

YORK TOWNSHIP

August 1, 2023 Special Meeting, Trustee Resignation

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

Guest(s)

Zoning Inspector, Steve Ibos

Special Meeting

Trustee Pavlick called the special meeting to order at 3:30pm and stated the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

Trustee Pavlick said that Colene Conley has resigned as Trustee; she does not have a Committee so if a candidate cannot be decided on today then it will go to Judge Dunn for decision. He then asked if there was anyone present that has interest in the Trustee position.

Todd Zieja stated he is interested in the position. He shared his qualifications of having a master's degree in public administration, currently works in public service as a Police Officer for the past 28 years, held a Trustee position 18 months ago and had served for a 4-year term which was during some difficult times such as the transition of Fiscal Officer's and the trash removal. He feels he worked well with the Board and that he would do a great job serving the people of York Township. Trustee Pavlick said Todd was also instrumental in hiring Kristy as the Administrative Assistant. Todd said he supports the township, we have great people, great residents, and we have more to do.

Trustee Pavlick asked if there was anyone else interested in the position. No one else spoke up, opened the discussion to questions.

RESOLUTION #23-08-01 to accept Colene Conley's resignation from York Township Trustee effective July 31, 2023, **moved by Trustee Pavlick, second by Trustee Monroe.** Roll: Pavlick, yes; Monroe, yes.

Ken Barco asked if they feel they have properly notified the community and advertised the open position? Trustee Pavlick and Fiscal Officer Peggy Russell explained that it was properly advertised per the Medina County Prosecutor. Peggy stated that per the Prosecutor, we are not legally required to place an ad and they can appoint someone today though that may not be the best decision. The trustees have 30 days to make a decision, if no decision can be agreed upon then Colene Conley's committee would have 10 days to decide, if no committee was in place, then it would go to Judge Dunn for appointment. Whoever is appointed will need to run in the November election since the resignation is mid-term.

Ken then asked what the deadline is for the person to file their petition for the election? August 8th is the deadline. He shared that on the School Board, if they were to wait until after that deadline the person appointed would finish out the entire term, but he is not sure if that applies to the township board. Trustee Pavlick said yes, and Peggy said the prosecutor was checking into this.

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Trustee Pavlick stated that we have someone here today who is interested in the position, has experience, has done this job previously, and has already pulled a petition with the intent to run. He asked Steve Ibos, Fiscal Officer Russell, and Trustee Monroe if they had any questions for Todd; there were no questions. He then asked if there were any questions for Todd from the public.

Donna Surmitis asked if the public would be voting tonight; Trustee Pavlick said that he and Trustee Monroe would make the decision. Donna stated that she feels Todd is the most experienced.

Andy Kavc shared additional qualifications that he found for Todd, including education, job history, experience and job titles dating back to 1992 and feels he is very qualified for the position.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Trustee Pavlick made a motion to appoint Todd Zieja to fill the open Trustee position through the end of this year, pending confirmation from legal counsel on the length of appointment. Motion failed to proceed due to lack of a second. Trustee Monroe said we need to do more research and give others who may have interest in the position a chance.

Discussion took place regarding the time of this meeting and additional details on the procedure for appointing a candidate.

Ken Barco asked if the ad for this meeting was a legal ad or a meeting notice? Fiscal Officer Russell said this was a meeting notice, that the prosecutor said we did not have to place a legal ad for this, that we could appoint today though maybe not the best decision.

We will advertise in the paper, on the sign and on the website to spread the word of the open position. Further discussion on when to hold the next meeting concluded with scheduling a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:30pm where interested candidates can present their statements and qualifications to the Board of Trustees and the public.

MOTION to have N & N Construction bring 4 loads of fill dirt in for the house next door for \$400 total **moved by Trustee Monroe, second by Trustee Pavlick.** Roll: Monroe, yes; Pavlick, yes.

MOTION to adjourn the special meeting at 3:55pm **moved by Trustee Monroe, second by Trustee Pavlick.** Roll: Monroe, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Trustee

Margaret Russell, Fiscal Officer