

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal building on January 12, 2015. Ms. Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Kristin Tyler, Chair  
Dan McLaughlin, Vice Chair  
Dobby Dobson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jeff Benedetto, Supervisor (via phone)

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager  
Jeff Garton, Township Solicitor

#### ROLL CALL

Ms. Tyler called the Roll: Dobby Dobson, present; Dan McLaughlin, present; Jeff Benedetto, present via phone; Kristin Tyler, present.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

Ms. Tyler stated the sole purpose of tonight's meeting is to take a vote for the appointment of a replacement for Pete Stainthorpe as Supervisor. Ms. Tyler stated the Appointee will be a Supervisor until the end of this year, and the full replacement will be determined by November's election.

Ms. Tyler stated all of the Applicants had incredible credentials, and it was wonderful that each of them stepped forward to give their time to the Township. Ms. Tyler stated while they can only appoint one person tonight, she will be contacting each of them by telephone requesting that they fill a vacancy on one of the other Boards and Commissions in the Township. She thanked all the Applicants for their interest.

Mr. Benedetto moved to nominate Ron Smith. Mr. McLaughlin seconded.

Mr. McLaughlin stated Pete Stainthorpe was an excellent individual, and he misses him. Mr. McLaughlin stated there is no training program for Supervisors, but Mr. Stainthorpe in particular taught him how to be a Supervisor. Mr. McLaughlin stated Mr. Stainthorpe was his mentor and he valued his experience. Mr. McLaughlin stated the only people who understand what it is like to be a Supervisor are those who have served as Supervisor. Mr. McLaughlin stated it is a monumental job, and it is particularly tough in an Election year. He stated the pressures that are put on a Supervisor are great.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he is voting for experience, and he would like to see Mr. Smith on the Board because he has served on the Board and brings a tremendous amount of experience. Mr. McLaughlin stated he also believes that inherently by appointing anyone from a particular political party, it would give that person a "leg up;" and would not result in a level playing field in the next Election.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he believes all those who applied were excellent, and he would like to see them run for the office and let the voters decide in the Primary and General Elections.

Motion carried with Mr. Dobson opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dobby Dobson, Secretary