

January 8, 2025

A Special Meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in the Chocolay Township Fire Hall. Supervisor Lynch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Special Meeting was called to discuss the Township Manager position.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: David Lynch (Supervisor), Richard Bohjanen, Don Rhein, Jon LeGalley, Mark Stonerock (Trustees)

ABSENT: Max Engle (Clerk), Ben Zyburt (Treasurer)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Sundell, Dale Throenle, Lisa Perry, Joe Neumann, Lee Gould, Tony Carrick, Linda Poole

OTHERS PRESENT (via ZOOM): Chet Janik, Michigan Leadership Institute

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Rhein moved, Bohjanen supported to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSS MANAGER POSITION

Supervisor Lynch indicated that Daniel Sabolsky has indicated he is not able to proceed with accepting the position due to housing issues. Supervisor Lynch had asked Chet Janik to reach out to the second person - James Shockey who also declined citing housing issues.

Supervisor Lynch stated that we could hire an interim manager, but this would be expensive. Lynch felt that if the Township would be able to provide housing, we may be able to get Sabolsky on board. This is not uncommon in the current housing market. Lynch feels that Sabolsky is sincere in wanting the position. The contract would need to be rewritten to include housing – the Board felt there needs to be a time frame, such as 6 months, to protect the Township. It was felt there should also be a cap on the per month amount.

Chet Janik feels this would be a good addition to the contract. He feels that Sabolsky is sincere.

Rhein moved, Stonerock supported to authorize the Supervisor to enter into negotiations with Daniel Sabolsky to provide a housing stipend.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Stonerock, LeGalley, Bohjanen, Rhein, Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Zyburt, Engle
MOTION CARRIED

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mark Stonerock – good job on coming up with possible solution

Jon LeGalley – None.

Don Rhein – None.

Richard Bohjanen – may know of a couple people with housing available – will contact and bring information back to Board.

Ben Zyburt – Absent

Max Engle – apologized for being late

Dave Lynch – feels it's important to have a solution and appreciates the Board working on it

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Carrick, Silver Creek Road – Feels that there are two really good candidates, and glad the Board is going this route.

Engle moved, Rhein supported that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Max Engle, Clerk

David Lynch, Supervisor