

St. Clair Township Board Meeting

107 Service Street, Swansea

Executive Session March 5, 2014

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At 6:53 p.m., during the Special Township Meeting Trustee Carroll made a motion to go into Executive Session for 2C2 discussion of union negotiations. Trustee Sturgis seconded. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Wells, Hipkind. Motion passed 3-2.

At 6:56 p.m. Supervisor Barnes called the executive session to order to discuss union negotiations.

Roll call found the following board members present: Supervisor Dave Barnes, Trustees Mary Carroll, Jaynie Wells, Keith Sturgis, and Greg Hipkind.

Clerk Brenda Reed and Attorney Terry Bruckert were also present.

Supervisor Barnes handed out the letter of implementation that had been seen by the board at the last executive session but with current date changes made. The date for the implementation to become effective is Monday, March 17, 2014.

Supervisor Barnes asked for comment.

Trustees Hipkind and Wells proposed starting over with contract negotiations so the entire board could be more involved in each decision in the process. They felt it was inappropriate for Supervisor Barnes and Attorney Lowenbaum to represent the board in negotiations.

Trustees Carroll and Sturgis felt the contract was fair.

During the meeting Supervisor Barnes called Attorney Lowenbaum for explanation as to why only some terms of the contract were listed on the letter of implementation. Mr. Lowenbaum explained the township by itself does not have authority to implement all the terms of the contract. The terms listed were ones the township has authority to implement.

Attorney Lowenbaum said the mediator called him March 5, 2014, to tell him about another offer from the union but it was not a formal offer. He said if they want to come back to the table at any time we will listen to their offer.

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis to adjourn the executive session and return to the special meeting. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

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