

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board Special Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor Chockley at 8350 Main Street.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

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 (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Jacki Otto, Trustee	Absent with notice

Also present:

Township Attorney Brad Maynes
Township Assessor Tom Monchak
Recording Secretary Lisa Lemble
Members of the community

ADOPT AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Chick moved, Manley supported, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.265(8)(e) and (h) to receive attorney-client privileged communications regarding pending litigation. **Motion carried 5—0 on a roll call vote.**

[Dockett arrived].

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Chick supported, that the Board return to open session.
Motion carried 6—0 on a voice vote.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Beliger supported, to approve moving forward with the litigation in the case of The Links v Northfield Township, Cases 17-002645 and 17-002647, and to authorize the Township attorney to engage appraiser John Widmer to assist with the litigation as needed. **Motion carried 5—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Dockett moved, Beliger supported, that the Board discuss using building department funds to pay for code enforcement action. **Motion failed 2—4 on a roll call vote, Zelenock, Manley, Chick, and Chockley opposed.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

James Trunko, 9255 Lakewood Drive, asked about code enforcement for a specific property, and he suggested that downtown properties listed for sale be listed on the Township website for the convenience of developers. Andy Lakatos, 9249 Lakewood Drive, commended the snow plow or the maintenance of the Barker Road non-motorized path.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dockett said in his opinion the Township has been overcharging the public for building permits for years and it is wrong to use building department funds for code enforcement actions.

ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ **Motion:** Chockley moved, Zelenock supported, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried 6—0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 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 February 13, 2018.

Kathleen Manley, Clerk