



Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025- 6:00PM

The Orrock Township Board met in special session, on Thursday, January 14, 2025, at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 – 180th St. NW, Big Lake, Minnesota.

In attendance were Chair Bryan Adams, Supervisors Paul Ellinger, Anne Felber, Peter Owen, Dalton Keiderling and Clerk Shelley Erickson. Also, in attendance were the Interim Treasurer Gary Goldsmith and three of the five candidates.

A quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Adams, at 6:00PM and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

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 treasurer to fill the vacancy until the next township election. The term of the interim treasurer will be until the next election in November, 2026.

#### **Introductions – Chair Bryan Adams**

Chair Adams discussed the process with the candidates and discussed the background of township government, referencing the MN statute 367.16, that explains the treasurers duties.

#### **Public Comment regarding Treasurer Vacancy**

There were two public attendees. No comments were made.

#### **Interim Township Treasurer Applicants – Roundtable Interview (Candidates Listed Alphabetically)**

- A. Scott Hendrickson – Did not attend the meeting. No reason was given.
- B. Beverly Knutson – Beverly is a native of Becker and has been a resident of Orrock Township for 9yrs. She is retiring soon. Enjoys working with and giving back to the community. Has served as an election judge. She is good at organizing and multi-tasking.
- C. Kellie McConville – Kellie has been a resident of the Township for 6 ½ years. She has worked for the city. She is very detailed and a quick learner. She is educated in management and data processing. Currently working as a Park & Recreation Administrative assistant. She likes to be active in the community.
- D. Jaclyn Van Horten – Was not able to attend.
- E. Alicia Zellner – Alicia is a 6-year resident of Orrock Township. She is skilled with accounting. She has good knowledge of Excell and has cash office and banking experience.

Some of 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 treasurer?
4. What is your type of employment or career path that you are currently pursuing?
5. What are your interests/hobbies that you enjoy?
6. What number 1 item can you add to this Board that will help in the operation of the Orrock Township government?
7. What is your accounting and government experience?
8. 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?
9. What is your experience with Minnesota laws pertaining to the operation of a Township particularly about Townships the size of Orrock Township?
10. 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.
11. Will your schedule allow you to dedicate 15-20 hours per month to the treasurer position and will you be available to attending monthly board meetings, and any other committee meetings that may require the treasurer's attendance?
12. 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?
13. What questions do you have of us?

#### **Questions for candidates From The Floor**

There were no questions from the floor.

#### **Township Treasurer Candidates – Discussion**

There was some discussion and a final decision will be made at the January 22nd meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Motion Passed, adjourning the Special Meeting, on Thursday, January 14, 2025 at 7:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Erickson  
Town of Orrock, Clerk

Accepted this **22nd** day of January 2025 by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

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Bryan Adams, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Erickson, Town Clerk