



Special Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021- 7:00PM

The Orrock Township Board met in special session, on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 – 180th St. NW, Big Lake, Minnesota.

In attendance were Chair Bryan Adams, Supervisors Paul Ellinger, Gregg Felber and Clerk Chris Weber. Also, in attendance were Deputy Clerk Kimberly-Maas and the four candidates. Tele-conferencing into the meeting were Supervisor Bob Hassett and Treasurer Gary Goldsmith. Roll Call was taken by Chair Adams.

A quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Adams, at 7:00PM and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

Meeting Agenda Approval

Supervisor Felber asked if, due to the amount of interest in the position, the board wanted to hold a special election, rather than proceed with the interview process. Supervisor Adams responded that, since the candidates responded and are attending the meeting, he felt that the board should proceed as planned. Supervisor Ellinger noted that at the December meeting a motion was made and passed to move forward with interviewing Supervisor D candidates. Supervisor Hassett had no opinion. The board chose to move forward with the interview process.

Motion/Second to accept the special meeting agenda by: Ellinger/Felber. In favor: Adams, Ellinger, Felber & Hassett. Opposed: none. Abstained: None.

Motion prevailed, and the meeting proceeded in accordance with the presented agenda.

Under the provisions regarding filling town board vacancies in Minn. Stat. § 367.03, subd. 6, the remaining town board members and the clerk form the Appointment Committee. The Committee is given the authority to select and appoint a supervisor to fill the vacancy until the next township election. This position will be nominated for appointment at the next regular board meeting on Wednesday January 20, 2021, 7PM.

Introductions – Chair Bryan Adams

Chair Adams discussed the process with the candidates and discussed the background of township government.

Township Supervisor D Candidates – Roundtable Interview (Candidates Listed Alphabetically)

A. Janine Arnold –

- Janine has lived in Orrock for 20 years. She is a Senior Financial Analyst at General Mills and has worked there for 25 years. Janine stated that she now has the capacity to do activities that allow her to stay relevant and engaged. She is on the Sherburne County Trail Association Board of Directors and is the Treasurer of the Big Lake Sno-Cruisers and finds her volunteer work rewarding.

B. Florian (Flo) Kinzel –

- Flo retired in April from a corporate career. Flo stated that, since he is retired, he has time to dedicate to the position. He has a woodshop, works on cars and does consulting. Flo stated

that he is very used to meetings and the politics of meetings. He has a farm that is in Todd County. Flo has lived in Orrock Township since 2008.

C. Lucas (Luke) Masica –

- Luke has lived Orrock Township for eight years. He has been in various parts of construction and six years ago he moved to upper management and is not in the field anymore. Now that he is no longer working in the field, Luke has a more regular work schedule. Luke told the board that he had thought about running for the position in the election and make the decision to apply when the position became open. Luke stated that he wants to give back to the community.

D. Jesse Ross –

- Jesse is currently a plant manager at Bernatello Foods and prior to that he was a plant manager at Phillips Distilling Company. Jesse stated that he was on the Anoka Community College board of directors and found that interesting. He told the board that he now has time to be on the board. Jesse has been a resident of Orrock Township for five years.

The following questions were asked of the candidates and they each gave their responses.

1. Please give a brief introduction of who you are and your background including address and how long you have been an Orrock Township resident.
2. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
3. Why do you desire to become an Orrock Township supervisor?
4. What are your interests/hobbies that you enjoy?
5. What number 1 item can you add to this Board that will help in the operation of the Orrock Township government?
6. What are your expectations or issues you want to address as a township supervisor and is there anything that you feel needs to be improved?
7. Have you ever attended an Orrock Township Board Meeting? If so, please state your reason for attending the meeting and what did you like or dislike about that meeting?
8. What is your experience with Minnesota laws pertaining to the operation of a Township particularly about Townships the size of Orrock Township?
9. Have you any experience in a leadership/board member position in a governmental, club or other type of organization? If so, please tell us about these positions and your experience in them.
10. Will your schedule allow you to participate, beyond the normal monthly board meetings for Committee meetings, availability to return/research Orrock Township resident concerns and/or meet with county governmental organizations?
11. Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is the townships representative at the State legislative level and provides extensive training, policy advice and legal support. Are you willing to participate in these training opportunities?
12. What questions do you have of us?

Township Supervisor D Candidates - Discussion

Chair Adams thanked the candidates for attending and noted that any of the candidates would do well in the position.

Adjournment

Motion/Second to adjourn the special meeting by: Ellinger/Felber. In favor: Adams, Ellinger, Felber & Hassett. Opposed: none. Abstained: None.

Motion Passed, adjourning the Special Meeting, on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Weber
Town of Orrock, Clerk

Accepted this 20th day of January 2021 by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

Bryan Adams, Chair

Attest: _____
Chris Weber, Town Clerk