

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES | DECEMBER 13, 2017

Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held at 9:00 AM on December 13, 2017 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building, 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Present at the meeting were:

Robert Race, Jr., Chair
Cynthia T. Evans-Herr, Vice-Chair
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor/Roadmaster

Others present:

Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer
Sign-in Sheet Attached

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The first and foremost priority of this meeting is to publicly conduct Pequea Township business. In that effort, the Supervisors sincerely ask everyone in attendance to stay focused on what is of best interest for our township and during that process be respectful towards other people's comments, concerns and/or feelings. Expression of personal feelings of disrespect or disruption of this meeting is not an option.
- The hearing to consider adopting the 2018 proposed budget has been rescheduled for December 28, 2017 at 7PM at the New Danville Fire Company.
- The Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 8, 2017 to discuss a personnel matter with the Township Solicitor and Special Counsel. As a result of that session, this Special Meeting was scheduled to address the Petition for Representation filed by AFSCME and any other matters that may come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Address the Petition for Representation filed by AFSCME** – Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to engage Special Counsel to commence with the educational campaign in response to the Petition for Representation filed by AFSCME. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion.

Kenneth Adams of 39 Cobblestone Drive suggested delaying legal representation until after the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board conducts the election. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr does not want to put the Township at risk by acting without the guidance of an attorney.

Jason Topper of 5 Newport Court recommended contacting neighboring townships with unions.

Scott Edwards of 98 Baumgardner Road asked if Conestoga Township is paying for half of the legal fees associated with the transition of the Regional Police to Pequea Township. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr said that was never part of the agreement.

Mr. Edwards then asked the number of employees who are eligible to participate in the union. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr responded eligibility has not yet been determined.

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Vice-Chair Evans-Herr and Supervisor Hlavacek voted in favor of engaging Special Counsel to commence an educational campaign; Chair Race voted nay.

Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to authorize Supervisor Hlavacek to work with Special Counsel on this matter. Chair Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Address any Other Matters that may come before the Board

Chair Race moved to adopt Resolution 463-2017 authorizing the creation and maintenance of an account for the benefit of the Southern Regional Police Commission. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion.

Mr. Edwards stated Pequea Township should not have terminated the Articles of Agreement. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr insisted Conestoga Township would not have paid their share.

All voted in favor of adopting Resolution 463-2017; none opposed.

Chair Race moved to form a steering committee consisting of three volunteers – a businessman, an attorney, and an impartial resident – to determine if two fire companies are needed in Pequea Township. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr amended the motion to authorize Chair Race to choose the members of the steering committee by February 1, 2018. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of forming a steering committee; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments for items not on the agenda will be taken at this time. Please come to the lectern, state your name and address, and limit your comments to three minutes so that others can speak if they wish. Additional time may be granted at the Board's discretion.

In reference to funding the Southern Regional Police, Mr. Adams stated there is a difference between "can't" and "won't." He asked when did Conestoga Township not pay. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr replied Conestoga Township was not paying on time. Mr. Adams said being late is not the same as not paying.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Race adjourned the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary



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Scott Edwards
Ken Adams
~~Walter Shaw~~
Tom Williams
Dave Topper

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