

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 19, 2018**

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting at the Lower Nazareth Municipal Building on Thursday April 19, 2018. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were:

James S. Pennington	-	Chairman	Gary Asteak	-	Solicitor
Martin J. Boucher	-	Vice Chairman	Lori A. Stauffer	-	Manager
Robert S. Kucsan	-	Supervisor	Lori B. Seese	-	Zoning Administrator
Amy L. Templeton	-	Supervisor	Tammi Dravec	-	Secretary/Treasurer

Supervisor Candidate Interviews

In response to an advertisement announcing a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, the Township received applications from the following individuals: Daniel Cortright, Robert Pruznick, Chris Colitas, Bert Smalley, Robert Hoyer, Simeon Pecchia, and Robert Stocklas. These applicants were interviewed individually, while other applicants were not present to ensure fairness.

Mr. Pennington gave a brief introduction explaining the purpose of the meeting and the rules of this interview process

Applicants were asked to:

- (1) Give a personal statement discuss why he wants to be a Township Supervisor.
- (2) What he envisions his role as supervisor to be and what he hopes to accomplish.
- (3) His thoughts regarding development within the township
- (4) If he has plans to be on the ballot in the next Municipal Election to retain his seat.

Daniel Cortright, who interviewed by phone, spoke of his deep sense of community and his role as a volunteer fire fighter. Mr. Cortright believes development can be good, but we need to preserve tradition and community. He feels we need to be responsible and be sure any development is mutually beneficial.

Robert Prudnick, a 30-year resident, discussed his enthusiasm about the township and where it is going. He likes the funds allocated in the budget to emergency services and is happy with our parks improvement plan. Mr. Pruznick stated we need smart controlled growth and to keep trucks off the roads they should not be using.

Chris Colitas, served on East Allen's Board for 12 years prior to moving to Lower Nazareth Township. He believes in responsible, controlled growth and that every property owner has a right to develop his/her land as it is zoned.

Bert Smalley, a 40-year resident, currently sits on the Planning Commission and has been regularly attending Board of Supervisor meetings for the past few years. He stated he wants to keep up with what's happening in the Township and to give back to the community. Mr. Smalley noted that the roads are struggling to support the growth in the township.

Robert Hoyer, a 43-year resident and family business owner, stated he is concerned about the township and feels he can contribute. He stated his previous experience serving on the Board would be an asset. Mr. Hoyer realizes

you cannot stop development but believes the township should work with developers to address issues, especially traffic, and come to mutually agreeable decisions.

Simeon Pecchia, stated he has a soft heart for the people in our community. He believes that if it is good for the community and it helps revenue then its good. Mr. Pecchia noted that it would be a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Board.

Robert Stocklas, grew up in the township and returned to raise his children here. He loves where the township is coming and wants to help improve the Township for everyone. Mr. Stocklas noted that Township cannot handle the traffic from the continued growth.

After interviewing all seven (7) applicants, the Chairman asked the Board if they were prepared to vote this evening or if they wished to take a few days to make their decision. The Board wanted to table a decision and meet again next Wednesday April 25th at 6:30pm to vote and appoint a new supervisor.

Courtesy of the Floor

There were no comments under Courtesy of the Floor.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Tammi Dravecz
Secretary/Treasurer