



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Loeks called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and asked everyone to join Trustee O'Neill in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Beutel called the roll, and the following board members were present: Trustee Don Boven, Trustee Linda Kerr, Trustee Michelle O'Neill, Treasurer Trish Roberts, Supervisor Nick Loeks, and Clerk Emily Beutel. Trustee Barb Hammon was absent at roll call but joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Also attending were Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp, Frank Walsh, and approximately three members of the public in person and 10 online.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Kerr, seconded by Beutel, motion carried, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Interviews with Finalists for Superintendent Position

Board members interviewed Adam Kline, Haley Snyder, Erik Wilson, and Justin Lakamper, asking each applicant 18 questions about their experience with different aspects of the Superintendent position. Questions focused on project management, grant writing, leadership style, human resources and personnel, problem-solving skills, and other desired qualities.

Board Deliberation

After completing the interviews, Board members discussed each candidate and their preferences for who would be the best fit for the Township.

Motion by Boven, seconded by Kerr, motion carried, to make a conditional offer of employment to Erik Wilson, contingent on a successful background investigation and contract negotiations.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Kerr, motion carried, that if negotiations with the first candidate fall through to make a conditional offer of employment to Haley Snyder, contingent on a successful background investigation and contract negotiations.

Supervisor Loeks, Clerk Beutel, and Trustee Kerr will form a sub-committee to work with Mr. Walsh on contract negotiations in hopes of presenting a contract for approval at the February 13 Board meeting.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

All Board members thanked the candidates, as well as Mr. Walsh for doing an outstanding job facilitating the process.

Supervisor Loeks echoed those comments as well. He also shared that he met with Dave Rachowicz Kalamazoo County Parks Director, regarding the Woollam Preserve Master Plan. Their hope is to partially open the park by the end of next year, with the full opening being in 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boven, seconded by Hammon, motion carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:32 p.m.

SUBMITTED: February 8, 2023
Clerk Emily Beutel
Attested: Supervisor Nicholas Loeks

APPROVED: February 13, 2023, as submitted