

Special Meeting
August 15, 2018

Minutes Approved September 19, 2018

The special meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 6:30pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Clerk Kathy Eldridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Mike Gaylord-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Barb Crambell-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Larry Niederstadt-not present. Also present Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 12 guests.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, for Kathy Eldridge to chair meeting, due to Niederstadt's absence. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Grace Beland voiced her opinion about Fire Chief Jeff West being under investigation, and suspended.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Proceed as Open or Closed Meeting? Eldridge gave West the option to proceed as an Open or Closed meeting. West responded, "Stand Mute, Thank you".

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss employment matters regarding the Township Fire Chief. Eldridge opened the floor to West, for 5 minute, to address the board. West responded, "No Thank you".

Eldridge read Warrant request from the Kalkaska County Prosecuting Attorney, date August 7th, "Upon examination of these facts, it is the people's position that the criminal prosecution would be inappropriate at this time. This appears to the matter that should be handled internally by the Fire Department and Township."

After discussion between the board members, it was determined a leadership change was needed.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to change leadership and at this time terminate Jeff West from the Clearwater Township Fire Department.

Roll call vote: Gaylord-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Grace Beland, Tom Backers and Brian Kroll made comments.

Adjourned:

Motion by Eldridge to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed ending meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary