

LONDON TOWNSHIP

Special Board Meeting

March 6, 2019

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Taepke at 4:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gary Taepke – Present; Treasurer Melissa Beauchamp – Present; Clerk Lisa Marie Francis – Present; Trustee Penny Turner – Present; Trustee Roger Werstein – Present

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Clerk Francis to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

1st Citizens' Time:

No comments.

New Business:

1. Building Department

Supervisor Taepke presented a letter received by Township Attorney David Bogard. The letter was regarding the rehiring of Dave Friend, his encouragement to hire Code Enforcement Services (CES) to run the Building Department and let go of Mr. Friend again.

A small excerpt from Mr. Bogard's letter:

"Currently, Dave Friend was recently re-hired as the building inspector for London Township after being discharged in early 2018 from this position for not performing his duties properly. [...] As the township attorney, I am making you aware of the contingencies that may occur. I am urging you to hire CES for all the code work and dismiss Mr. Friend from his duties. This course of action will limit the township's exposure to liability and any appearance of improprieties between its citizens and the officials handling code work."

The Township Assessor, Bob Brazeau, spoke about discrepancies resulting from the time period when Mr. Friend was employed, along with past building department inconsistencies. He expressed how important it is for the building department and assessing department to work together so all files are complete.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to immediately fire Dave Friend and hire CES for a period of one year.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke – Yes; Treasurer Beauchamp – Yes; Clerk Francis – No; Trustee Turner – No; Trustee Werstein – No

Motion Failed.

2nd Citizens' Time:

Topics of discussion: Possible pond on Wanty, if homes that need a new roof is considered blight, Dave Friend, and the Assessor visiting properties.

Board Comments and Announcements:

Trustee Turner: She would like to set up a meeting with the Assessor, Dave Friend, Gary (Supervisor Taepke), Ron (Zoning Administrator/Deputy Building Official), and herself to discuss what is expected of Mr. Friend and the issues that were brought forth regarding Mr. Friend's history in the township. She also said she found an electrical inspector to possibly fill the vacancy.

Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Amanda Taepke, Deputy Clerk
Approved by Lisa Marie Francis, Clerk.