

Special Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board
1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635
October 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amy Ferris at 6 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Roll Call: Ferris, Nielsen, Northway, and Popp were present, constituting a quorum. There is no clerk.

Agenda: Ferris moved to amend the agenda to include as #9.5: B & G Resolution. Support by Northway. Vote: All ayes. Motion to accept agenda as amended passed.

Conflicts of Interest: None declared.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Shrake asked why the ADA door was locked. It was explained that it isn't really locked; one must push the button to open the door. B&G folks are working to adjust that.

Interview of applicant for clerk's position: Supervisor Ferris suggested a protocol, that board members take turns and one by one ask questions of the candidate. Then there can be a second round of board members taking questions of the candidate. Board agreed.

Supervisor Ferris started, followed by Nielsen, Northway and lastly Popp. Questions, observations and comments included her resume and references from others, organization and leadership skills, elections committee experience, statutory duties, availability for meetings and office hours, compatibility with existing board members, why candidate would want to work at CLT, how difficult work situations are handled, familiarity with software, heavy workloads, long term goals, airport operations, previous and current employment, remuneration for the job, and procrastination.

Ferris passed out a pre-printed resolution and then moved to appoint Judy VanMeter to fill the remainder of the former clerk's position of Crystal Lake Township Clerk; Ferris agreed to amend her original start date a different start date, the job commencing Saturday, November 12, 2022. Northway supported. Discussion about start date. Roll was called: All ayes. Motion was approved.

Buildings & Grounds: The B&G assistant, Brian Halliday, recommended getting a slightly higher performance camera than was originally priced in a previous resolution.

Ferris moved that the board approve an additional \$100, for a total of \$1100, to install a second camera to survey the parking lot. Northway supported. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments: Sondra Halliday commented about salary for clerk and other government officials/workers. Judy VanMeter invited the board members to come and observe on election day.

She also mentioned possibly not having enough space in our facility for election challengers. Elizabeth Shrake commented about the rights of elections workers, and the appropriate behavior of challengers. She also complimented Judy's character, and the board's choice of Ms. VanMeter as new clerk. Janet Wynne said everyone was very fortunate that Ms. VanMeter was chosen as new clerk. Cathy Wilkinson also complimented Ms. VanMeter's character. There was applause.

Board Comments: There were no Board comments.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed by Supervisor Ferris at 6:44 p.m.

Supervisor Amy Ferris, reporting.