

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2009
7:30 PM**

1. Call Regular Board Meeting to Order

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Clerk Frigo was directed to do a Roll Call. Present were as follows: Supervisor Moore, Assessor Ottley, Clerk Frigo, Trustees LaPorta, McMahon, Murphy and Zirk.

3. Public Comments

The following people made public comments: Dan Ziller, Sr. and Carroll Doden.

4. Board Retreat

A discussion was for Board Retreat was held and the following parties commented. No action was taken.

Supervisor Moore read the following into the record: A discussion will be held by the Board to identify and share common ground and to develop consensus and cooperation among Board members.

Supervisor Moore suggested that Richard Flood act as facilitator. Mr. Flood stated that he is not acting as the facilitator. He briefly explained that Supervisor Moore invited him to the Special Meeting.

Mr. Flood explained the strategic planning sessions and informed all of the pros, cons, obstacles, visions, and strategies of such.

Supervisor Moore called for comments and questions.

Assessor Ottley referred to the board packet from the May 2009 Board meeting and made comparisons and corrections showing that the propaganda was incorrect. (Referencing the Bunt, Sass, Ketchmark report)

Supervisor Moore did not wish to comment and stated that the numbers were wrong.

Assessor Ottley explained the tax cap/homeowner exemption/senior exemption.

Trustee McMahon gave an example of his tax bill referencing true tax rate. Assessor Ottley explained the difference from this year to last year.

Trustee LaPorta stated that the strategic plan would be beneficial. He added that he asked Supervisor Moore to call this special meeting.

He stated the following:

- Prior term Board and Staff worked productively

Trustee LaPorta continued:

- Issues with employees-causing undue stress to employees
- Reduction of hours of employees

Supervisor Moore stated that the employees are under her supervision.

- Unfair treatment of the Township Clerk
- Posting of legal notices with Township Clerks name
- Copy machine placed in the Township Clerks office
- Locks changed
- Reduction of Food Pantry hours
- Entry and drop off items for Food Pantry limited

Supervisor Moore stated that she heard what Trustee LaPorta said, but disagrees with all of the items stated by Trustee LaPorta.

Trustee Zirk gave an example. Trustee LaPorta explained that Supervisor Moore changed and cancelled the regular monthly Board meeting for June 2009. Supervisor Moore stated that rescheduling the meeting was necessary to give the required thirty day notice for a budget hearing.

James Kelly stated that there are serious issues confronting the Township. He also concurred with Mr. Flood about strategic planning and the procedures to follow. He suggested utilizing Bryan Smith and Jerry Crabtree from TOI as facilitators.

Assessor Ottley stated that because of the regularly scheduled board meeting cancellation, he will incur finance charges on bills that are past due.

Supervisor Moore stated that the bills could not be paid because the item is not on the agenda.

Trustee Murphy suggested placing everything in writing, the need to compromise, hiring of a corporate attorney and special attorney for litigation. She added that a Planning Commission would be beneficial and has completed her application form for the Committee for the Disabled.

Patricia Driscoll-Shaw spoke about strategic planning, specific issues regarding employees and her excitement with the new building.

Trustee Murphy referenced bills and the Supervisor's approval to pay the bills. An emergency ordinance was discussed. Trustee Zirk suggested implementing a policy and procedure for such.

Mary Hardy informed all of the controversy she encountered with Supervisor Moore.

Supervisor Moore denied such and stated that she never said what Mary Hardy was referring to.

5. Adjournment

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dina M. Frigo
Township Clerk