

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
January 24, 2011

Clerk Lilley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Brendel called the roll:

Present: Terry Lilley, Clerk
Forrest Jay Brendel, Treasurer
Carol Burkard, Trustee
Mike Powell, Trustee
Todd Birkle, Trustee
Gregory Baroni, Trustee

Also Present: Greg Need, Attorney
Cathy Derocher, Recording Secretary

It was MOVED by Trustee Baroni , SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to appoint Clerk Lilley as Chairman for tonight's White Lake Township Special Board Meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Pearson. 2153 Ridge Road. Thanked Trustee Powell, Trustee Birkle and Treasurer Brendel for their support. However after thinking long and hard he felt it was in the best interest of the township to withdraw his name for consideration for the Supervisor's position. He would however like to be considered for Trustee position if the appointment is made within the board.

Thomas Johnson. 9136 Buckingham. Asked the board to consider the township and the people and put any personal agendas aside. The cost of an election might be one patrol car or a piece of fire equipment that might save a life in the future. He would like the board to make a decision tonight .

Treasurer Brendel stated that he spoke with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Baroni on Saturday. Mr. Pearson told him he was not really interested in the Supervisor's job. Mr. Baroni definitely is interested in the Supervisor's position. The problem I have with Mr. Baroni is that he feels he still thinks he is going to be at General Motors. I don't think White Lake Township can afford to put someone here that has had an association with General Motors.

Motion by Treasurer Brendel supported by Trustee Birkle to appoint Mr. Powell to Supervisor. The MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote.
(Birkle-yes/Burkard-no/Lilley-no/Baroni-no/Brendel-yes/Powell-yes)

Mr. Powell personally agrees with Tom. He stated that is why he changed his vote at the last meeting and is looking for someone else on the board to do the same.

Trustee Birkle was looking for candidate with professional municipal experience. He felt Mr

Powell had the experience. Mr. Pearson has withdrawn candidacy tonight. There have been numerous conversations. He is now of the position that it should now go on the ballot and let the voters decide who the next supervisor will be. We are at a stalemate. He suggested possibly an interim manager can be hired depending on the timetable for the election.

Trustee Burkard feels that Mr. Powell has a conflict of interest. That is my main issue. She expressed concern that we would not have a Supervisor representing the township at MTA. Mr. Baroni has 34 years of management experience. Out of 24 resumes Mr. Powell and Mr. Birkle supported Mr. Baroni as a Trustee. The board cannot be unified. As of Friday night Mr. Powell's name was out and Mr. Pearson's name was in. Mr. Baroni's name has always been in. She feels that Mr. Baroni should be given a chance. He has done a lot in our township and with the citizens. If he doesn't work out there is another election in two years. Do I think Mr. Powell is an intelligent man? I do. Do I get along with Mr. Powell? I do. But these special interests are very worrisome to me. We have a good board and we have made good decisions. But this decision should be done tonight.

The Supervisor job should not have the smell of conflict of interest. The decision should be made tonight.

Clerk Lilley stated that candidate Powell was going to be sacrificed to appoint Mr. Pearson – someone relatively unknown to the township. To me, it was grandstanding to deviate from your vote to go with a relatively unknown candidate, simply because Mr. Baroni has administrative experience with General Motors, and now to go back to Mr. Powell. I am ready to put the politics aside to move this township forward. We are looking for a manager that can move this township forward. It's about time to move ahead with the appointment Mr. Baroni forward.

Trustee Birkle stated he has known Mr. Pearson for 10 years and encouraged him to apply for the supervisor's position. He felt Mr. Pearson has the utmost integrity, and he is always prepared. I have always been impressed with Mr. Pearson and feel he is a top notch individual and feel he could have done a lot for this board. There was no grandstanding what so ever. He felt he would have. He is no longer interested, so that equation is over. There was no grandstanding there whatsoever.

Trustee Powell also indicated his utmost respect for Mr. Pearson. He has known him for over years and knows him professionally. Mr. Powell is going to agree that this decision that this need to go to a public election.

Trustee Burkard asked Mr. Pearson who he felt would be the best supervisor.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would have taken the job if the board was going outside and stalemated. His preference for Mr. Baroni was stated in his letter and in his interview. However after further thought and meeting with Mr. Brendel, he feels the township would be served well by appointing him as a trustee.

Burkard asked does his opinion this mean nothing?

Mike Long reminded the board we don't know who will be on the ballot.

Trustee Birkle stated he is ready to go to an election

It was MOVED by Trustee Burkard, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to appoint Greg Baroni as Township Supervisor. The MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote.

(Birkle-no/Burkard-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes/ Brendel-no/ Powell-no)

Tom Johnson stated a small core group of people get involved and want an election. It has been a small representation for this township.

Clerk Lilley clarified his earlier proposal to go to an election in an effort to get the board to take action.

Trustee Burkard questioned who will be the Manager until the election?

Trustee Birkle asked when the election would take place. Attorney Need advised it would be in either May or August depending on when the County Clerk sets the calls the election date.

Trustee Brendel requested a 10 minute recess.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to appoint Greg Baroni as Township Supervisor. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote.

(Birkle-yes/Burkard-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes/ Brendel-yes/ Powell-yes)

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to accept applications for the Trustee position for two weeks to be reviewed at the February board meeting. Voice vote Passed Unanimously.

It was clarified that all resumes must be resubmitted beginning tomorrow to be considered.

Mike long congratulated board.

Thomas Johnson also congratulated board.

Trustee Burkard requested Mr. Baroni be sworn in tonight.

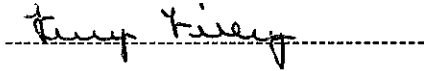
Clerk Lilley complemented Trustee Mike Powell on always been a good board member. This has always been a good board. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get on board, work together and make this an even better community.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Trustee Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

I, Terry Lilley, the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the January 24, 2011 special board meeting minutes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Lilley", is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan