

May 24, 2010
Special Board Meeting

A Special meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday May 24, 2010 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the Township Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Special Meeting was called to interview for the Manager position.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Mark Maki, Ken Tabor, Sue Carlson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Murray, Mary Sanders.

AGENDA.

Hill moved, Carlson second to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

Supervisor Seppanen outlined the interview procedure and stated that the Township Board members and staff prepared a list of 10 interview questions and the Board would go in order, each asking a question from the prepared list.

INTERVIEW WITH TOWNSHIP MANAGER CANDIDATE #1.

Karen Chandler was introduced to the Board. Ms. Chandler has a Master of Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. She was Finance Director for the Women's Center, Director of Planning and Research for Chocolay Township and City Assessor for the City of Munising. Ms. Chandler responded to a set of questions from the Board.

INTERVIEW WITH TOWNSHIP MANAGER CANDIDATE #2.

Steven Lawry was introduced to the Board. Mr. Lawry has a B. S., Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Mr. Lawry was Assistant City Engineer and Superintendent of Public works for the City of Marquette and Director of Public Works for the City of Negaunee. Mr. Lawry responded to a set of questions from the Board.

The Board discussed both candidates and felt that they were both uniquely qualified. The Board discussed the direction the Township wanted to go with the new position. Ms. Chandler would be able to hit the ground running with her overall knowledge and experience with municipal government. Mr. Lawry would be innovative in infrastructure, management skills and future needs of the Township.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second to hire Steven Lawry as part-time manager at 24 hours per week with a salary set at \$36,000.00.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.


Supervisor Seppanen will call Mr. Lawry after the meeting is adjourned and offer the Township Manager position to him.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Ariene E. Hill, CMC
Clerk


Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk