

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 20, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Moeschke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Clerk J.G. Vanek, Treasurer S.L. Ritter, and Trustees G.R. Monk and W. Wehrenberg.

Moeschke explained the purpose of tonight's meeting is to consider Vanek's offer to rescind his "Letter of Resignation" which is effective December 31st, 2017, and extend his resignation until the end of March.

Vanek stated that he is willing to delay his resignation until the end of March (or sooner if a clerk can be appointed), so the township can continue to meet its financial obligations for accounts payable and payroll.

Ritter stated he contacted the Charlevoix County Clerk, and they advised that the board rescind Vanek's resignation letter.

Monk stated that Vanek let the Board know of his upcoming resignation in August, and she is disappointed a replacement cannot be decided on.

MOTION by Ritter, seconded by Wehrenberg, to rescind James Vanek's Letter of Resignation that was to be effective December 31st, 2017 at 11:59PM, passed upon affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present, with Vanek abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moeschke opened public comment at 7:03PM.

Rob Maxwell: Questioned how long Vanek will be a resident in the township; Vanek stated his house should be completed sometime in April and will therefore move out of the township at that time.

Arnold Koteskey: Questioned the board's dilemma in filling the clerk position. If looking at candidate qualifications for this position, questioned why Wendy Simmons isn't qualified to fill the position.

Dave Skornia: Appreciates that the vote to appoint a clerk was done at a regularly scheduled township meeting, but would like to know how township residents can be notified of special meetings. Suggested all people on the various township boards/committees be included on the email list for the special meeting notice.

Discussed Wendy Simmons qualifications and how they relate to her being appointed as clerk; the other two candidates have never attended a township meeting and feels they are not familiar with township ordinances and other happenings within the township.

Jane Wehrenberg: Feels that since we live in a democracy, the township board members do not need to explain why they voted a certain way on this issue.

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Steve Van Dam: Has worked along side of Wendy Simmons on the planning commission for many years and appreciates her input and positive contribution she had made to that board.

Compared his hiring criteria at his personal business as it relates to the township clerk position. He always seeks out the most qualified candidate and feels Wendy Simmons is the most qualified candidate for the clerk position.

FEELS THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A MORE DIVERSE BOARD BY HAVING ANOTHER FEMALE ON THE BOARD.

Moeschke closed public comment at 7:15PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wehrenberg, seconded by Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM, passed upon affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present.

Respectfully submitted

James G. Vanek
Bay Township Clerk