

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015
10:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

In the absence of Mr. Reaume, Ms. Conzelman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee

ABSENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
67 residents

D.. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Citing precedent, Ms. Arnold moved that the Clerk be appointed President Pro Tem for this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

AYES: Arnold, Edwards, Conzelman, Doroshewitz, Kelly
NAYS: Curmi

Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Special Meeting – Saturday, March 21, 2015

Moved by Mr. Kelly and supported by Ms. Arnold to approve the agenda.

After, discussion, the motion was withdrawn by the maker and supporter.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mr. Kelly to approve the agenda with the addition of a public comment period prior to Item G, limited to 1.5 minutes per person to a total of 30 minutes for the purpose of providing comment on the process to fill the vacancy in the office of Township Supervisor. Ayes all.

F. ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR’S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

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Moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Edwards to accept the letter of resignation of Richard Reaume as Township Supervisor, effective April 6, 2015. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM G.

Several residents expressed opinions on the process of filling the vacancy in the office to Township Supervisor caused by the resignation of Mr. Reaume as follows: Two residents recommended calling a special election to select the Supervisor. Another resident asked that a transparent and public interview process be held, if the selection is to be made by the Board. One resident questioned having to accept the retirement date specified in Supervisor Reaume's letter of resignation rather than making the resignation effective immediately.

G. PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Lengthy discussion included the proposal of Mr. Doroshewitz to limit the selection to members of the Board of Trustees who express interest in the position because they have already been elected to the position of Trustee by the people of the community.

Board members also discussed with Attorney Bennett whether potential candidates from the Board could participate in the selection process. Attorney Bennett said the law requires Township Trustees to vote on all matters before the board. The only exception is when a Trustee is seeking to fill a vacancy on the board.

Mr. Kelly presented a proposed procedure to fill the position, along with potential questions for the candidates.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelly to open the eligible candidates for Supervisor to anyone eligible within the Township and not just sitting members of the Board.

AYES: Conzelman, Kelly, Arnold, Edwards

NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz

Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and supported by Ms. Arnold that, that the Clerk post the call for letters of interest per the sample submitted, excluding the date by which they are due, to be published at Township Hall, on the website, on e-news, and in a newspaper.

AYES: Conzelman, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Edwards, Kelly

NAYS: Curmi

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Motion carried.

The Board recessed briefly at 11:25 a.m. and returned to session at 11:35 a.m.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Ms. Arnold to set the date for receiving letters of interest by the Clerk's office for Friday, March 27, 2015 at 7 p.m.

AYES: Conzelman, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Edwards, Kelly
NAYS: Curmi

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the potential questions for candidates that were passed out as questions to be asked of the candidates at the Board of Trustees regular meeting on March 31 and allow candidates up to 10 minutes to address the Board as to why they think they are the best qualified candidate for Supervisor. Any trustees who want to add a question shall submit questions to the Clerk for a separate agenda item at the next meeting to vote on whether those questions should be asked. Ayes all.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents expressed their concerns and suggestions about the selection process including hiring a professional for the interim until an election in November, 2015, and leaving the selection up to the precinct delegates if the Board cannot decide. A resident also asked that Board tapings be shown in their entirety.

I. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Doroshewitz had questions regarding whether the methodology for selection has been approved.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. Ayes all.

Nancy Conzelman, Township Clerk