

GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
March 3, 2021

The special meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. by Township Clerk, Brenda Lester.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how to fill the township supervisor roles while current supervisor, Gerard Tatrow, is out on leave.

Present: Brenda Lester, Craig Potvin, Janet Feenstra-Daasch, and Susan Rochefort.

The clerk opened the meeting asking for a moderator since the supervisor was not present. Brenda made a motion, seconded by Craig, to appoint Janet as moderator. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Broken heaters at the Transfer Station

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR POSITION: Gerry is out on leave for an undetermined length of time so Garden Township needs to decide how his duties will be accomplished until he returns. Brenda contacted the Michigan Township's Association and spoke to Cindy. Cindy stated that the supervisor may appoint a deputy as long as we have a letter or email from him appointing someone. The township may also hire a temporary supervisor to perform his duties and that person would be paid the same salary as the elected supervisor. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Brenda, to place a help wanted ad in The Advisor to hire a temporary supervisor. Roll Call Vote: Sue – yes, Craig – yes, Janet – yes, and Brenda – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Sue, to allow Craig to access the supervisor's computer and email. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Craig also volunteered to complete the agenda until the new temporary supervisor has been hired.

TRANSFER STATION HEATERS: The two electric heaters that keep everything from freezing below ground broke. Bill made some calls and was told they could not be repaired. He also called for estimates from Kobas Electric, Billie's Electric, and Roemer's Electric to get prices on installing new heaters. Kobas Electric submitted an estimate in the amount of \$1,192.00. Billie's Electric stated they wouldn't be able to get to the job for three weeks, and Roemer's Electric never returned the call. A motion was made by Sue, seconded by Brenda, to hire Kobas Electric to install the new heaters per their quote of \$1,192.00 and to give Bill Harris the authority to call them

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Brenda made a motion, seconded by Craig, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester
Garden Township Clerk