

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

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Michael S. Gardner

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:03 p.m. by **CLERK JULIA A. MORFORD** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Board Meeting was held at the Flushing Township Hall.

ROLL CALL: Morford, Noecker, Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Purkey, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Schwieman

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Twenty (20) other individuals were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to have Julia Morford serve as the Chair.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minaudo, Purkey, Morford, Noecker, Gardner, and Matzke

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Schwieman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Police Chief Search:

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING by Flushing Township Attorney Steve Moulton

The board having conducted an extensive review of the qualifications of a number of prospective police chief candidates and having narrowed that group down to three (3) and having conducted interviews at the open meeting last week may be in a position to select one of the three candidates as an individual the township may wish to conduct further discussion in hopes of reaching an agreement with that individual to serve as the township's police chief.

On Behalf of the Board, the possible selection of one of the individuals is a candidate they wish to proceed with is not going to be by that action alone, establishing an employment relationship between the township board and that candidate. That candidate will then be subject to a background check and an employment relationship will be the result of a successful negotiation between that candidate and the township board on the terms of an employment agreement.

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Per Michigan Townships Association (MTA), each Flushing Township Board Member had the opportunity to ask further questions to the Board and to the three (3) police chief applicants.

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GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to enter into contract negotiations with Dale Stevenson for the position of Flushing Township Police Chief via contract negotiations and a background check on that individual, pending terms of the contract.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minaudo, Gardner, Purkey, and Noecker

NAYS: Matzke and Morford **MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Schwieman

The next step in the procedure for selection of Police Chief will be a background check and negotiations.

7:15 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) person gave an opinion/comment.

7:17 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **MATZKE** thanked Mr. Sutter and Mr. Brueck; both will make very fine chiefs; Mr. Sutter finished number 1 with the three (3) police chiefs.
2. **PURKEY** thanked all thirty-five (35) applicants for applying for the position; the three (3) were great candidates; thanks for taking the time to apply.
3. **NOECKER** thanked Mr. Sutter and Mr. Brueck; started out with thirty-five (35) applicants; the top fifteen (15) out of the thirty-five (35) would have made great chiefs; Mr. Sutter got the top vote with the three police chiefs; when down to the final, all 7 voted for Mr. Stevenson.
4. **MINAUDO** thanked all three (3) who would have made fantastic chiefs; the process went super.
5. **GARDNER** gave out his phone number (810-577-2483) if anyone has any questions.
6. **MORFORD** thanked the three (3) candidates; wished the best to Mr. Stevenson; has always had the philosophy to hire locally.

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: Due to no further business items, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

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APPROVED DATE: _____