

SPECIAL MEETING with BENGAL, DALLAS & ESSEX TOWNSHIPS
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Bengal Township Hall
Wednesday, June 24, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Gerald Arens, Vern Feldpausch, Therese Koenigsknecht,
Phil Schafer & Stephanie Schafer

Legal Counsel Present: William Fahey & Chris Patterson

Guests: Lori Kowatch

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dallas Township Supervisor Feldpausch at 7:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAASA Resolution: Essex Township Supervisor Carla Wardin explained that since all 3 boards in attendance had a quorum and the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA) is asking for a vote on a Resolution, the township boards would go ahead and vote on this. The Resolution will allow the CAASA to purchase a new ambulance.

A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to approve Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority Resolution to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement in order to finance the purchase of an ambulance from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk:

Ayes: G. Arens; S. Schafer; P. Schafer; V. Feldpausch; T. Koenigsknecht

Nays: None

Motion Carried

FOIA Policy Resolution (2015-#3): Attorney Fahey explained to board members present that the new FOIA Policy must be in place by July 1, 2015. ***A motion was made V. Feldpausch, supported by S. Schafer to approve the FOIA Procedures & Guidelines Resolution (2015-#3). Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk:***

Ayes: V. Feldpausch; T. Koenigsknecht; S. Schafer; G. Arens; P. Schafer

Nays: None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wind Turbines: Attorney Fahey was introduced and explained to all in attendance the decision made by the Court of Appeals last week. He also stated to discuss legal issues and ramifications you will need attorney/client confidentiality. Therefore, he asked that the Township Boards go into a closed session meeting to discuss their option(s).

A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by S. Schafer to go into closed session at 7:20 pm to discuss trial or settlement strategy. Roll call was taken by Clerk Koenigsknecht. G. Arens – yes; S. Schafer – yes; P. Schafer – yes; V. Feldpausch – yes; T. Koenigsknecht – yes. Motion carried to adjourn to closed session.

The Boards discussed with the attorneys client privileged information and recommendations. ***A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to reopen the meeting. Motion carried.***

After discussion among the Board, ***a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by S. Schafer to approve the recommendations of our attorney to file for leave to the Supreme Court, which must be filed within 42 days after the order denying rehearing (in other words, by no later than Tuesday, July 28, 2015). Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. G. Arens – yes; V. Feldpausch – yes; T. Koenigsknecht – yes; P. Schafer – yes; S. Schafer – yes. Motion carried.***

Public Comments:

Ms. Kowatch asked that the township boards continue to appeal.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Schafer, supported G. Arens to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk