

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2018

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY S.S.
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
AUGUST 23, 2018**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Anderson here, Adams here, Rakestraw here and Wojewski

Also attending the meeting was Attorney Militello and 14 Public. Clerk Aylward.

Public Comment

Georgiann G Faso of Wonder Lake IL.

Said that the Trustees had already made up their mind as to whom they were going to elect.

John Macrito of McHenry IL.

Talked about his past with the Republican Party and the Township, He also stated the he was very disappointed in the Trustees. Because of their actions, many are leaving the Republican Party.

New Business

- a) Discussion to nominate a candidate for the position of McHenry Township Trustee to fill that position vacated by the resignation of Bill Cunningham on June 20, 2018. Motion to nominate McHenry Township Trustee. Action on motion. Requested by Trustee Anderson and Trustee Rakestraw.

Anderson Made a Motion to nominate Steven Robert Verr for the position of McHenry Township Trustee to fill that position vacated by the resignation of Bill Cunningham on June 20, 2018, with Mr., Verr being seated at the next McHenry Township Meeting on September 13, 2018.

Motion to approve by Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Rakestraw.

Discussion Ensued – Supervisor Adams stated he was against a formal nomination at this time without interviewing the remaining three candidates. There is plenty of time to be compliant. Trustee Anderson stated he has known Verr for 30 years and is the most solid Republican he knows. He believes that Verr is far more qualified than the remaining candidates, Neal Schepler, Gary Barla, Mark Jaeger and John Macrito. Trustee Rakestraw stated he has also known Verr for over 30 years and has the most integrity he knows. Personally, as far as having a per-determined candidate, he was not aware of Mr. Verr until after Mr. Cunningham resigned. Supervisor Adams then states that he believed that there was still time for interviewing the remaining three candidates and that you cannot judge from a resume. He believes that this is not the fair way to choose a replacement. Trustee Wojewski stated that it looks like to him the way the letter from the McHenry Township Republican Central Committee is written, they had handpicked four candidates and that Verr and myself were on the committee and lost. Supervisor Adams stated for the record that the McHenry Township Republican Central Committee had taken application, they had 13 candidates, and they interviewed all and then decided on four to recommend to the Township. He believed that this motion was premature.

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Adams nay, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye.

Three ayes, One Nay - **Motion carries**

Public Comment

Erik Sivertsen, McHenry, IL – Explained the process for the four candidates that were recommend for vacancy of McHenry Township Trustee.

Christopher Benjamin, McHenry, IL – Stated that the Highway department has done a great job and the board should really look at eliminating or merging before making a change and making a small difference.

Judith Gotlieb, McHenry, IL – Stated that she thinks that the board has been despicable in the process for filling the vacancy of trustee and that the candidate they have already picked without completing the process in very suspicious.

Mary Mahady, McHenry, IL – Stated that this board ran on the fact that they needed be on this board to make McHenry Township more transparent. Well you as a board have shown that coming in with the preconceived notions on who to vote for and too not listen to the constituents is despicable. You are supposed to be for the people not for who you promised to vote for as Stan has indicated out of obligation. You have come on this board for one goal and that is to eliminate the Township not to do what the community electors would like to see done. This gives government a bad name. This board is being very successful at ignoring the electors and this is a huge disservice to the electors. .

Robert Beltran, McHenry, IL – Stated that he was disappointed by the inability to hear all the interviews. What he found reprehensible was the fact that in the two interviews that he did hear the board was focused on how the candidates would vote on the referendum to abolish the road district and not about what the actual job and duties of a Township Trustee are and their qualifications. .

Steven Verr, McHenry, IL – Stated that is have not been seated and I am already being attacked. The public does not know the law. He also stated that Supervisor Adams was not controlling the public outbursts. Supervisor Adams replied that he was in control not you Mr. Verr.

Nancy Fike, McHenry, IL – Stated she was and teacher and museum administrator. She voiced her disappointment in the way democracy is supposed to work. She would never bring a group of Junior High or High school student to watch this board in action. She stated they all should be ashamed of themselves.

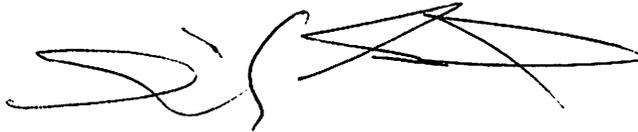
Bob Anderson, Wonder Lake – Stated he thought that Supervisor Adams did not do a good job in keeping this board in the loop of the process for filling the vacancy. Supervisor Adams responded stating that Trustee Anderson was well informed with a memo from Attorney Militello stating the process and how this would play out. In addition, Trustee Anderson and the board had decided on two separate dates to complete the process. Clerk Aylward stated that the board had decided on two specific dates since Mr. Anderson was going to be on vacation and September 4th would have been fine. Mr. Anderson stated that was incorrect and this should have been done sooner. Supervisor Adams then stated that is not the case as Mr. Aylward stated the board made the decision on two dates at the last board meeting.

Motion to Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:39pm. By Anderson, second by Trustee Wojewski.

All in favor signal by aye.

All aye's **motion carriers**



Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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