

**Ross Township
12086 M-89
Richland, MI 49083
269-731-4888
Special Board Meeting
January 12, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Supervisor Baker

Roll Call was as follows:

Present:	Rob Baker	Michael Bekes	Cindy Genung
	Lynn Harmon	Diana Langshaw	Mike Sulka
	Linda Walters		
Absent:	None		
Also Present:	Rob Thall – Township Attorney		

A motion to approve the agenda was presented by Trustee Bekes, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.

Interview for the Township Supervisor position: Applicant - Christina Hutchings

Questions were presented to the applicant by the Board Members.

A motion was made by Trustee Bekes to offer Ms. Hutchings the supervisor position ending November 2022; Trustee Harmon supported the motion.

Vote:

Aye (4) – Trustee Bekes, Trustee Langshaw, Trustee Harmon, and Trustee Sulka

Nay (2) – Clerk Walters and Treasurer Genung (both citing that they would like time to consider the candidate)

The motion carried and Ms. Hutchings would start effective February 01, 2021.

Motion made by Trustee Harmon to pay for training of the new Supervisor at a rate of \$20 per hour not to exceed 20 hours. Trustee Langshaw supported the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Langshaw asked Attorney Thall if it were permissible to allow Ms. Hutchings to attend the closed session of the meeting and Thall stated “No, it was not.”

Public Comments – No comments were offered

Trustee Langshaw made a motion to convene to the closed session by stating, "Move that the Board of Trustees convene in closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, being a letter from its attorney dated January 11, 2021, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under State law due to the attorney-client privilege." Trustee Genung supported the motion.

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Closed Session began at 7:23 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 7:46 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Sulka to close the session "to pursue as discussed in closed session." Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried unanimously.

Members Time -

Trustee Bekes – No other topics

Clerk Walters – Will support Christina

Treasurer Genung – Nothing, congratulated Linda on how well she was doing.

Trustee Langshaw – Nothing to add

Trustee Harmon – Needs the minutes from the ZBA meeting

Attorney Thall – Has the ZBA draft minutes, will address them at the next meeting

Trustee Sulka – Nothing to add

Supervisor Baker – Very happy with the selection of the new Supervisor

Motion made to close the Board Meeting by Trustee Sulka; supported by Supervisor Baker. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: 07:52 p.m. adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walters
Township Clerk
January 27, 2021