

**SPECIAL MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 10, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Dykstra, at approximately 9:00 A.M. Roll Call of Members showed as follows:

Present:	Paul Dykstra, Supervisor	Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
	Monica Markillie, Clerk	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Jon Scott, Trustee	Robb Blain, Trustee
Absent:	Sid Durham	

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to conduct interviews for the Township Legal Counsel - Position that will become available January 1, 2015. -

In opening, Dykstra welcomed Robb Blain to the Township Board and noted Blain was - appointed as Township Trustee on October 31, 2014. -

9:15 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. INTERVIEW W/LAW FIRM LEWIS REED & ALLEN, P.C.

Attorneys David Lewis & Nick Daly from the Law Firm of Lewis Reed & Allen, P.C., were present to interview for the Township Legal Counsel Position. Lewis & Daly provided a presentation that included a brief overview of their Firm and the type of legal services their firm provides. Lewis reported their practice offers legal counsel in every area of law. The Firm submitted a sample client memo to the Board as an example of the type of work product that is offered by their Firm. Lewis and Daly addressed questions from the Board. After extended discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Lewis and Mr. Daly for taking the time to interview for the Legal Counsel Position.

10:15 A.M.-11:00 A.M. INTERVIEW W/ LAW FIRM OF BAUCKHAM, SPARKS, LOHRSTORFER, THALL & SEEBER, P.C.

Attorneys Rob Thall, Catherine Kaufman and Roxanne Seeber of the Law Firm of Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber, P.C. were present to interview for the Township Legal Counsel Position. Thall, Seeber and Kaufman provided a brief presentation regarding the legal services the Firm offers. Thall reported the Firm primarily specializes in the area of Municipal Law. The Board received a handout from the Firm that included a sample client memo as an example of work product the Firm provides and a list of all of the Municipalities for which the Firm serves. Thall stated in addition to the General Council Clients listed in the brochure; the Firm also serves as Legal Council for the Michigan Townships Association. At this time, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman addressed questions from the Board. After extended discussion, the Board thanked the Attorneys for taking the time to interview for the Township Legal Counsel Position.

Discussion:

At this time, discussion was held regarding the Candidates for the Legal Council Position.

Motion by Genung to contract with Bauckham, Sparks, Lohtstorfer, Thall, & Seeber for Township Legal Counsel effective January 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Langsahw and **carried.**

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 A.M

Respectfully submitted: Monica Markillie, Ross Township Clerk

