

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board Special Meeting
Minutes
November 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Supervisor Chockley at 8350 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Marlene Chockley, Supervisor	Present
Kathleen Manley, Clerk	Present
Lenore Zelenock, Treasurer	Present
Tawn Beliger, Trustee	Present
Janet Chick, Trustee	Present
Wayne Dockett, Trustee	Present
Jacki Otto, Trustee	Present

Also present:
Township Attorney Paul Burns
Members of the community

ADOPT AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that the agenda be adopted with Board Member Comments and Correspondence and Announcements removed.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
and
CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Removed from the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.265(8)(h) to receive attorney-client privileged written communications.

In answer to questions, Burns said potential litigation will be discussed so it is appropriate to have a closed session, but following the closed portion of the agenda Board members are free to say whatever they wish.

Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that the Board return to open session.
Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Chick supported, that we develop a written process for our code enforcement and follow-up, to send the letters to businesses and individuals currently in violation, and if we don't get compliance we will invite those individuals or businesses to a meeting with the attorney's recommendation to discuss that.

Dockett said he is disappointed that the Township is going to try to run out of business 13 companies that have been operating for years.

Motion carried 6—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed.

Beliger reported that in closed session the Board discussed at length zoning enforcement activity, noting the staff have had a lot of success in reaching out to those in violation to bring them into compliance, and now the Board is taking action to follow up with some business requiring more engagement.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Adam Olney commented on the zoning enforcement activity discussed by the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Otto supported, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Submitted by Lisa Lemble. Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:
Wording removed is ~~stricken through~~;
Wording added is underlined.

Approved by the Township Board on November 27, 2018.

Kathleen Manley, Clerk

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