



Town of Griswold



**Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015
6:30 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Gail Rooke-Norman – Acting Chairman
Brian Baker
Scott Davis
Peter Dorff
Gary Levy
Daniel Webster

Also Present:

Steve Mikutel
John Wolkowski
Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary
13 Other People

2. New Business

a. Executive Session: Discussion regarding appointment of new member to fill vacancy on board.

G. Rooke-Norman noted the resignation of Steve Merchant Sr. effective November 4, 2015 and stated the Board has 30 days to fill the vacancy. G. Rooke-Norman asked if the discussion should be in executive session. The interested candidates were asked if they were ok with discussions being held in executive session. S. Mikutel responded yes while J. Wolkowski said it did not matter to him. **MOTION:** G. Levy made a **motion** to go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidates. There was no second. The **motion died on the floor.**

b. Discussion and possible action on appointment of new member to fill vacancy on Board.

The BOF received four letters of interest for the vacancy. John Wolkowski, Steve Mikutel, Joseph Przylucki, and Mark Boulanger Jr. all expressed their interest in the vacancy. D. Webster noted the position does not have to be filled by a Democrat and was unsure that all interested parties had the opportunity to express their desire to join the Board because we did not find this out until very recently. G. Rooke-Norman felt there was sufficient public knowledge regarding the position.

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to postpone the vote to fill the vacancy to another special meeting later in November. The **motion failed** with B. Baker, P. Dorff and D. Webster in favor and S. Davis, G. Levy and G. Rooke-Norman against.

G. Rooke-Norman then discussed the voting procedures. She stated that because there is more than three candidates Robert's rules indicate a plurality is an accepted determination and wants to know if we are looking for a majority or plurality. **MOTION:** G. Levy made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to vote on the majority. The **motion carried** with B. Baker, P. Dorff, G. Levy and D. Webster in favor and S. Davis and G. Rooke-Norman against.

The Board gave the candidates an opportunity to make a statement. S. Mikutel and J. Wolkowski made a statement to the Board on why they want to be appointed. The Board then had a question and answer period with the candidates present.

MOTION: G. Levy made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to nominate S. Mikutel for consideration of the vacant seat. All in favor; **motion carried.**

MOTION: P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to nominate J. Przulucki for consideration of the vacant seat. All in favor with the exception of G. Levy; **motion carried.**

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis to nominate J. Wolkowski for consideration of the vacant seat. All in favor; **motion carried.**

MOTION: D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to nominate M. Boulanger Jr. for consideration of the vacant seat. All in favor; **motion carried.**

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by G. Levy that nominations be closed. All in favor; **motion carried.**

G. Rooke-Norman asked Norm Higgins to be the counter of the ballots with the assistance of the Finance Director. There was discussion regarding the voting procedures. **MOTION:** P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis that the lowest vote getter gets dropped from the ballot after each round. All in favor; **motion carried.**

The voting then proceeded with the following results:

Round 1

M. Boulanger Jr. – 0

S. Mikutel – 2

J. Przulucki – 2

J. Wolkowski – 2

Round 2

S. Mikutel – 1

J. Przulucki – 3

J. Wolkowski – 2

Round 3
J. Przylucki – 3
J. Wolkowski – 3

Round 4
J. Przylucki – 3
J. Wolkowski – 3

Round 5
J. Przylucki – 3
J. Wolkowski – 3

As a result of the stalemate in voting, the Board decided to postpone the vote to another special meeting with details to be determined at the regular meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** G. Rooke-Norman adjourned the meeting at 7:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Bell
Recording Secretary