

**SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**May 17, 2011
DELRAN, NJ**

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times May 15, 2011 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow were present.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Long, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk

DISCUSSION ON NAMING A REPLACEMENT FOR JOHN MORAN

Mr. Morrow stated that everyone has received a copy of the two resumes which were submitted. Mr. Morrow stated that he feels Randy Belin would be a great candidate for a position on the Planning Board due to his background in Housing and Community Development, but does not feel his place is on Council at this time. He feels that Gina Reed has worked hard for this Township for many years and is recommending that Mrs. Reed be named as the replacement for John Moran.

Mr. Long stated that he has sent several message laying out the procedure for the process of naming a replacement; however due to a problem with their e-mails they were never received. Statutorily there are no guidelines other than that the appointment is made by Council.

Mr. Paris stated that he believed that at the last meeting we agreed to form a sub-committee that would make their recommendations back to Council and that they would be interviewed at the next work session. He asked if we are doing that or if we are deciding tonight.

Mr. Morrow stated that he feels we are following a similar procedure that we followed when he was appointed to Council. There was no sub-committee at that time.

Mr. Long stated that they can decide to do this any way they can. He was just concerned that a procedure was laid out and not followed. He asked that for the record they state they are deviating from the procedure that they laid out.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that Council did receive both resumes and reached out to both candidates.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion that we deviate from the procedure that we laid out at the last work session and appoint Gina Reed to fill the vacancy in the At-Large Council seat, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

REPORTS

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris stated that as far as he is concerned it is sad that Randy Belin showed a major interest and he does not feel he was given the proper open opportunity to interview with everyone in person like we were suppose to. He feels that this was decided behind closed doors and he does not feel that this was the proper way to treat an

individual that was interested in running for Council. He believes we should always be open and transparent and he does not believe Council followed his lead.

Mr. Morrow stated that on his behalf, he did have dinner with Mr. Belin and everyone did speak with him on the phone.

Mr. Paris asked why if everyone was already in agreement with the appointment, we had an extra meeting tonight instead of naming the replacement tomorrow night. We had to pay for the Attorney to be here and it is taxpayer's money.

Mr. Catrambone stated that since Mr. Morrow is unable to attend the work session tomorrow night, Mr. Long recommended that we have the meeting tonight.

Mr. Long stated that he suggested that we have the entire work session tonight not have two meetings.

Mr. Paris asked that someone brief Mr. Belin on Council's decision tonight since he just arrived to the meeting.

Mr. Morrow stated that Council made the decision to appoint Gina Reed as the replacement. He stated that the reason he made that decision was because she brings a lot of energy and things to the table that we need right now. Mr. Morrow stated that he would like Mr. Bolin to serve on the Planning Board when a seat opens.

Mr. Catrambone stated that all of Council was very impressed by his resume and would love for him to stay involved. Mr. Catrambone stated that Gina Reed has been a part of this team for a long time.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Kolodi made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, motion approved.

Randy Belin thanked Council for sharing the decision with him. It is an honor to be considered for this opportunity. This was not on his to do list. Both he and his wife agreed that if he can support this community in any way he was more than willing to step up. He is a little disappointed. He feels he brings a unique prospective and value skill set that could benefit the community. He understands that Council went through their process and made their decision but would like to continue to be involved in this community.

Mr. Morrow stated that he commends him for coming forward to be involved because there are not a lot of people willing to serve. He would love to get him involved in the Planning Board when a position opens up.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that this was also not on her to do list but it is important to serve. She feels that we would all consider him for a position within the town.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to end the public portion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Catrambone. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk

