a minimum standard promulgated by the federal government. Most significantly, the owner only seeks a deviation from a recommendation of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the grounds upon which variances can and should be granted are met because the federal government has chosen not to mandate V-Zone construction techniques in a Coastal AE or A zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the owner's representation that strict enforcement will result in undue hardship:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, that a variance be granted to Lot 21.01 Block 30, also known as 57 Navesink Drive, from the strict application of Floodplain Construction Standards in particular as follows:

1. The owner shall not be required to construct in accordance with V-Zone standards for the proposal that will raise the structure as more fully outlined in the owner's submission; and
2. A Zone construction techniques shall be utilized; and
3. This variance is limited to the relief noted in Paragraph 1 for the proposed repair/reconstruction project that will be first permitted following this approval; and
4. No variance from any other applicable standard shall be considered granted unless specifically noted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owner is hereby put on notice that this relief may result in increased expenses or diminution in property value which may include but not be limited to increased flood insurance premiums. The owner, by proceeding to construct in accordance with this variance approval, acknowledges that the Borough of Monmouth Beach has granted this approval based on the owner's voluntary request and any adverse conditions created by such deviation from ordinance standards are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and accurate copy of this resolution be placed on file with the construction office of the Borough of Monmouth Beach

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO LOT 52.01 BLOCK 30
(58 Monmouth Parkway) FROM THE
STRICT APPLICATION OF FLOODPLAIN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
IN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Monmouth Beach has adopted and enforces a local floodplain ordinance which incorporates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain standards and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the residence located on Lot 52.01 Block 30 and more commonly known as 58 Monmouth Parkway seeks the following relief:

2. **Relief from the requirement that Coastal A Zone properties employ V-Zone construction standards; and**

WHEREAS, the property owner has represented that it will comply with the standards applicable to A Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the use of V-Zone construction standards in a Coastal A zone is not a mandatory requirement under federal guidelines and remains a recommendation to local government entities; and

WHEREAS, although the Borough has adopted the maximum standards recommended by FEMA, the requested variance from the Borough standards should be permitted as the owner does not seek to deviate from a minimum standard promulgated by the federal government. Most significantly, the owner only seeks a deviation from a recommendation of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the grounds upon which variances can and should be granted are met because the federal government has chosen not to mandate V-Zone construction techniques in a Coastal AE or A zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the owner's representation that strict enforcement will result in undue hardship:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, that a variance be granted to Lot 52.01 Block 30, also known as 58 Monmouth Parkway, from the strict application of Floodplain Construction Standards in particular as follows:

5. The owner shall not be required to construct in accordance with V-Zone standards for the proposal that will raise the structure as more fully outlined in the owner's submission; and
6. A Zone construction techniques shall be utilized; and
7. This variance is limited to the relief noted in Paragraph 1 for the proposed repair/reconstruction project that will be first permitted following this approval; and
8. No variance from any other applicable standard shall be considered granted unless specifically noted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owner is hereby put on notice that this relief may result in increased expenses or diminution in property value which may include but not be limited to increased flood insurance premiums. The owner, by proceeding to construct in accordance with this variance approval, acknowledges that the Borough of Monmouth Beach has granted this approval based on the owner's voluntary request and any adverse conditions created by such deviation from ordinance standards are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and accurate copy of this resolution be placed on file with the construction office of the Borough of Monmouth Beach

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO LOT 50 BLOCK 45.01
(8 River Avenue) FROM THE
STRICT APPLICATION OF FLOODPLAIN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
IN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Monmouth Beach has adopted and enforces a local floodplain ordinance which incorporates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain standards and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the residence located on Lot 50 Block 45.01 and more commonly known as 8 River Avenue seeks the following relief:

3. **Relief from the requirement that Coastal A Zone properties employ V-Zone construction standards; and**

WHEREAS, the property owner has represented that it will comply with the standards applicable to A Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the use of V-Zone construction standards in a Coastal A zone is not a mandatory requirement under federal guidelines and remains a recommendation to local government entities; and

WHEREAS, although the Borough has adopted the maximum standards recommended by FEMA, the requested variance from the Borough standards should be permitted as the owner does not seek to deviate from a minimum standard promulgated by the federal government. Most significantly, the owner only seeks a deviation from a recommendation of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the grounds upon which variances can and should be granted are met because the federal government has chosen not to mandate V-Zone construction techniques in a Coastal AE or A zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the owner's representation that strict enforcement will result in undue hardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, that a variance be granted to Lot 50 Block 45.01, also known as 8 River Avenue, from the strict application of Floodplain Construction Standards in particular as follows:

9. The owner shall not be required to construct in accordance with V-Zone standards for the proposal that will raise the structure as more fully outlined in the owner's submission; and
10. A Zone construction techniques shall be utilized; and
11. This variance is limited to the relief noted in Paragraph 1 for the proposed repair/reconstruction project that will be first permitted following this approval; and

12. No variance from any other applicable standard shall be considered granted unless specifically noted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owner is hereby put on notice that this relief may result in increased expenses or diminution in property value which may include but not be limited to increased flood insurance premiums. The owner, by proceeding to construct in accordance with this variance approval, acknowledges that the Borough of Monmouth Beach has granted this approval based on the owner's voluntary request and any adverse conditions created by such deviation from ordinance standards are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and accurate copy of this resolution be placed on file with the construction office of the Borough of Monmouth Beach

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO LOT 87.01 BLOCK 45
(13 ROBBINS STREET) FROM THE
STRICT APPLICATION OF FLOODPLAIN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
IN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Monmouth Beach has adopted and enforces a local floodplain ordinance which incorporates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain standards and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the residence located on Lot 87.01 Block 45 and more commonly known as 13 Robbins Street seeks the following relief:

4. Relief from the requirement that Coastal A Zone properties employ V-Zone construction standards; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has represented that it will comply with the standards applicable to A Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the use of V-Zone construction standards in a Coastal A zone is not a mandatory requirement under federal guidelines and remains a recommendation to local government entities; and

WHEREAS, although the Borough has adopted the maximum standards recommended by FEMA, the requested variance from the Borough standards should be permitted as the owner does not seek to deviate from a minimum standard promulgated by the federal government. Most significantly, the owner only seeks a deviation from a recommendation of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the grounds upon which variances can and should be granted are met because the federal government has chosen not to mandate V-Zone construction techniques in a Coastal AE or Coastal A zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the owner's representation that strict enforcement will result in undue hardship:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, that a variance be granted to Lot 87.01 Block 45, also known as 13 Robbins Street, from the strict application of Floodplain Construction Standards in particular as follows:

13. The owner shall not be required to construct in accordance with V-Zone standards for the proposal that will raise the structure as more fully outlined in the owner's submission; and

14. A Zone construction techniques shall be utilized; and

15. This variance is limited to the relief noted in Paragraph 1 for the proposed repair/reconstruction project that will be first permitted following this approval; and

16. No variance from any other applicable standard shall be considered granted unless specifically noted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owner is hereby put on notice that this relief may result in increased expenses or diminution in property value which may include but not be limited to increased flood insurance premiums. The owner, by proceeding to construct in accordance with this variance approval, acknowledges that the Borough of Monmouth Beach has granted this approval based on the owner's voluntary request and any adverse conditions created by such deviation from ordinance standards are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and accurate copy of this resolution be placed on file with the construction office of the Borough of Monmouth Beach

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes -3-.

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be opened to the public.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes -3-.

There being no public in attendance,

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be closed.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes -3-.

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes -3-.

Mayor Howard

Commissioner Cunniff

Commissioner McBride

ATTEST:

Joyce L. Escalante, RMC
Borough Clerk
February 25, 2013