



Village of Lily Lake

Special Board Meeting
Approved Minutes
November 20th, 2024

Call to Order

President Diehl called the Special Board Meeting of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: President Kelly Diehl, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Shelly Blomberg, Trustee Donald Butler, Trustee Pam Conn, Trustee Mary Ormond, and Trustee Travis Parry.

Absent:

Also Present: Lisa Engberg (Village Treasurer) James Vasselli (Village Attorney)

Public/Guests Shannon Battersby, Danny Lenart, Mike Carlson, Hope McDonald, Joan Heinzerling, Jesse & Brian Heffernan, Debra Roberts, Steven Turcios, Tom, Missy & Bret Barton

Procedural Motion to Appoint James Vasselli as Recording Secretary

Motion by Trustee Parry, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to appoint James Vasselli as Recording Secretary.
Voice vote, motion passes unanimously.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Parry, to adopt the November 20th, 2024 Agenda as presented.
Voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Trustee Butler, ask for a Motion for Closed Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Blomberg.
Voice vote, *motion passed unanimously. 7:03pm*
Special Meeting Resumes at 7:27 pm with all board members present.

Guest and Public Comment

Jesse Heffernan spoke and requested her response to the memorandum dated 11/13/2024 for removal, be added to the minutes verbatim, Mr. Vasselli agreed. See attached the statement. Richard Johansen was dissatisfied by this lady here in not having a key to the Township office. Steve Thuer expressed his dissatisfaction with dealing with Jesse going back 2011, Mr. Thuer has felt harassed in not being able to use his property because of zoning. Hope McDonald, expressed her concerns about the whole procedure in removal of the village clerk, ask if the open meeting act was observed. Asked if the new appointment for clerk had been posted, she was surprised in what was happening and encouraged the board to be open, transparent and forthcoming.

Ordinance 2024-15 Amending the Village Code: Appointment and Removal of Officers

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Butler, to approve Ordinance 2024-15 Amending the code to appoint and remove Village Officers. Mr. Vasselli explained this is to revise the village code to ensure it is in compliance with state law. Trustee Parry asked why the Clerk is able to appoint the deputy clerk. Mr. Vasselli responded, under Municipal Code the Village Clerk has the right to appoint as many deputies as local law provides. Trustee Conn asked besides the strike's through were they the only changes from old. Mr. Vasselli responded Strikes are removals, underlines are addition and certain provisions are repealed.
No further comment. *Roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 2 Abstention, motion passes.*

Motion to Uphold Removal of Village Clerk:

President called for a Motion 3 times to Uphold the Removal of Clerk.
At 7:38pm No Motion was taken.

Resolution 2024-42 Appointing Shannon Battersby as Village Clerk

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Parry, to approve Resolution 2024-42 to appoint Shannon Battersby as Village Clerk. Trustee Conn asked why the vacant position had not been advertised, President Diehl explained he has the right to appoint, the board has the right to say yes or no. Shannon comes recommended by the Burlington Clerk and Deputy Clerk. Trustee Butler wanted to clarify if there was lotted time. The President confirmed that Shannon was on a 6-month trial period.

No further discussion. *Roll Call vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Shannon Battersby takes the Oath of Office.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Parry, seconded by Trustee Anderson to adjourn at 7:46pm.

Voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Juliette Kerr; Deputy Clerk.

11/20/2024

Village of Lily Lake – Special Meeting (see attached agenda)

Response to Memorandum dated 11/13/2024

Regarding the charges for removal that have been brought against me through the service of the November 13, 2024 Memorandum presented by President Diehl and in the presence of Trustee Anderson and Attorney Vasselli, I offer the following response:

1. “Failure to Discharge Duties as Directed”
 - a. This charge is vague and ill-defined, providing neither incident nor warning
2. Inadequate Oversight of the Village Attorney
 - a. Legal activity cannot and should not be checked or managed by one who does not hold a law degree. Oversight of an attorney cannot be properly conducted by one who is not an attorney themselves.

The charges are unfair, unclear, and I cannot provide adequate evidence or testimony to further my defense based on the responses provided above.

Jesse Heffernan



AGENDA

Village of Lily Lake

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Special Board Meeting

7:00 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Closed Session
5. Introduce Guests and Public Comment
6. **Ordinance**: Amend the Village Code: Appointment and Removal of Officers.
7. **Uphold Removal of Village Clerk**: Uphold removal of Village Clerk from Office.
8. **Appoint new Village Clerk**: Approve appointment of new Village Clerk to Office.
9. Adjourn

I, Kelly Diehl, Village Mayor, call a Special Meeting of the Village Board to be held at the time, date and location indicated above for the purposes of considering the items on this agenda.

