

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES | APRIL 10, 2019

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held at 5:30 PM on April 10, 2019 at the New Danville Fire Company, 43 Marticville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Present at the meeting were:

Donald R. Purdum, Jr., Chair
Anthony Cazillo, III, Vice-Chair
Cynthia T. Evans-Herr, Supervisor
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

Others present:

Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer
Christopher J. Gleeson, Solicitor
Lori J. Vital, Patrol Officer
Sign-in Sheet Attached

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Purdum called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and led the recitation of the 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.
- Chair Purdum announced Public Comments will not be taken during this meeting.
- Executive Sessions were held on March 20, 2019 and March 25, 2019 to discuss the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider appointing a Supervisor to fill the vacancy on the Board** –Supervisor Hlavacek recused himself from this matter because his son is among the candidates seeking appointment. Vice-Chair Cazillo moved to appoint K. Scott Edwards to fill the vacancy on the Board. Chair Purdum seconded the motion. Supervisor Evans-Herr challenged the validity of the procedure; she believes candidates should be interviewed during a public meeting.

Supervisor Evans-Herr left the meeting at 5:37 PM.

Solicitor Gleeson stated a majority vote of the five-member Board would be required for appointment. Chair Purdum explained the process to fill a vacancy as it is written in the Second Class Township Code.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Purdum adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary



2019-04-10 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Robert Ref.

JENNIS MURPHY

Dick & Pat CUMMINGS

Jackie Johnson

W. Weeman

Eric Lucas

Scott EDWARDS

Jane R. Dorey

Bruce Edwards

Jean Edwards

Pauline M. Minder

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

TO: Board Secretary, Lori Ann Leitch, Pequea Township, Lancaster County

FROM: E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

DATE: April 10, 2019

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

The appointment of a Supervisor to fill a vacancy on the Board.

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

An immediate member of my family is seeking appointment.



Signature of Board Member

NOTE: Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest **shall abstain** from voting **and, prior to the vote** being taken, **publicly announce and** disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a **written memorandum** filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote is taken" (emphasis added)

This memorandum does **not** have to be utilized when a conflict is defined "by any law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance;" for example the School Code (Section 1111) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.