

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Present:

Stephen Allaband, Chairman

Richard Ayotte, Vice Chair

Patrick Little

Randy Geouque

Tony Scheivert, Manager

Lewis Gay, secretary/ Treasurer

Jon Martin, Airport Manager

Allan Andrade, Vacancy Board

Tim Bako

Randall Lieberman

Michael Loftus

Brian Roberts

Ronald Dungey

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allaband called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

C. Chairman Allaband explained that this is a special meeting to interview candidates and to make an appointment to the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. No other bill will be transacted at this meeting.

D. RANDOM SELECTION OF INTERVIEW ORDER BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Five persons applied for the position of Supervisor. Names of the five candidates were written on small pieces of paper which were folded and placed into a small container. Township Manager Scheivert pulled the names to determine the order of the interviews as follows:

(Candidate Richard Zimney was unable to attend the meeting)

1. Brian Roberts
2. Michael Loftus
3. Randall Leiberman
4. Tim Bako

E. INTERVIEWS

Each Candidate was asked the same core questions and then follow up questions were asked resulting from their answers.

1. CORE QUESTIONS:

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- a. The tax base for Real Estate Taxes is declining due mainly to assessment appeals and local services taxes due to less employees in the Township. At the same time, costs for services are increasing. What are your thoughts and ideas on how to deal with this deficit and prepare a balanced budget?
- b. What are your thoughts and opinion pertaining to the PREIT project?
- c. What one thing would you change about the Township?
- d. What is your stance on Open Space?
- e. Police Department is approximately 1/3 of the budget. What are your thoughts, ideas and comments pertaining to the police? Regional Policing?
- f. Where do you stand on the Artesian well situation?
- g. What do you feel are the Township's top three priorities?
- h. What is your opinion of the mushroom industry?

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Board allowed a time for questions from the public.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Allaband announced the Board will recess to hold an executive session to discuss the interviews.

G. RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 8:39 pm and reconvened at 9:03 pm. Chairman Allaband announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss the prospective Board member interviews.

Upon motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Little, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Michael Loftus to replace Elizabeth Gordon as Township Supervisor.

Chairman Allaband announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, May 4, 2015 starting at 7:00pm.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay,  
Township Secretary