

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2013

The special meeting of December 4, 2013, was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Grimm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Larry H. Grimm, Chairman (LG), Arden B. McCartney, Vice-Chairman (AM) was absent, R. Bryan Smith, Supervisor (BS), Neva Stanger, Solicitor (NS) was absent, Mary Ann Stevenson, Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Purpose: To accept the early resignation of Arden McCartney effective 11/28/13 and to entertain a motion to fulfill the vacancy.

Public Comments:

1. Don Reed, 25 Main St., wanted to know why this special meeting was called and why it couldn't wait until the meeting next week. LG stated that there is an immediate vacancy and business needs to be conducted.
2. Priscilla Bernard, 25 McCarrell Rd., commented that the Township accepted his resignation in the past. LG stated he amended it because he no longer lives in the Township. BS read Arden McCartney's resignation letter as follows: "To Supervisors and Township Manager, dated 11/28/13. My move has happened sooner than I expected. I am no longer a resident of Mt. Pleasant Township and would ask that I be released of any further duties, effective today, 11/28/13. Here are my keys, I resign. Thank you, Arden B. McCartney".

Accept Resignation: LG motioned to accept the early resignation of Arden McCartney effective November 28, 2013 due to him moving out of the Township sooner than expected and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fulfill Vacancy: LG motioned to appoint Dencil Backus to fulfill the vacancy created by the resignation of Arden McCartney. BS wanted to explain what term this would involve. LG stated it would be until the next municipal election through 12/31/2015.

BS asked if everyone had a chance to give comments. Jane Worthington stated she did not know Dencil Backus and wondered if she could ask questions of him to see if he was qualified and LG stated that she could not, that it was a board decision. The following gave additional comments.

3. Nedra Ursitz, Belgium Hollow Rd., asked who was being considered. LG responded Dencil Backus.
4. Sally Brown Pawlosky, 2 Main St., asked if there were any other candidates being considered and LG responded that there were others but Mr. Backus is who he has chosen. BS stated he had considered the others as well including Brian Temple. He added that he reviewed all of the interested candidates.
5. Jane Worthington, 135 Main St. stated she would like to see someone who is Marcellus Shale knowledgeable. She added that the Supervisors are acting according to the Township Code and can appoint anyone they choose. She would like to ask questions about the qualifications of the candidates. LG stated that consideration has been given and BS added that he has spoken to three (3) possible candidates and extensive consideration has been given and he feels that all of the candidates are highly qualified.

Fulfill Vacancy: LG stated there was a motion on the floor. BS seconded the motion to appoint Dencil Backus to fulfill the term vacated by Arden McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors