

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN

August 20, 2009
Champaign City Building
102 North Neil Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820
7:00 p.m.

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of the City of Champaign, Champaign, Illinois was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Town Clerk, Marilyn L. Banks.

Nomination and Appointment of Moderator:

The Town Clerk called for the nomination of a moderator. Elector Pam Borowski, 1111B Plymouth Dr., nominated Gerald Schweighart to serve as Moderator. There were no other nominations. Town Clerk Banks closed the floor for nominations. A voice vote was taken for Gerald Schweighart to serve as Moderator for the Special Town meeting. All voted ayes, no opposition or abstentions.

Oath of Office of Moderator:

The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to Gerald Schweighart as the Moderator.

Moderator Schweighart thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He asked Township Attorney Stavins to read a script regarding certain aspects of the meeting including:

- Two substantive items on the agenda including the sale of Township owned real estate at 603 South Randolph and 201 West Green; and to purchase real estate for replacement offices though no specific real estate is proposed for purchase at this time.
- The signup sheet will be used as a method of calculating the number of votes required. Voting will be done by requesting eligible voters (those who have registered) to stand and count off. If you leave before the end of the meeting, please notify the Clerk, as a means of knowing how many registered voters are in the room. For discrepancies in the numbers and the votes are close, then a roll-call vote may be required. This will be determined by the moderator.

For the interest of time, it was suggested that the public input section be used to address something concerning the sale or purchase of land. The Township Supervisor will be asked to first provide an overview of the proposed resolutions.

The script included a list of suggested rules to maintain an orderly proceeding including:

1. Electors will be asked to motion and second each resolution called. The name and address of the elector providing the motion and second will be recorded in the minutes. Once moved and seconded, each elector can speak to the item. Electors were asked not to repeat comments that may have been made during the public input section.
2. Electors will be allowed to speak on each agenda item once for a period of five minutes. This time period is reasonably ample to state a person's opinion.
3. Do not speak more than once with respect to a substantive agenda item in order that everyone may have an opportunity to speak.
4. Do not repeat points made by a previous speaker.
5. Be respectful of all speakers regardless of their opinions expressed.
6. A speaker must be recognized by the Moderator before speaking, coming to the podium and giving your name and address where you are registered to vote.
7. Direct remarks to the Moderator and the assembly of electors as a whole, not to individuals. Electors may pose questions to the Supervisor as to the rationale for the proposed resolutions.
8. Non-electors will be allowed to speak, but only after all electors have spoken. This is a quasi legislative assembly and it is not typical to have non-electors speaking. However, electors can limit speaking to electors by way of a motion.
9. Voting will be done by standing and counting off. Those present in the chambers and registered as electors, will be requested to vote. If present and you do not vote yes or no, your vote will be counted as an abstention. An abstention is counted with the prevailing said of the motion. You cannot be present and not be counted in some way. It will take a majority vote of electors present to pass any resolution or motion.
10. Common parliamentary procedure will be followed; and assistance of the Township Attorney may be sought in dealing with procedural matters.

Moderator Schweighart called for a vote of the electors on the rules as read. Township Clerk Banks asked all electors in support of adoption of the rules as read to signify by saying ayes. All voted ayes, no nays or abstentions were recorded.

Moderator Schweighart asked the Township Clerk to announce the next item on the agenda. Township Clerk Banks noted the next item on the agenda as citizen input.

Citizen Input:

Moderator Schweighart called for public input. Elector Borowski, Township Supervisor, provided a brief explanation of the offer for purchase of properties in the block where the Township buildings are located. She then provided pictures of the current deteriorating condition of the Township buildings and expressed her concern for safety of staff and clients based on the condition of the buildings, and concern with the ability to remain ADA compliant. She noted that if approved, appropriate locations would be found for replacement facilities, and that she would be fiscally responsible.

Elector Karen Foster, 2113 Blackthorn Dr., expressed support of the resolution also noting the poor condition of the Township buildings while touring the facilities; concern with ADA compliance; and she noted selling the properties would be appropriate.

Moderator Schweighart called for the next item on the agenda. Township Clerk Banks noted the next item on the agenda as

“Presentation of Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate, consisting of 603 S. Randolph St. and 201 W. Green St., Champaign, Illinois”.

Elector Pam Borowski, 1111B Plymouth Dr., moved, and Gordon Hulten, 4903 Watermark Dr., seconded, to approve the motion as read. There were no comments. Moderator Schweighart called for a vote of the motion. Township Clerk Banks asked for all those in favor of, then opposed to, then abstentions to the resolution to stand and count off. The count was 21 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Moderator Schweighart declared the resolution approved by the electors by a majority vote.

Moderator Schweighart then called for the next item on the agenda. Township Clerk Banks noted the next item as:

“Presentation of Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Purchase Real Estate”

Elector Pam Borowski, 1111B Plymouth Dr., moved, and Gordon Hulten, 4903 Watermark Dr., seconded, to approve the motion as read. There were no comments. Moderator Schweighart called for a vote of the motion. Township Clerk Banks asked for all those in favor of, then opposed to, then abstentions to the resolution to stand and count off. The count was 19 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Since the abstention counts toward the prevailing side, the vote would be 20 ayes, and 1 nay. Moderator Schweighart declared the resolution approved by the electors by a majority vote.

Adjournment:

There being no other business before the Electorate, Moderator Schweighart called for a motion to adjourn. Elector Pam Borowski, 1111B Plymouth Dr. moved, and Gordon Hulten, 4903 Watermark Dr. seconded the motion to adjourn. A voice vote was taken on the motion to adjourn the Special Township Meeting; all voted ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
Town Clerk

Gerald J. Schweighart
Moderator