

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 13, 2016 AT 7:45 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor DeTombeur.
2. Mayor DeTombeur advised that this meeting was held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act as prescribed by State Statute.
3. Present: Mayor DeTombeur, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Lomonaco, and Councilman Ochwat.
4. Attorney Wacks stated that the Township Council needs to authorize Maser Consulting to begin the process of determining the accuracies of the E-Consult Report regarding vacant land and rehabilitation units within Allamuchy Township.

Proposals will also be needed from Construction Officials to evaluate the potential rehabilitation units. An extension of time will be requested from the court while this information is being prepared and collected. A report of the Township's affordable housing needs will be prepared by Maser Consulting once all this information is received.

Motion by Councilman Ochwat, second by Councilwoman Cook, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

5. Attorney Wacks advised that there is a tenant at 284 Old Farm Drive who has not paid the rent. He would like Township Council approval to begin the eviction process and the dispossession of property.

Motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Lomonaco, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

6. Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the renaming of the Fire House and Squad Building in Frank Hafner's honor.

The membership of this committee will include two members from the Fire Department, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and two members from the Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad.

Motion by Councilman Ochwat, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

7. Approval of the Social Affairs Permit - Rutherford Hall - Event to be held February 13, 2016 - 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Comedy Show.

Motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Lomonaco, and

approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

8. **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:**

a. Ordinance # 2016-01 - **ORDINANCE DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES WITHIN PANTHER VALLEY.**

Motion by Mayor DeTombeur, seconded by Councilman Lomonaco, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

9. Councilman Ochwat questioned if any action was required regarding the Baker Residential Settlement Agreement for the use of unmetered water.
10. Attorney Wacks advised that no action was required. He will prepare a settlement agreement as discussed in executive session. A copy of the agreement will be provided to Baker Residential for approval.
11. Mayor Detombeur stated that he would like to appoint David Berkenbush to the Land Use Board as a Class II member. The term will expire 12/31/16.

Motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Lomonaco, carried to concur with Mayor DeTombeur's appointment. Roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

12. Mayor DeTombeur stated that he would like to appoint Charles Fineran as Liaison to Rutherford Hall.

Motion by Councilman Lomonaco, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat and Mayor DeTombeur.

13. The following letter was received from the Allamuchy Township Republican Committee and read into the record by the Municipal Clerk (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

The three names submitted to fill the unexpired term of Mayor DeTombeur is Betty Schultheis, Elliott Koppel and Manuel Quinoa.

Motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Lomonaco, carried to appoint Betty Schultheis to the Allamuchy Township Council. Mrs. Schultheis will be filling the unexpired term of Mayor DeTombeur which expires 12/31/17.

Roll call vote: **AYES:** Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Lomonaco and Councilman Ochwat; **N0:** Mayor DeTombeur.

At this time, Mayor DeTombeur issued to Oath of Office to Councilwoman Schultheis.

14. Councilman Ochwat stated that he would like to thank all the applicants who submitted their name to the Republican Committee. He added that he would like to have these individuals involved with various committees within the Township.
15. Mayor DeTombeur welcomed Councilwoman Schultheis and stated that he will be open and willing to work with everyone.
16. Councilman Lomonaco stated that he has tremendous respect for anyone who provides their name to serve on the Township Council. With the upcoming election, he hopes that Mr. Quinoa and Mr. Koppel submit their names as he respects anyone who places their name on the ballot.
17. Councilwoman Cook stated that she would like to congratulate Councilwoman Schultheis and looks forward to working with her on the Township Council.
18. Councilwoman Schultheis stated that she looks forward to being back on the Township Council and appreciates the other two applicants for applying for the seat. She credited Mr. Quinoa and Mr. Koppel for volunteering their time and would like to see both applicants become more active and hopefully the Township will find more ways to make them more active.
19. **ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 P.M.**

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ochwat, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, carried to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Roll call vote: **AYES** - Councilpersons Cook, Lomonaco, Ochwat, Schultheis and Mayor DeTombeur.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Marie Tracy, Municipal Clerk

Keith A. DeTombeur, Mayor