

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
NOVEMBER 28, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES



A special meeting on personnel matters.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the November 28, 2007 meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Attending were Supervisors Allen Aungst, Jerry Wise, Herman Clemens and Judith Lehman. Also present: Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson. Diane Tobin joined the meeting while in progress.

Note for the record: Joelle Bretz hired for the position of Office Assistant at the November 14, 2007 meeting declined the position.

Discussion on the two remaining applicants and their qualifications for the position was held. Also discussed was that last time the position was open it was advertised in the Pottsville Republican, this time it was only advertised in the Press Herald.

Clemens said he was not in favor of hiring a supervisor's wife as it sends the wrong message to the community and there may be times he (Jerry Wise) would have to abstain from motions. Aungst said he somewhat agrees with not having two people in the same family working together, but this is only a part time position. Zimmerman said he does not see where it would be a conflict of interest and there are other townships that have two people from the same family.

Clemens asked if twenty hours a week is the limit for the position and Zimmerman said that is what Jamie has been working. Ferguson said Jamie has not been working the full twenty hours and she will be putting in overtime to get more work done before the end of the year.

Aungst moved to hire Carol Wise as part time Office Assistant and Zimmerman seconded the motion. Aungst and Zimmerman voted in favor of the motion, Clemens and Lehman opposed the motion, Wise abstained and motion failed. Jerry Wise abstained from the vote because Carol Wise is his wife.

Clemens moved to re-advertise the position in the Pottsville Republican and Press Herald. Lehman seconded the motion. Clemens, Lehman and Zimmerman voted in favor of the motion, Aungst opposed the motion and Wise abstained, motion carried 3 to 1.

Bereavement leave was discussed and the need to update the personnel handbook.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2007.