

Edwards Township Special Board Meeting
January 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Clerk Yvonne Mahl, Trustee Todd Johnson,

ATTENDANCE: Planning Commission Member Rick Stillwagon, Planning Commission, BOR Member Robert Kowalski, Brent Illig, ZBA Board Member Andy Fournier, Ogemaw County Clerk, Breck Gildner

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS to AGENDA: Addition: move public and board comment to be before the motion to appoint a trustee.

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier, to accept the agenda with additions
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Andy Fournier: Rob came in last in election, if Brent had run, he would have won, a farmer was picked.

Brent Illig: health was an issue in March/April, was confident Mark Lehman would win as a farmer, Agriculture is important in Edwards Twp.

Rob Kowalski: 20 years' experience running business, fresh new outlook.

Breck Gildner: cost of special election would be between 4000 to 5000.00, deadline is January 19 to be on May ballot, if not decided by 430 on February 15, 2021 it automatically goes to a special election with the republican and democratic party of Ogemaw County nominating one person for each party to be placed on the ballot. Term will be until 2022 whether appointed or voted in by special election.

Ron Taylor clarified: he spoke to township attorney and unless the township board appoints someone to the position it goes to the county, we the township get no say in whom is on the ballot.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ron Taylor: Rob put forth effort and campaigned, and he sits on a number of boards within the township, Planning, BOR and ZBA. Eileen Fournier: Brent had health issues at time, he is experienced, family is from here, need a farmer on the board. Yvonne Mahl: agree with Eileen, also someone to look to for information as an old board member. Todd Johnson: Rob ran for the office and sits on sub committees.

NEW TRUSTEE:

Motion by Yvonne Mahl, support by Eileen Fournier to appoint Brent Illig to the trustee position until 2022:

Roll call vote: Taylor-no, Mahl-yes, Fournier-yes, Johnson-no Motion failed

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson, to appoint Robert Kowalski to the trustee position:

Roll call vote: Mahl-no, Fournier-no, Johnson-yes Taylor-yes, Motion failed

Further discussion:

Ron Taylor: perhaps we can find a third person by the next board meeting, to satisfy everyone's issues. Yvonne Mahl asked who he had in mind? They would need to not be connected to Dennis Stephens. He's off the board and we need to leave it that way. Ron and Rob stated Dennis does not influence them.

Next township board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

Yvonne Mahl, Edwards Township Clerk