

## YORK TOWNSHIP

### August 10, 2023 Special Meeting, Trustee Appointment

Trustees – William Pavlick and Richard Monroe,  
Fiscal Officer Margaret (Peggy) Russell

#### **Present:**

Trustee Bill Pavlick

Administrative Assistant, Kristy McElroy

Trustee Rick Monroe

Residents

Fiscal Officer Peggy Russell

Trustee Candidates

Cemetery/Town Hall, Theresa Forlini-Petrey

Vice Chairman Richard Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and stated the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

Trustee Monroe stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the appointment of a Trustee for a vacant term position and asked interested parties to stand, provide a bio and share why they want to be a township Trustee.

Todd Zieja shared that he has been in public service for 28 years and was a Trustee for 4 years, during some challenging times. He wants to run for his children to make it better for them, there are things that need to be accomplished to better ourselves as a Township. He stated we have great community members and with more participation and more communication we can get it there. Additional qualifications include many leadership courses, a master's degree in public administration, and a bachelor's degree in political science.

James Schmidlin stated that when filing his petition, the Board of Elections advised him that due to not having filed the Designation of Treasurer paperwork, it would be in his best interest not to speak on anything that could influence the political side.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

##### **Paula Wodzis**

- Why do you want the position; what can you offer and what are the challenges you think you will face?
  - *James:* Likes finding problems, fixing problems, his kids will be here one day, and his parents are here and retiring soon. His background is in construction, and though he doesn't have any degrees he is a people person who's been in the trades for a long time.
- What do you want to see accomplished and what do you want to encourage for the township?
  - *Todd:* Would like to encourage more people to attend meetings and voice their opinions and to increase our communication as a board with the community. Communication is probably the biggest challenge, trying to get information out and residents to reach out to make it a better place, a better community.

##### **David Hull**

- What is your position on the new firehouse?
  - *Todd:* Believes we should improve our fire department. The chief has done a great job getting the department to staffing and will work to keep it within reason and within budget. All for a facility that can handle what is needed and will allow

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better space for training every Monday. Training is so important, and these are things that we need to pay attention to and support.

- *James:* Agrees with Todd, would like to see a station built that the township agrees with and would like to see 24-hour staffing. All branches of First Responders need to be modernized, buildings, training, equipment, and vehicles.

**Ken Barco**

- What are your thoughts on Township Zoning generally, and specifically our township?
  - *James:* Would not want to see any big developments come into the township. Believes there should be minimum acreage for future developments.
  - *Todd:* Zoning is crucial to our expansion, must have the regulations and thoughts to prepare for any expansion. Having the Zoning Boards and Zoning Code are essential to fit our needs as well as the communities; agrees that he doesn't want to see housing units or major housing developments, wants the minimum acreage to continue.

**David Hull** stated he likes to see the turnout there is tonight and as a member of the Zoning Commission, which is currently working on the Comprehensive plan, he would love to see people attend their meetings. They meet the first Thursday of every month at 7pm.

- What are your feelings towards sewers coming into the township?
  - *Todd:* If it's something we need, can afford and will solve a problem then all for it. The round-about at Spieth was a terrible design by ODOT and caused many problems for nearby homes.

There were no further questions or comments.

**RESOLUTION #23-08-02** to appoint Todd Zieja, effective September 1, 2023 to fulfill Colene Conley's position as Trustee until December 31, 2023 **moved by Trustee Pavlick, second by Trustee Monroe. Roll: Pavlick, yes; Monroe, yes.**

Trustee Monroe said that Todd will need to confirm with the Board of Elections that the start date of September 1, 2023 is not going to be a problem. Trustee Pavlick said if there is a problem with that being past the 30 days of resignation that they will adjust the start date.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 6:43pm **moved by Trustee Pavlick, second by Trustee Monroe. Roll: Pavlick, yes; Monroe, yes.**

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Trustee Richard Monroe, Vice Chairman

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Margaret Russell, Fiscal Officer