

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Valley Township Vacancy Board was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint someone to the vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors and any other business to come before the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting was called to order by Vacancy Board Chairwoman Abby Garzia at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Christopher Lehenky, Kathy O'Doherty, Joe Sciandra, Patrice Proctor and Vacancy Board Chairwoman Abby Garzia.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

None

CONSIDERATION TO FILL VACANT SUPERVISOR SEAT:

Mr. Sciandra noted that they had just recently received two letters of interest to fill the vacant supervisor seat. He stated that he had not been able to talk with both candidate. He noted that he was able to talk to the one of the phone but did not receive a return call from the other. Ms. Proctor and Ms. O'Doherty stated that they had talked with one of the two candidates after the Open Space Committee meeting last week.

Ms. O'Doherty stated that she talked with PSATS and Solicitor Jarvis. She noted that the Township Code does not say how long we have to petition the court.

Question arose as to when we would stop taking applications. Mr. Sciandra commented that the Code is somewhat unrealistic to only provide 30 days to fill a vacancy. He noted that it takes longer to properly fill an employment vacancy.

The Board discussed how they should continue to get the word out for people to submit their interest of filling the vacant seat. Suggestions included a mailing, signs, flyers, notifying HOA associations; digital signs throughout the township; banners; local weekly newspaper; Channel 66.

Mr. Lehenky stated that we should have a cut off date for submitting applications.

Mr. Sciandra made a motion to publish that the Board is still accepting letters of interest for the vacant supervisor position as of the close of business on March 15, 2017, and that the Vacancy Board will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, to make a recommendation to petition the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms, Proctor – yes; Ms. Garzia – yes.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was properly adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary