

Special Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board

1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635

September 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amy Ferris at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Ferris, Nielsen, Northway, Popp, and Sullivan were present, constituting a quorum.

Agenda:

- Popp moved to amend the agenda to add discussion point 7.5 in regard to resolutions to continue accepting applicants for clerk and appoint an Elections-only deputy. Nielsen supported. Roll was called: Ferris, no; Nielsen, yes; Northway, no; Popp, yes; Sullivan, yes. Agenda accepted as amended.

Conflicts of Interest: There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Correspondence:

- Ferris shared correspondence from Cathy Morris, Barbara Fisher, Dawn and Richard Ferrini, Eleane Clement, Heather Colby and Sue Sullivan.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Candidate Search Extension and Election Deputy:

- Sullivan moved that Crystal Lake Township Board of Directors hereby agrees to identify, recruit, and interview additional clerk candidates with the goal of reaching a decision within 45 days of September 30, 2022. Nielsen supported. Roll was called: All ayes. Motion was approved.
- Sullivan moved to appoint Sondra Halliday as Election Deputy effective end of business day on September 30, 2022, with a rate of pay of \$30 per hour. Popp supported. Roll was called: Ferris, no; Nielsen, yes; Northway, yes; Popp, yes; Sullivan, yes. Motion was approved.

Appointment of new CLT Clerk:

- Motion by Ferris, seconded by Northway, to appoint Sondra Halliday as clerk failed: Ferris, yes; Nielson, no; Northway, yes; Popp, no; Sullivan abstained.
- Motion by Popp, seconded by Nielsen, to appoint Melanie Doehring as clerk failed: Ferris, no; Nielsen, yes; Northway, no; Popp, yes; Sullivan abstained.

Public Comments:

- Thelma Rider had concerns about the legality of recent Board motions, that the Board did not follow Robert's Rules of Order, and felt there was collusion among 3 board members. She also said the Board should appoint a new FOIA Coordinator, because she has not finished with FOIA requests.
- Melissa Hamp felt this was all surreal. The animosity and snarkiness is palpable and very little is getting done with all the disharmony.
- Jill Marble addressed Trustee Nielsen that he was wrong when stating Doehring is equally qualified as Halliday, who is already certified for the elections.
- Patrick Quinlan was pleased to see the turn out. He complimented Sullivan and honest elections and if Sullivan feels a candidate is good, he would go with her recommendation.
- Monica Schultz thanked the Board for serving. She would like the Board to work as a team and interview candidates with a list of situational questions to be addressed to all.
- Christine Nelson was super disappointed with the Board and shared her support of Halliday with her experience and elections work.
- Elizabeth Shrake shared that her stomach was still churning. She feels Trustee Nielsen and Treasurer Popp are playing Russian Roulette with taxpayer dollars. She supports Halliday and feels this is a no brainer.
- Cathy Boshier thanked the Board and shared that we have someone already qualified for the Clerk position that works here already and knows the Township and elections and there are additional options if that doesn't work out.

Board Comments: There were no Board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Sue Sullivan, Clerk and Sondra Halliday, Deputy Clerk, reporting.