MINUTES EXETER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

Public Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors held virtually was called to order on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:01 PM by Greg Galtere, Chairperson.

<u>Supervisors Present</u>: Gregory Galtere, Chairperson

David Speece, Vice Chairperson

Michelle Kircher Joseph Staub

Absent: None

Others in Attendance:

Jeff Bartlett, Township Manager Laurie Getz, Township Secretary

Elizabeth Magovern, Hartman Valeriano Magovern & Lutz, P.C.

REGULAR MEETING

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Agenda Items

Public comments were submitted in advance of the meeting via email and voicemail. The e-mail comments were dictated by computer software.

None Submitted

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

Mr. Galtere stated that we would not be able to conduct the interviews as scheduled tonight.

Mr. Bartlett explained that the Board authorized the vacancy to be advertised in the newspaper with a deadline of April 9th, but the ad ran with a deadline of April 7th. In order to ensure that all residents are given ample opportunity to submit a letter of interest, the interviews are being rescheduled. The timeline has prompted the Vacancy Board Chairperson to be involved due to the expiration of the initial 30-days to appoint a replacement. The Board now has an additional 15-days to conduct a meeting with the Vacancy Board in order to select and appoint a replacement. Interviews and any deliberations will all take place in public at a rescheduled meeting.

Ms. Magovern clarified that there is no legal right to be appointed to a vacancy. This is an appointment process and not an election process. There is no requirement to conduct interviews, the Board could at any point make an appointment of any individual who meets the qualifications per the Second-Class Township Code. In the interest of fairness because the ad ran for a deadline in conflict with the original

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motion made at the meeting, the Board decided to extend the deadline for anyone who didn't submit a resume due to any confusion that may have occurred. No complaints were received indicating that there was any confusion. The township did not do anything legally wrong in their handling of this process.

Mr. Galtere explained that the Vacancy Board Chairperson is Hurey Miller, he is available next week on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Discussion on availability of the supervisors.

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Staub, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED readvertising the April 26th regular Board of Supervisors meeting to include public interviews for the board vacancy starting at 6pm.

Mr. Bartlett asked the Board to set a deadline for submission of letters of interest and discussed the manner in which it should be advertised.

Mr. Staub suggested including the deadline in the advertisement for the new meeting time, and also to post on social media. Also clarified that the candidates who have already submitted do not need to reapply.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Speece, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED establishing the deadline for submitting applications for the Board of Supervisor Vacancy Saturday April 24th by 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointment of Candidate to Fill Board of Supervisors Vacancy until January 3rd, 2022

This item was tabled as the interviews were rescheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments

Public comments were submitted in advance of the meeting via email and voicemail. The e-mail comments were dictated by computer software.

None Submitted

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION of Ms. Kircher, seconded by Mr. Staub, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Getz Township Secretary