

THOMPSON BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF THOMPSON
Merrill Seney Community Room/Town Hall
January 30, 2014
7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Raymond Faucher, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Paul Dery, Larry Groh, Jr., Susan Witkowski, Raymond Faucher, Jr.

Members absent: Aaron McGarry

Also present: Kirsten Forrester, members of the public, member of the press.

Larry Groh nominated John Sharpe to fill the vacancy on the Board, seconded by Paul Dery.

Susanne Witkowski nominated Larry Consiglio to fill the vacancy on the Board, seconded by Raymond Faucher, Jr.

Motion by Larry Groh, Jr. to close nominations, seconded by Paul Dery. **A roll call vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion—Passed. Unanimously. Nominations were closed.**

Larry Groh, Jr. explained the Democratic Town Committee nominated Mr. Sharpe as a candidate to fill this vacancy. Mr. Sharpe also ran in the last two elections and received 786 votes. Mr. Groh stated he feels that since a democrat left the position then a democrat should fill the vacancy.

Paul Dery stated he supports Mr. Sharpe as well.

Mr. Groh stated that several years back there was a republican vacancy on the Board and the Democratic Town Committee did not put forward a candidate due to the position open was left vacant by a republican. Mr. Groh stated that historically in Thomson this is how vacancies are handled.

Susanne Witkowski stated Larry Consiglio has served the Town and Board of Education for 12 years. Mr. Consiglio continues to serve the Town as an umpire for Little League as well as

recently becoming part of the TEEG Board. Mr. Consiglio was a member of the Building Committee and has a willingness to serve the Board of Finance. Ms. Witkowski stated qualified candidates should be considered.

Mr. Faucher noted the Board recently lost 36 years' worth of experience with several members retiring after many years of service. Mr. Faucher stated he does not look at political parties as the Board needs experience at this time and he feels the best people should be put forward for consideration. Mr. Faucher stated he believes Mr. Consiglio is more experienced in the budget process.

Mr. Groh responded that each board is different. Mr. Sharpe has served on the fire department Board for the last 25 years and has 14 years' experience running a successful business.

Paul Dery moved to call a vote.

A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Dery and Mr. Groh voted for John Sharpe. Mrs. Witkowski and Mr. Faucher voted for Larry Consiglio.

As the vote ended in a tie Mr. Faucher will determine what the next steps would be.

Mr. Dery stated according to State Statute 7-343 the Board can have another special meeting to allow absent Board members a chance to vote.

Mr. Faucher stated he will get a determination from the Town Clerk or Town Attorney on how to proceed.

II. ADJOURN

Motion made by Larry Groh, Jr., seconded by Paul Dery to adjourn. **Motion—Passed. Unanimous**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Baublitz
Recording Secretary