

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING **-APPROVED-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 **3:00 pm**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Public Works Director/Assistant Township Manager Perry, Human Resources Director Marx.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 3:02 pm.

Annika Schaeztl, 2294 Hamilton Rd., Okemos; spoke in support of Courtney Wisinski to fill the role of Township Trustee.

Emily Stivers, 1010 Cliffdale, Haslett; spoke in support of Courtney Wisinski to fill the role of Township Trustee.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 3:09 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

6. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Interview Questions

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the Interview Questions for the open Trustee vacancy. Supported by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0

B. Township Trustee Interviews

At the December 4, 2018 meeting, the Board voted to establish a Subcommittee Selection Process to select 3 finalists from all applications received. The Subcommittee (Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland) received seven (7) applications for Trustee, and on December 27 selected three (3) candidates as finalists. The Board also voted to hold a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 8 to interview the 3 finalists.

The Board asked interview Questions 1-13 to the first applicant: Scott Hendrickson – 3:10 pm.

Supervisor Styka moved for five minute recess at 3:40 pm.

Supervisor Styka reconvened the meeting at 3:45 pm.

The Board asked interview Questions 1-13 to the second applicant: Patricia Nowak – 3:47 pm.

Supervisor Styka moved for five minute recess at 4:25 pm.

Supervisor Styka reconvened the meeting at 4:30 pm.

The Board asked interview Questions 1-13 to the third applicant: Courtney Wisinski – 4:34 pm.

Supervisor Styka moved for a five minute recess at 5:07 pm.

Supervisor Styka reconvened the meeting at 5:18 pm.

C. Township Trustee Selection

The Board voted at their December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting to select a Trustee after conducting interviews.

Board discussion:

Board members discussed the attributes and interview responses of the three (3) finalists: Scott Hendrickson, Patricia Nowak, Courtney Wisinski.

Strength of interviews, interviewee perspective, experience and education, views on development, work with environmental consultants, excellent applicant pool, understanding of current events, importance of land use knowledge, environmental experience, experiences in government.

Clerk Dreyfus moved to appoint Courtney Wisinski to the position of Township Trustee through the November 2020 election cycle. Supported by Trustee Sundland.

Board Discussion:

Criteria based on skills and abilities, current public service involvement, community mindedness. Clerk encouraged Mr. Hendrickson to apply to be on the Meridian Township Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Opsommer, Jackson, Sundland, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Deschaine

NAYS:

Motion carried: 6-0

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 5:39 pm.

Scott Hendrickson, 4206 Graystone Dr., Okemos; thanked the Board for the opportunity to be interviewed.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 5:40 pm.

8. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried: 6-0

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

RONALD J. STYKA,
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS,
TOWNSHIP CLERK