

January 16, 2025

A Special Meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Thursday, January 16, 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), Max Engle (Clerk), Ben Zyburt (Treasurer) Richard Bohjanen, Don Rhein, Jon LeGalley, (Trustees)

ABSENT: Mark Stonerock (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Sundell, Dale Throenle, Lisa Perry, Lee Gould, Tony Carrick, Nick Carter

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

MOTION CARRIED

CLERK

Clerk Engle reported he had just received the list of jurisdictions to be audited from the November General Election, and Chocolay was not on it.

DISCUSS MANAGER POSITION

Chet Janik went over the history of the Township Manager hiring process. The challenge is finding housing in Marquette. A stipend had been offered, but finding something suitable proved unsuccessful. Sabolsky had withdrawn from the manager position as of the morning of Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Janik has gone over his notes – there were 31 candidates initially, with 12 being found acceptable, and 5 went to Board for interviews. He feels there are still some viable candidates in the remaining 7.

After discussion, it was felt that Janik should contact:

1. Steven Mulka
2. Eric Paupore
3. Richard Lock
4. Randy Scholz

Trustee Bohjanen questioned why a couple of initial candidates were not included. Police Chief Carrick asked to speak and based on information that he knew, he would not be comfortable with one of the candidates being manager.

For candidates that are interested, interviews will be conducted on either Tuesday, January 21 or Wednesday, January 22.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mark Stonerock – Absent

Jon LeGalley – None.

Don Rhein – None.

Richard Bohjanen – None.

Ben Zyburt – None.

Max Engle – None.

Dave Lynch – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Carrick, Silver Creek Road (Police Chief) - Asked to be able to review the applications of the next four candidates.

Zyburt moved, LeGalley supported that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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Max Engle, Clerk

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David Lynch, Supervisor