

August 22, 2019
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta at 7:00 pm.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was presented for publication to the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times and posted on the bulletin board.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR TROTTA CDC LEUTWYLER CLERK WITHAM

Committeeman Lotito called in to the meeting. Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Trotta announced the purpose of this special meeting was to appoint a township attorney as the firm of Thomas Monahan, formerly Gilmore and Monahan, is dissolving the end of this month and we will be without legal representation. As discussed in executive, Sorchik and Trotta met with attorneys we already work with in other capacities in the town. And our current representative of the Monahan firm submitted a proposal as well. Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, currently our labor attorney and prosecutor, will be appointed just for the next few months of the year. This is the best option we have. All professional positions will be open again for January 1st with proposals due sometime in November. We could make a change at that time. This is to be sure we aren't without legal coverage for the last four months of the year.

Trotta spoke with Denis Kelly before the final decision was made and explained to him that going to a single person representing us may not be the best thing for the township if something came up. Kelly understood that. Kelly will see where the future takes him and he may submit a proposal in November.

This is for two of the resolutions today. One is township attorney and the other is tax appeal attorney as that was also Monahan.

The final resolution is to appoint a part-time clerk typist to assist Peter Ylvisaker. Peter requested help and went through the interview process. There are some monies in the township budget to help Peter out with an assistant. Peter is retiring the end of the year so it's important to have someone learning before he leaves. We will have to hire someone for his township duties and the MUA will find a director.

Mayor Trotta read Resolution No. 2019-246 and asked for a motion.

Committeeman Lotito had some discussion. He asked if Kelly could be kept on as a consultant. The concern is that there are a lot of things going on in the township so is it feasible as keeping him on as a consultant. Trotta said that we will double check to see if there is something legal we have to do. Kelly has already told Trotta that he is willing to help the new lawyer with files and getting him up to date. Trotta will ask Zabarsky if we have to legally do something.

Committeeman Marinari said that this is concern due to the things going on in town. If there is something we could do to bring Kelly on to help, it might be a good idea. Committeeman Grilletto spoke for auditors and said that if there is a change, the auditor is obligated to inform the new auditor to help them along.

Committeeman Lotito asked about a dollar amount, threshold to bring Kelly on. Trotta will talk to the new attorney as to the best way to do that. Committeeman Lotito confirmed that we don't have any legal counsel here today. Trotta advised that there was no one available from the Holzapfel firm to come tonight. It was Zabarsky's 26th wedding anniversary so he was unable to attend. We had to have the special meeting tonight because we didn't want to be without legal coverage.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK,
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-246 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM
OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL AND ZABARSKY AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL
VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK,
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-247 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM

OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta read Resolution No. 2019-248 and asked for a motion.

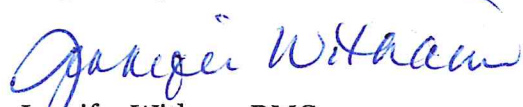
Committeeman Marinari asked if this person had any background. Trotta advised that Peter selected this person based on resume and an interview.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-248 – APPOINTING MICHELLE FORINA AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta stated that as there was no public comment as no public was in attendance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC
Municipal Clerk