

**COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

**OPENING**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 East Main Street, Collinsville, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Terry Allan at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present:

Trustee Mike Foley (by phone)

Trustee James Stack (by phone)

Trustee Derrick Cox

Trustee Robert Milam

Supervisor Terry Allan (by phone)

Also present were Attorney Justin Mattea and Clerk Cathy Allison.

Public attending were Mark Achenbach, Clint Ball, Stephanie Malench and Phil Astrauskas.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mark Achenbach** (Maryville) Thanked Supervisor Allan for his lifetime of public service. He is a true gentleman. Mr. Achenbach apologized for the email he had sent to Clerk Allison and Office Manager Jackson regarding a violation to the Open Meetings Act (OPA). It was an error on his part. A few months back at a meeting where the supervisor was not present, the previous attorney advised that since there were three people present, they only needed two votes in order to select a supervisor pro-tem. Per the OMA, that is wrong. A five-member board has the necessity to have three people to make a quorum. Once you have a quorum, to pass any motion, resolution or ordinance, you must have the three affirmative votes. Tonight, you need to pick a deputy supervisor. You have 60 days to pick someone. The township is currently closed. Why not pick the most senior trustee to be the deputy supervisor and let him run tonight's meeting?

**Clint Ball** (Collinsville) Thanked Supervisor Allan for his service. Doing an appointment this evening in this matter and time, you are not serving the community that you are supposed to be.

**Phil Astrauskas** (Collinsville) He thanked Supervisor Allan for his 43 years of service. The board needs to change the by-laws. Something is wrong. This township is surrounded with people that do not do what the taxpayers want them to do. Ridiculous to be doing this meeting by phone. If Dan Hopkins is the one to be supervisor, he feels this is the most cowardly act you can do. The taxpayers deserve better.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Accept resignation of township supervisor** - Trustee Cox asked if the board was going to select a pro-tem before or after approving the resignation of Supervisor Allan. Attorney Mattea said there is not a pro-tem. It is under the same action item. We can do both back to back. He has no problem with appointing a pro-tem in between Supervisor Allan's resignation and then discuss and vote on the new

supervisor. Trustee Milam said Supervisor Allan would have to resign first. Attorney Mattea said the board would select a deputy supervisor under the statute. Trustee Foley thanked Supervisor Allan for his service. Attorney Mattea believes everybody respects Supervisor Allan and his service. He hopes the board seriously considers putting it on some future agenda to honor Supervisor Allan. Trustee Stack said Supervisor Allan has always been known to be the best township supervisor. Attorney Mattea said it was okay to accept the resignation of the supervisor and discuss and try to vote in a new one or if the board would prefer to appoint a deputy supervisor. Trustee Cox said the board could take multiple nominations. Attorney Mattea said you are free to nominate tonight if you have someone else you would like to nominate. Motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Allan was made by Trustee Milam and seconded by Trustee Stack. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

**Discuss and vote filling of township supervisor vacancy** – Trustee Cox nominated Trustee Foley as pro-tem. Attorney Mattea said Section b2 talks about a deputy supervisor when you are dealing with issues of the supervisor. When a vacancy is being filled under Section A for the township supervisor, then you are appointing a deputy supervisor. Trustee Cox asked if the board had 60 days. Attorney Mattea said yes. Trustee Foley declined the nomination. Trustee Stack asked if they could go forward or did they need a supervisor pro-tem. Attorney Mattea said the board needs to decide whether they want to vote for a deputy supervisor or just make a nomination for supervisor. Trustee Cox nominated Trustee Foley to be the supervisor until the board can meet under better circumstances. Trustee Stack said Trustee Foley turned it down. Trustee Foley confirmed he did not want it. Trustee Cox nominated Vicky Jackson. Trustee Milam asked how she was going to run the meeting when she is not here. Trustee Cox said he nominated her for actual supervisor. Trustee Stack nominated Dan Hopkins and Trustee Foley second it. Trustee Milam asked Trustee Cox if he nominated Vicky Jackson. Trustee Cox said yes, but it did not get a second. Trustee Cox voiced his opposition to Dan Hopkins. Dan has been consistently absent, irresponsible and votes for things contrary that are best for the public. He has not earned the opportunity to be considered for supervisor. There is no reason to do this tonight. Trustee Stack said besmudging Dan's character is horrible. Trustee Cox asked how do we know Dan wants to accept this. Trustee Milam asked how do we know Vicky Jackson wanted to accept it. Roll call found the vote three ayes and one nay. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the nay vote.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Milam to adjourn the meeting. Roll call found the vote three ayes and one nay. Trustee Stack was the nay vote. Motion passed. Time 7:36 p.m.

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Daniel R. Hopkins, Township Supervisor

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Cathy Allison, Township Clerk