

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING FINAL MINUTES  
August 28, 2020 – 3:00 PM

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fountain at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

PRESENT Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Germane, Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci  
ABSENT: None

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**Move to approve the agenda for the August 28, 2020 Hartland Township Board Special Meeting as presented.**

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Harper

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Germane, Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

**5. Interview of Township Manager Candidates**

Supervisor Fountain gave a brief overview of the interview process. The Township Board then proceeded to interview the following candidates for the Township Manager position:

Robert West  
Matthew Best  
Dennis Liimatta  
Ryan Rudzis

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the candidates interviews in more depth at the September 1, 2020 Hartland Township Board Regular meeting.

**6. Call to the Public**

Glen Wilkinson came forward to provide his observations and opinions regarding the candidates.

Doug Kuhn came forward to state that he thought there were some good candidates and that the Board has a tough decision to make. He also requested that the Board defer this decision until after the new Board is elected.

Supervisor Fountain stated that we will not be making a decision this evening.

Frank Crouse came forward and seconded the comments made by the previous speakers. He also stated he got the impression that at the meeting that was cancelled a few weeks ago that the Township was going to delay the actual decision, so he was a little surprised that the Board was moving forward with the actual interviews with the candidates. He also requested a timetable for the hiring process.

Supervisor Fountain stated that the August 10th meeting to discuss the recommended candidates to determine the final candidate list, that was actually held last week, was cancelled due to not being posted correctly. We will be discussing tonight's interviews at

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our regular Board meeting next Tuesday, September 1st and we do not know at this time if a final decision will be made at that meeting or not.

Denise O'Connell came forward to restate her intentions that hiring at this time is the wrong thing to do, citing the State and County hiring freezes and the recent closing of Hartland High School. She stated that there were some good candidates, but she did not think this was the time for the Township to be hiring until we know where our budget is going to be at. She stated we need to be fiscally conservative for our residents, so they are not blindsided in the near future when our budget blows up.

Summer McMullen came forward to state she agreed with Denise. She has spoken to many people across the County and State that all have hiring freezes. She also inquired as to whether these were all of the candidates for the position.

Supervisor Fountain explained that these were the final candidates. Mr Walsh was our facilitator and did the vetting process for us. Mr. Walsh started with around 38 candidates and he got this pared down to seven individuals that were most qualified. He presented the seven candidates to the Board at our last Closed Session meeting as some of the candidates did not want their names known to the public that they were looking for a position. As soon as we decided on the top four candidates, this all became public knowledge and any discussions and decisions that would be made by the Board would be held at a public meeting.

## 7. Adjournment

### Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Germane, Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Submitted by:



Larry N. Ciofu  
Clerk