

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 30, 2009  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Bard, Trustee Binns, Trustee Bole, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema,  
Supervisor St. Amour

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Eklund and three (3) interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor St. Amour called the Thursday, July 30, 2009 Special Meeting of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:02 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

**AGENDA:**

Accept or amend the July 30, 2009 Special Meeting Agenda of the Township of Fruitland.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Bole, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the July 30, 2009 Special Meeting Agenda of the Township of Fruitland.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Citizens Advisory Regulatory Ordinance Committee – Supervisor St. Amour stated that an additional member, Lyle Kops, has agreed to serve on this committee.

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Clerk Rillema, ***ADOPTED***, to accept Lyle Kops as a member of the Citizens Advisory Regulatory Ordinance Committee.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6AYES**

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2. Treasurer Appointment – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received several phone calls inquiring about this position and five resumes of which four our Fruitland Township

Residents. The criteria to be considered for this position is that a candidate must be a qualified elector (must be 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen and lived in the township at least 30 days), and be a registered voter. The person to fill the vacancy must take the oath of office, appoint a deputy and post a surety bond. The salary will remain the same. This vacancy occurs more than 182 days from the next general November election, so the appointed person must run in the primary and general election in 2010.

Patti Laird, Gee Achterhoff, Norma Binns and Melissa Hepler were present for questions from the Board. Matt Burns was not present for questions.

Questions related to accounting software, accounting functions, bank reconciliation, budget preparation. working in small office environment, being in the public eye, knowledge of Fruitland Township and college class courses completed were asked of the candidates. Trustee Binns abstained from questioning as she was a candidate also.

Attorney Eklund excused himself from the meeting at 12:20 PM and Supervisor St. Amour asked for a short recess.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Bole, ***ADOPTED***, to take a ten minute recess.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6AYES***

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to call the meeting back into order.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6AYES***

After much discussion amongst the board about the candidates, Clerk Rillema made the following motion with a second by Trustee Deur.

I move to appoint Melissa Hepler as the appointed Treasurer through November 2010 general election subject to the passing of a physical, drug test, background check and credit check effective Monday, August 3, 2009.

*Upon Voice Vote: **5AYES, 1ABSTENTION***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Thursday, July 30, 2009 Special Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 1:15 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6AYES**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland