A special meeting of the Mahoning Township Supervisors was held this morning at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 1:00 PM for general purposes.

Members of the Board present:

Christine DeLong, Chairperson Wayne Myers, Vice-Chairman David Barron, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Secretary advised an executive session was held this morning and also prior to this meeting for personnel.

THOMAS: Due to information he received Mr. Myers made a motion to put Chief Thomas back to work starting tomorrow, December 29, 2015, Mr. Barron seconded the motion. Mr. Myers and Ms. DeLong approved the motion, and Mr. Barron opposed, however, the motion carried.

THOMAS BACK PAY: Mr. Myers motioned that any determination for back pay would not be decided until after Chief Thomas' hearing, Mr. Barron seconded and the motion carried.

NEW PATROL OFFICER: Mr. Myers motioned in favor of hiring Tammy Smith, pending a back ground check, to fill the vacancy being made by Sergeant Prescott's retirement on December 31, 2015, the motion was tabled and the meeting was adjourned to executive session for legal counsel advice at 1:20 PM.

MEETING RECONVENED: At 2:10 PM the meeting reconvened. Mr. Myers motioned in favor of hiring Tammy Smith effective January 11, 2016, pending a back ground check. She will fill the vacancy being made by Sergeant Prescott's retirement on December 31, 2015, the motion was seconded by Mr. Barron and all were in favor.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Myers motioned in favor to adjourn, Mr. Barron seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

An advertisement to hold a special meeting December 28, 2015 was sent to the paper on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 to run in the Saturday paper, however, the ad did not run until Monday morning's paper, which was not proper notice. At the time of the meeting no one was aware of this. As soon as they were made aware of the error another special meeting was advertised for today to conduct the business of Monday.

Another special meeting of the Mahoning Township Supervisors was held this morning at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 9:00 AM for general purposes.

Members of the Board present:

Christine DeLong, Chairperson Wayne Myers, Vice-Chairman David Barron, Supervisor

Also attending:

Jack & Darlis Dyer Betsy Hack Tom Elmes Linda Weaver

Sherry & Glen Wintersteen

Eamon Shoff
Bob Snyder
Bill & Rose Pursel

Dave Shope

Debbie Williams Holly & Bill Greenly

Jack Metzer Mike Dennehy

Tristan Scott

Kristen Beaver, Press Enterprise

Bill Lynn Joe Diehl

Nancy Hodge Ryan Troup

Sue Kauwell F Hoover

Al Nuener Marlene Gunther

Ken & Jackie Woodruff
Carol Kronenwetter
Joe Sylvester, Daily Item
Linda Nedoff Weckter

TS Scott

John & Linda Deegan

PUBLIC COMMENT

T S Scott read from the criminal complain about the incident with Chad Thomas. He advised that Chad could no longer hold the position as his action displays a gross lack of judgement and that if the Board reinstates him, it will come back on them in two years.

Mike Dennehy stated that once again the Municipal Authority is being sued, which is costing all of us and requests that the Board give serious consideration to our municipal authority and what to do with it. He further advised that this township lacks leadership holding so many executive meetings and not properly reporting them.

Al Nuener suggests that now would be a great time to regionalize not only the municipal authorities, but also police departments.

Numerous others spoke or had questions for the Board including Kristen Beaver, Debbie Williams, Marlene Gunther, Glen Wintersteen, Mary Ann Landi, Eamon Shoff, Carol Kronenwetter, Bill Lynn, John & Linda Deegan and Sue Kauwell, all against reinstating Chad Thomas, and how embarrassing it is to live in this township, the total lack of consideration they are given by the Board.

They called for a vote to table any action until a new Board is in place, to which Dave Barron made the motion, and Wayne seconded the motion. Properly moved and seconded, Dave Barron voted approval, and Wayne Myers and Christine DeLong, opposed the motion, therefore, it did not carry.

Sue Kauwell called out that the Board had better save the tape recording of the meeting as it can be used in trial.

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