

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held July 2, 2013**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board members present: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Lawson, Popp

Board members absent: None

Others present: 3

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Agenda set as posted.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Popp repeated that one of the zoning administrator candidates, Mr. Dennis Habedank, is related to Popp's boss at Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department. Popp inquired if anyone has a problem with that. Goss stated Popp's prior relationship with him in Garfield Township might be edging in the direction of a conflict. Popp stated that he once had property in Garfield Township and dealt with Mr. Habedank on a professional level while he was zoning administrator there. Popp does not feel he has a conflict but did state he came away with good feelings. Lawson inquired whether the relationship with Popp's boss would sway Popp's decision. Goss inquired whether his boss at KCSD would be mad at Popp if he didn't vote for Habedank. Popp replied no. Popp sees it as prior knowledge but not as a conflict. Hubbell inquired whether Popp will realize any personal gain if Popp votes to hire Habedank, to which Popp replied no.

Public Comment

Kim Mangus, 1214 Cerro Drive, Traverse City, stated she has had the unique experience of being an observer during all of the ZA interviews. She commented on her perceptions of each of the 5 candidates interviewed.

Deliberation and Decision re: Zoning Administrator Candidates

Discussion began with the names of candidates which everyone agreed could be rejected. Marsh and Bisbee were rejected as potential zoning administrator candidates. Lengthy discussion then ensued regarding the remaining 3 candidates. After much discussion and numerous modifications, the following motion was made.

Motion by Lawson, seconded by Goss, to extend an offer of employment to Matt Jody for the position of Whitewater Township Zoning Administrator, per the job description, starting wage to be \$12 per hour, with performance and wage reviews at 90 and 180 days. Roll call vote: Benak, no; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lawson, yes; Popp, no. Motion carried.

Further discussion followed regarding the possibility of Mr. Jody declining the position. In order to avoid another meeting in case Mr. Jody declines, the following motion was made.

Motion by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to offer the Zoning Administrator position to Dennis Habedank if Matt Jody declines, on the exact same terms as offered to Matt Jody. Roll call vote: Goss, no; Hubbell, yes; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes. Motion carried.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Announcements

Next Township Board meeting is July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Hubbell, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk