

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 3, 2010

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR:

CLERK: Julia A. Morford

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TRUSTEES

Michael S. Gardner

Scott R. Matzke

Scott P. Minaudo

Mark H. Purkey

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN MOULTON

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:15 p.m. by **CLERK JULIA A. MORFORD** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Board Meeting was held at the Flushing Township Hall.

ROLL CALL: Julia A. Morford, William J. Noecker, Michael S. Gardner, Scott R. Matzke, Scott P. Minaudo, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark H. Purkey

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Twenty-eight (28) other individuals were present.

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to appoint Julia Morford, Chair for the evening. **MORFORD** declined and felt it was too difficult to take the minutes and be Chair at the same time.

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to appoint Michael Gardner as the Chair for the evening.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Noecker to adopt the Agenda for the meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Gardner, Noecker, and Morford

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Purkey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010: NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the March 3, 2010 Special Meeting was to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2010 so that MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) would have the approved contract to set up the Defined Contribution Program for the new Police Chief.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Morford, and Noecker

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Purkey

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a 2010 Hours of Employment for Part-Time Park Coordinator

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Noecker to continue the hours of eighteen (18) hours per week indefinitely until further notice for the Part-Time Park Coordinator.

DISCUSSION:

The original motion for the Part-Time Park Coordinator had been for eighteen (18) hours for the months of December, January, and February. It was felt by some of the board to continue to keep the eighteen (18) hours indefinitely. It was also mentioned that March normally is a busy month with the spring cleaning, plantings, etc so would the Coordinator need more hours.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minaudo, Noecker, and Gardner

NAYS: Morford and Matzke MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Purkey

1-b Possible Appointment of Township Supervisor

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Gardner to appoint Terry Peck to the position of Flushing Township Supervisor until the position is filled by the Election this coming May.

DISCUSSION:

The Clerk called different townships that have had recall elections as to the procedure for appointing a Supervisor until the next election. Some ideas were 1) set a time period where letters of interest could be turned in and would give all the township residents an opportunity to be supervisor and 2) appointment by motion . The two (2) major parties will be holding a public hearing to pick their candidate for the May Election. Per the Township Attorney, there are no guidelines as to the appointment of the Supervisor (Recall) but the appointment has to be made within forty-five (45) days. The powers of the appointed Supervisor were discussed; the Township Attorney will review the issue and get back with the Board at the next meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Noecker, Gardner, and Minaudo

NAYS: Morford and Matzke MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Purkey

6:25 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eleven (11) people gave an opinion/comment.

6:50 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **MATZKE** wanted to know why the Board was considering hiring a police chief from outside when we had a deficit of over \$33,000,000 (prior to the Board of Review); we should consider hiring from within as we have two (2) people that are capable of doing the chief’s job; has heard opinions that the township needed a chief to approve contracts – chiefs don’t approve contracts, the Board does. The Board should put the residents first, not their own agenda.

2. **NOECKER** is so sick of fighting; most of the board were voted in by a majority at the recall election but continue to represent most of the people in the township; currently a very tough time to govern; Mt. Morris and Flushing City have been laying off officers; need to move forward and stop living in the past. Felt the fire run bill was outrageous but went along so as to be fair with paying one-half of the amount owed to the City but the Board approved paying \$8,000; opposed to paying for the fire runs..
3. **MINAUDO** stated the Board came to a very good conclusion with picking Peck as the Supervisor; stands behind Peck one hundred fifty (150%) percent; everyone should have the opportunity to put their hats in the ring for Supervisor.
4. **GARDNER** felt since the township was in a deficit, it needed an outsider with a fresh set of eyes to manage the Flushing Township Police Department.

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: Due to no further business items, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

MICHAEL GARDNER, Chair

APPROVED DATE: _____

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