

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
01/13/2016

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Special Meeting to order at 7:25pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; and Richard Campbell, Zoning Inspector. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted.

Visitors
Dave Fox

Work Session & Notes of Work Session

A Work Session was held earlier with the following notice placed on the website and sent to the Eagle Gazette. *At 6pm on January 13th Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a work session to discuss current and potential members for positions on the Board Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. The work session will be held at the township office, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.*

During the Work Session along with the above individuals present, was also Dave Foltz who is a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Dave Mohler is the member who serves on the Board of Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2015. Tim Thomas is an Alternate who serves on both of the Boards when a member is unable to attend. Mr. Thomas' term expires on December 31, 2015. Tony Seesholtz is the member who serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2015. Bill Myers reported that he and Dave had selected individuals who agreed to serve in the open positions; John Gornall for the Board of Commission, James Downard Jr. for the Board of Zoning Appeals; and Bruce Duck for the representative of Regional Planning. Dave stated he spoke with Gornall because of his experience in building houses. Connie asked if the current members expressed a desire to be removed from the respective Boards and Richard responded that Tony Seesholtz advised him that he did not wish to renew his position on the Appeals Board. Bill stated personal reasons for not selecting Dave Mohler to re-appointment. Hart advised that the he was not familiar with all the candidates that Bill and Dave had selected and that since the first meeting in December, [Hart] has repeatedly requested names and background information on any candidates for appointment prior to the open sessions – this has not been done and he questioned the process that Bill implemented which would be reviewed by counsel. Bill emphasized that he wanted Richard Campbell to serve as the representative of RPC. Richard responded that he did not wish to take the position explaining that our current member Joel Denny does an excellent job and reports with proper notes to the Trustees on a regular basis. Richard continued that his children are involved in sports therefore his evenings are committed. Dave Foltz stated he would like to see one of the members from the Board of Commission serve on the Board of Appeals so they could be more familiar with the process. After studying the ORC, Hart stated that the recommendation by Foltz would be a good organizational approach to get the two boards to connect and it appears this could be done in the current process.

Special Meeting Minutes

The following notice was placed on the website www.rushcreektwp.org and sent to the Eagle Gazette. *At 6:30pm on January 13th Rushcreek Township will hold a special meeting to consider appointments on the Rushcreek Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Rushcreek Township Zoning Commission. The special meeting will be held at the township office, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.*

Hart advised that as directed in the notes from the Work Session, names of potential candidates were discussed for the positions of Rushcreek Township Board of Appeals and Rushcreek Township Board of Zoning Commission.

Prior to any Resolutions being placed on the floor, Connie cautioned the Trustees that although sometimes our personalities conflict, we should always put our personal feelings aside and work with those who will provide the best service to Rushcreek Township.

Dave Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-05 which appoints James Downard Jr. to serve on the Zoning Commission Board for a five year term ending December 31, 2020. Hart opened the floor for discussion, there being none, Bill seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Bill Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-06 which appoints Bruce Duck to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term ending December 31, 2020. Hart opened the floor for discussion, there being none, Dave seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart Van Horn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-07 which appoints Joel Denny to serve as the Rushcreek Township Representative on the Regional Planning Commission Board for a two year term ending December 31, 2017. Bill seconded the motion to adopt. Hart opened the floor for discussion - Bill advised that he is voting NO for personal reasons because of things that were said about his [Myers] family, so he did not approve of this individual. Dave advised that he would abstain because he and Hart had personal reasons with Joel Denny. Hart indicated that his own reasons were not personal and that Dave could not speak for him [Hart]. Hart continued that the Board had agreed earlier that Denny had performed better as the representative than any others for the last several years and objectively, that should be the basis for appointment. Roll Call: Hart, Aye; Bill, No; Dave, Abstain. **Resolution #2016-07 Failed**

Dave Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-08 which appoints Tim Thomas to serve as the Alternate representing Rushcreek Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Rushcreek Zoning Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2017. Hart opened the floor for discussion, there being none, Bill Myers seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:39PM