

Park Township Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting For Supervisor Selection January 29, 2011

Minutes

1. Treasurer Steggerda called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Present were Steggerda, Dreyer, Ellis and Toscano.
2. Steggerda opened the meeting with a statement regarding the selection process to date, the information available to the board members regarding the candidates, and the issue of incompatibility (i.e. a person serving on both the school board and the township board).
3. As for the issue of incompatibility, Steggerda reported that there has been no opinion from County Prosecutor Franz because he did not wish to theorize on a hypothetical issue. With no appointment, there is no question or issue on which to rule. Steggerda also stated that she had talked directly with Mr. Jacob and if the offices were indeed incompatible and he was therefore forced to choose between the township board position and the school board, he would prefer to remain with the school board.
4. During the ensuing discussion, both Toscano and Dreyer stated that they did not agree with the conclusion that the offices are incompatible. Ellis, while agreeing that the issue of a contract with the school district may be weak, indicated that there is legal precedent and case law that could put the township in jeopardy should such an appointment be made.
5. Under public comment two persons (Dan Mitchell and John Barwis) spoke regarding the process and the candidates.
6. After a general discussion regarding the three candidates, Toscano moved, supported by Dreyer, to appoint George Jacob as Township Supervisor to fill the unexpired term. After additional discussion, that motion was approved, 4 – 0.
7. Under public comment, four persons (John Barwis, Sally Pollock, Dan Mitchell and Joel Welch) spoke regarding the appointment.
8. Toscano moved, supported by Dreyer, to adjourn. That motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

Jerry Felix
Recording Secretary