

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING FINAL MINUTES  
August 19, 2020 – 6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fountain at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Germane (at 6:02 p.m.), Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci  
ABSENT: None

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**Move to approve the agenda for the August 19, 2020 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.**

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Harper.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Germane

**5. Call to the Public**

Summer McMullen of 4312 Latourette came forward and stated she was a newly elected Trustee on the ballot for November 2020 and asked the Board to reconsider the Manager position to be tabled until after the first of the year. She stated she felt it was fiscally responsible to move forward with a non-mission critical position due to not being aware of the financial implications related to the COVID-19. She stated that since April of 2020, the State of Michigan has had a hiring freeze and she believes that Livingston County does as well. She stated that with the State of Michigan hiring freeze other departments are helping out and working together to fill those voids until they find out what is going on with their budget. She also requested to be included in the review for the Township Manager position.

Denise O'Connell of 6049 Tipsico Lake Road came forward and stated she was the other half of the team that got elected for the November 2020 ballot. She asked the Board to table this agenda item in speaking with the headhunter for interviewing and hiring a Township Manager. She stated why she thought this was a fiscally responsible thing to do in that no one else is hiring any new employees anywhere except for some businesses that are able to open at this time. She stated she feels this is fiscally irresponsible to consider this in that we have absolutely no idea how our budget will be affected by the state revenue sharing next year. She stated the current level is \$1.3 million and the talk is the reduction will be at least 25%. If this is the case, we will be looking at a deficit of \$326,000. After speaking with hundreds of our residents in the community during the election cycle, they, as well as herself, are questioning the necessity of this position. She stated that we just had an election that re-elected our Treasurer, Supervisor, and Clerk and that she feels that our Supervisor is our elected official and that we do not need an un-elected bureaucrat in our community. She also stated that as a community we need to work together as there are residents that are in dire straits right now that didn't get the \$1200 from the federal government and didn't get their unemployment, and there are businesses that are never going to open again. She hoped we would consider this aspect. She thanked the Board for their time.

[Brief Recess]

**6. Closed Session**

- a. To review candidate applications for the Township Manager position, subject to confidentiality

Supervisor Fountain gave a brief overview of the purpose of the closed session to review with Mr. Walsh of Walsh Municipal Services seven unidentified candidates for the Township Manager position and to determine if there are at least three candidates that would be worth interviewing. The interviews would be open to the public at a future scheduled meeting.

**The Board moved to go into closed session under section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, to review and consider the contents of applications for employment in Hartland Township with Frank Walsh of Walsh Municipal Services, upon the requests of the applicants that the applications remain confidential, in connection with the Township Board’s hiring for the position of Township Manager.**

Motion: Clerk Ciofu

Second: Trustee Petrucci

**Roll Call**

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| Supervisor Fountain | Yes | Trustee Germane  | Yes |
| Clerk Ciofu         | Yes | Trustee Harper   | Yes |
| Treasurer Horning   | Yes | Trustee Petrucci | Yes |
| Trustee Colaianne   | Yes |                  |     |

**Motion carried: 7 – 0 – 0.**

Board is in closed session at 6:18 p.m.

Board came out of closed session at 7:20 p.m.

**Move to proceed with interviews with candidates 6, 11, 25 and 26.**

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne.

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

Voting Nay: None

**Move to set the meeting date for candidate interviews on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hartland Township Hall.**

Motion made by Trustee Germane, Seconded by Trustee Harper.

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

Voting Nay: None

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**7. Adjournment**

**Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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