

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Stephen Brame (arrived 7:58 p.m.)
Michael Ehret
Robert Kulak
Leona Maffei
Bruce Kmosko (Alt. #1)
John Gladwell (Alt. #2) (arrived 7:40 p.m.)
Charles Lavine, Vice Chair
Peter F. Kremer, Chair

Absent: Cathleen Lewis (Excused absence)

Also Present: Brenda Kraemer, P.E., Assistant Municipal Engineer
David M. Roskos, Attorney, Sterns & Weinroth
Brian Slauch, P.E., Planning Consultant, Clarke Caton & Hintz
Sara A. Summiel, Recording Secretary

1. Statement of Adequate Notice

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Zoning Board has been provided by filing the annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk as required by law; by filing the agenda and notice with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger newspapers on Friday, February 13, 2009.

2. Public Participation - None

3. Closed Session – Interviews for Board Attorney

Mr. Lavine moved and Mr. Ehret seconded to approve the Board to enter Closed Session. All present voted yes.

4. Interview of Candidates

The Board interviewed the following individuals.

- Michael P. Balint, Esquire (Michael P. Balint, P.C.)
- Edwin W. Schmierer, Esquire (Mason, Griffin & Pierson)
- Christopher K. Costa, Esquire (Backes & Hill)

Note: Rachel Doobrajh, Esquire, was not present due to a family emergency and was not interviewed.

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5. Discussion and Appointment of Board Attorney

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Ehret did not participate in the interview process or discussion in regard to Mr. Schmierer.

A discussion took place by the Board in a Closed Session following the Interview Process. It was the Board's expressed opinion that Edwin W. Schmierer, Esquire, representing the firm of Mason, Griffin & Pierson would best serve the Lawrence Township Zoning Board due to his experience and expertise in the Municipal Land Use Law and Cell Tower applications.

Mrs. Kraemer stated that she would make contact with Mr. Schmierer and provide the Board's offer for appointment and request his willingness to accept the outlined hourly rate by the Township even though Mr. Schmierer stated a higher hourly rate.

The following action took place by the Board:


Mr. Brame moved and Mrs. Maffei seconded to approve an offer for the appointment of Edwin W. Schmierer, Esq., to serve the Lawrence Township Zoning Board, as Board Attorney.

Vote:

AYES: Brame, Kulak, Maffei, Kmosko, Lavine, Kremer
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis
ABSTAINED: Ehret
PRESENT, INELIGIBLE TO VOTE: Gladwell

Mr. Lavine moved and Mr. Ehret seconded to approve the Board to leave Closed Session. All present voted yes.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara A. Summiel
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved, as Amended April 15, 2009