

Wheatfield Township Supervisor Meeting

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Special Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2013

Attendance Supervisors: Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen

Public Attendance: Mary Smith, Darlene Johnson, Bob Rhoades, Jeff Smith, Marty Smith

Barry Schrope called the meeting in to order at 9am. Barry remarked that there were very good applicants. A total of 17 applicants for the position and 8 personal interviews were done. Barry explained through this process it was narrowed down to 2 applicants. Barry went on to comment that driver's record were requested and reference phone calls had been done.

Public Comment:

Mary Smith stated she wanted to know qualifications of applicants. Also, stated that our government wastes money. Annette Mullen asked Mary Smith what address she resided. Mary responded 133 Longview Dr., Elliotsburg, PA and 14 Dirt Lane. Annette asked if she was a relative to one of the applicants. Mary stated she was a relative to Jeff Smith.

Darlene Johnson stated she would wait to the end for comment.

Bob Rhoades wanted to respond to the comment about government saving money "they do that here". Jim knocks off the clock when he is done or if he is doing Supervisor work. The Supervisors try to save money as they can. Bob stated he wanted save additional comment until after the meeting

Jeff Smith stated "not at this time".

Marty Smith stated he works at the County under Commissioners Rudy, Benner and Naylor. Marty Smith remarked that he hoped the 2 applicants being considered were on the same playing field. The applicant being considered should be the one with the best qualifications and the best one for the township. Out there you have those recycling dumpsters, the County had a good program going there with good feedback and everything . . . then went bad.

Annette Mullen commented to “best qualifications”. If you want the applicant with the best qualifications/skills that person did not make the final two in my opinion. Annette continued to say she disagreed what was stated at the last township meeting that it was a unanimous decision on the final two applicants.

Jim Fuller stated “We have boiled it down to the two very best applicants.”

Barry Schrope commented there are certain reasons . . . certain people “it was my opinion we have two very fine applicants”.

Annette stated she wanted to respond so Marty Smith’s comment stressing “best qualifications”.

Barry Schrope commented that the personal interviews had played an important part in his decision.

Marty Smith asked if the applicants knew if they did not make it. Marty wanted to point out that there were three applicants at the last township meeting and only one applicant here today that showed up.

Executive Meeting: All three Supervisors entered an executive meeting at 9:14am and returned at 9:18am.

Barry Schrope announced that Jeff Smith has the job of the new Roadmaster.

Jeff Smith had question when he would start.

Executive Meeting: All three Supervisors reentered an executive meeting at 9:23am and returned at 9:28am.

Barry Schrope stated that the starting pay rate would be \$16.50/hr. The start date would remain April 1st but if Jeff’s present employer would let him go earlier it was decided that Jeff could start work at the township at a part time/CDL rate of \$14.50/hr until April 1st. Barry explained that starting April 1st health insurance which included vision and dental and Pension which the employee contributes 5% would start on that date.

Public Comment:

Marty Smith stated “thank you for your time.”

Darlene Johnson asked about the qualifications of the job and how the supervisors would handle that information at the next Township Meeting if asked.

Jim responded that letters will be sent out to all applicants and notified of job being filled. The new Roadmaster will be announced at the next Supervisor’s meeting.

Bob Rhoades stated the hourly rate is \$16.50 but wanted to know what the “total package” that is offered worth. What does the whole package cost the township?

Jim Fuller stated he did not know that value and that would have to have Vicki figure that value out. Jim went on to discuss Pension Plan requirements and what has happen in the past years at the township regarding the Pension Plan.

Jeff Smith comment “thank you for giving me a chance.”

Marty Smith remarked that he hope that the township got the best and thinks the township did get the best one.

Barry informed that Jeff Smith that he would need to pass a drug/alcohol test prior to starting work at the township.

Annette Mullen made a motion to adjourn the special meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:38am

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Mullen

Twp. Supervisor

