

SPECIAL MEETING
October 10, 2019

The special meeting of the Reading Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building and called to order at 6:00 pm by Kevin Holtzinger, Chairman. Gary Sauble was present with Chairman Holtzinger presiding over the meeting.

Others in attendance included Gerald Shank, John Biese, Dana Schuman, Planning Commission; Nancy Stimer, Barbara Smith, auditors; Jason Phillips, United Hook and Ladder, Greg Heefner, Northeastern Adams Fire & EMS; Louanne and Jeff Megonnell, George Wolf, Scott Weaver, Chuck and Julie Williams, Nancy Sheely, Barry Weaver, Robby Sebright, Don Godfey, Rodney Hollabaugh, Sue Myers, Mary Ann & Jeff Toot, Roy Brodbeck, Seth Grebbien, Neil Fredrick Clifford, Brenda and Michael Wine.

Chairman Holtzinger stated this meeting is solely to appoint someone for the vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors left when Marcia Weaver resigned. He also thanked her for her service to Reading Township.

Pledge of Allegiance led Chairman Holtzinger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Holtzinger stated as of October 10th the Board has made a change in the Township Solicitor. The Township has terminated Victor Neubaum, Malone and Neubaum, and replaced him with Susan Smith. She will be attending the next Board of Supervisors on October 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Wolf asked Chairman Holtzinger if the candidates for the vacant position are present for the meeting. Chairman Holtzinger stated at least six are present.

VACANT SUPERVISOR POSITION

Chairman Holtzinger stated the Board is going to allow each candidate two to three minutes each to introduce themselves and to tell the audience why they would like to be Supervisor and what would they change or do differently in the Township if anything. The new Supervisor will be completing Ms. Weaver's term which is December 2021. Chairman Holtzinger stated there were two letters of interest that came in after the deadline and they did not have to accept them but in good faith they will honor them and let them begin first.

Dana Schuman-She stated she has been coming to the Board of Supervisors meetings for years. She is currently serving on the Planning Commission. She stated she ran in the election years ago and lost. Ms. Shuman said she would like to see more cooperation in what the people want and what is done. Not only with the Supervisors but with all the

Boards. She stated the Planning Commission has been looking into starting a recreation board and she would like to see something done with the ballfield that is currently on a standstill and she would like to get it moving along.

Bob Zangueneh was not present.

Roy Brodbeck-Mr. Brodbeck stated he has lived in Reading Township since 1962. He has thought about running for Supervisor numerous times but thought he would not have the time to serve but stated he does have the time now. He stated he does not know what is currently going on in the Township until he gets involved in the meetings. He wants to treat people fair and do things right and honest.

Neil Clifford-He also ran for Supervisor previously but lost the election. He stated the reason he wants to be Supervisor is to serve others. The one main thing he sees is the local representatives do not do anything about the property tax issue. Mr. Clifford stated he believes the Board of Supervisors could have an impact on this issue.

Seth Grebbien-Mr. Grebbien stated he too has run for the Supervisor position previously and lost. He currently serves on the Lake Meade Board for the past six years and various committees. He has been the treasurer for Lake Meade for the two years and has served on Planning Commissions in other Townships. The reason he would like to serve is because he enjoys his community and Reading Township and he has helped Lake Meade out with several issues. He is also the Judge of Elections for Reading Township. He would like to see Reading Township continue to modernize and grow.

Robert McKee was not present.

Greg Heefner-Mr. Heefner stated he has lived in Reading Township since 1991. Serving as line officer for what was Lake Meade but is now Northeast Adams, has been vice president of the board for that fire company, helping the board of Lake Meade Property Association, and has been involved in the Township since Paul Bart was on the Board. Mr. Heefner stated he is interested in the position to see if it would be something he may be interested in for the future. He would like to see a little more growth in the Township and keep costs down.

Jeff Toot-Mr. Toot stated he was borough manager and public works operator in Dover Borough for nine years. In that position he had three employee's working under him, and he had experience in building streets, cindering and snow plowing. Mr. Toot stated he was also the Zoning Officer there as well as a certified wastewater operator. He feels he is qualified because he has worked for Townships and Boroughs for thirteen years. Mr. Toot stated he is semi-retired and would like to help the Township. He would like to keep the taxes down and make the Township moderately grow.

Chairman Hotzinger thanked all the applicants and adjourned into Executive Session to review applicants' letter of interest.

Chairman Holtzinger thanked everyone again and stated that anyone that is not chosen he would encourage them to do a write in at the election in November. He also stated the new Supervisor will have to be sworn in by Judge Little.

Chairman Holtzinger stated himself and Mr. Sauble have chosen Greg Heefner as the next Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Megonnell stated all the people that were at the meeting tonight shows the interest people have in the Township and that we are in good hands.

Julie Williams questioned the Board as to why Attorney Neubaum was replaced as solicitor. Chairman Holtzinger stated there were several reasons and it has been discussed for a long period of time. He stated John Biese with the Planning Commission was also present for the discussion and for the interview with the new Solicitor.

Michael Wine asked if the Board has ever thought about going with a five-person board since there was a big interest. Chairman Holtzinger would have to investigate that.

Louanne Megonnell stated she hopes that because Mr. Heefner is with Northeast Adams Fire & EMS that he does not hold it against Hampton for going with United Hook and Ladder.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm on a motion by Mr. Sauble, seconded by Chairman Holtzinger; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beard
Secretary/Treasurer