

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Faust, Jolea Mull, Geoff Oliver, Amy Riley

Board Members Absent: Cindy Carver

Others Present: Karen Mahrle, Laurie Fromhart, Gary Baetens, Marcie Scaturro, Vic Mann

Bridgewater Township Supervisor Mull called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a Moment of Silence/ Silent Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with all Board members present except Carver.

Per statute, Supervisor Mull read the Open Meetings Statement and meeting purpose as follows: Supervisor announced she called this special meeting in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (the Open Meetings Act), being posted at the Bridgewater Township Hall on May 24, 2010. The purposes of this meeting were as follows: 1. To discuss the law that allows our board to appoint someone within 30 days before a vacancy's effective date (MTA clarified on May 24, 2010, and Attorney Lucas affirmed; he has retracted his previous statement that our board needed to wait to appoint until *after* the vacancy's effective date); 2. To discuss and decide whether our board wants to have another meeting to appoint a clerk or make its decision immediately following the interviews this evening; 3. To interview three candidates for the clerk position; 4. To deliberate on the candidates' qualifications for the clerk position; If the board decides to appoint a clerk at this evening's meeting under item 2 above, then this item will follow: 5. To appoint one of the candidates to the clerk position.

The Board received information on the statutory timeline that applies when there is a vacancy in office. The Board briefly discussed the option to appoint a clerk at this meeting and decided to do so by acclamation. The Board agreed by acclamation that Supervisor Mull would take the minutes. The Board agreed by acclamation to interview the candidates in the order that their application materials were received. The Board interviewed three candidates for the clerk position: Karen Mahrle, Laurie Fromhart, and Gary Baetens. The Board discussed the candidates' qualifications for the clerk position. **MOTION:** Moved by Mull, supported by Faust to appoint Laurie Fromhart as clerk effective June 1, 2010. Roll-call vote: Faust, yes; Oliver, no; Riley, no; Mull, yes. Motion did not carry. The Board discussed the candidates' qualifications further. **MOTION:** Moved by Riley to appoint Karen Mahrle as clerk. No support. The Board discussed the candidates' qualifications further. **MOTION:** Moved by Mull, supported by Faust to appoint Laurie Fromhart as clerk effective June 1, 2010. Roll-call vote: Faust, yes; Oliver, yes; Riley, no; Mull, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mull thanked all the candidates for their interest and participation in the interview process for the clerk position and congratulated Laurie Fromhart for being appointed clerk. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

MOTION: Move by Mull to adjourn, supported by Oliver to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Jolea Mull, Bridgewater Township Supervisor