

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING FINAL MINUTES
April 06, 2023 – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fountain at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

ABSENT: None

Also present were Township Manager Bob West and Public Works Director Mike Luce.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the Hartland Township Board Special Meeting of April 6, 2023.

Motion made by Trustee O'Connell, Seconded by Trustee McMullen.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

5. Call to the Public

No one came forward.

6. Pending and New Business

Board Discussion to review the Livingston County Septage Receiving Station

- a) Manager West gave a brief overview of the Livingston County Board of Public Works (LCBPW) meeting this morning stating that the LCBPW went into closed session on this issue. Manager West did call for an update and stated there was limited discussion regarding the Septage Receiving Station (SRS) financial anomalies and the impact on the residents of Hartland and Tyrone Townships. This has been going on now for 15 months since the change in the rate schedule from connections to REU counts for the RTS. He stated that he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board as there has been limited discussion on this matter even though we have reached out, both publicly and privately, to the parties involved, and that we may want to explore a different course of action to move this process forward. He stated we notified the LCBPW, per the Master Operating Agreement, that we were going to enact the flow limit of the SRS on January 13, 2023. This was done on the basis that our overall available REU sewer capacity had dropped below 200 REUs to be allocated. He stated that the SRS did exceed their 217 REU limit in January, and in February had a couple of days where they were over, but overall, they were relatively in compliance on an average daily basis. He stated this gave us an indication that we were making some progress. Unfortunately, in March, on almost every single day of operation they exceeded the 217 REU limit. He stated there were multiple days they went over 500 REUs, which appears to be a blatant disregard of the flow limit. We have had no communication as to an explanation for this and until it was called out at the meeting, there was no previous mention that they had exceeded the flow limit. The Board discussed the flow limit average including Sundays, Sunday operations in violation of the Master Operating Agreement, comments made by members of the LCBPW at the meeting,

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efforts made to help keep the SRS open, enforcement of the Master Operating Agreement, potential next steps for the Township to take to move forward in resolving the issues.

Move to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Manager to work with legal counsel to uphold the terms of the Master Operating Agreement with Livingston County for sanitary sewer services.

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, Seconded by Trustee O'Connell. Roll call vote taken

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Township Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None Motion passes: 7-0-0

Further discussion was then held on the communication with legal counsel, the hosting fee, how we got to this point, the effects on the residents, and hauler locations and benefits.

7. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Germane.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Township Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Submitted by



Larry N. Ciofu, Clerk