

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board Special Meeting
Minutes
July 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M. by Supervisor Chockley at 8350 Main Street.

Supervisor Chockley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present:

Township Attorney Bradford Maynes
Township Attorney Stacy Belisle
Recording Secretary Lisa Lemble
Members of the community

ADOPT AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Chick moved, Chockley supported, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None present.

CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(8)(e) to receive written attorney-client privileged communication.
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 voice vote.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that Mr. Aynes not be allowed to maintain his part-time employment with Wayne County while serving as the Northfield Township Manager. **Motion failed 3—4 on a roll call vote, Otto, Dockett, Chick and Beliger opposed.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Otto moved, Beliger supported, to allow Mr. Aynes to maintain his 10 hour per week part-time employment with Wayne County while serving as the Northfield Township Manager. **Motion carried 4—3 on a roll call vote, Manley, Zelenock, and Chockley opposed.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Beliger moved, Chick supported, to provide Mr. Aynes with a starting salary of a maximum of \$75,000. **Motion carried 4—3 on a roll call vote, Manley, Zelenock, and Chockley opposed.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Dockett supported, that Northfield Township require a 90 day probationary period before eligibility for severance pay would begin for Mr. Aynes.
Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.
- ▶ **Motion:** Beliger moved, Otto supported, that Mr. Aynes be provided with two months' severance after the 90 day probationary period, increasing one month per year after the first two years of employment, not to exceed six months total severance. **Motion carried 5—2 on a roll call vote, Dockett and Manley opposed.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Zelenock moved, Otto supported, that Mr. Aynes' paid time off be in accordance with the Township's current PTO policy.
Motion carried 5—2 on a roll call vote, Manley and Dockett opposed.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

David Gordon, 5558 Hellner Road, and Jodi Carbary, 9132 Lincoln Drive, made comments about the Township Manager benefits.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members made comments about construction of a temporary walking path through the North Village Park, street sweeping, a Treasurer's report about donations to the Township, County taxes, Township Hall parking lot signs, and revising the PTO policy for employees.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 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 August 15, 2017.

Kathleen Manley, Clerk