

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Clubhouse
May 9, 2013**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Minelli, Clerk Nordeen, Treasurer Roberts, and Trustee Adams.

Board Members Absent: Trustee Armatti, excused.

Also Present: Superior Extrusion Inc. Vice President Dean Borlace, Superior Extrusion Inc. Board Member Trustee George LaBlonde III, Forsyth Township Assessor Henry DeGroot, Library Board President Donna Adams, Chamber of Commerce Director Jeanette Maki, concerned residents and township employees.

Agenda: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: George LaBlonde III requested reservation to speak during Action Item 6a. Dean Borlace requested reservation to speak during Action Item 6b. Supervisor Minelli granted the request for Mr. LaBlonde III and Mr. Borlace.

Superior Extrusion Inc. Public Hearing: Supervisor Minelli opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.. Library President Donna Adams asked for clarification of the Tax Abatement. Assessor DeGroot and Supervisor Minelli explained, in detail, what the abatement would entail. Superior Extrusion is asking for a 50% abatement for 12 years, on the expansion portion only. The previous Industrial Facility Tax Exemption (IFTE) is separate from the one that is being applied for at this time. Mr. LaBlonde asked Trustee Adams to comment on the intentions of the Board when the initial IFTE was requested. Trustee Adams stated the intentions of the Board in 2007, was to assist in the success of a business to hire local people and to help with the struggles of an expanding business. Superior Extrusion currently has approximately 65 employees that live in Forsyth Township. Mr. Borlace stated that their competitors are closer to their market areas. The transportation costs for Superior Extrusions to stay in this area, are a significant concern for the company. If they receive the abatement, it would make the financial strain easier. Clerk Nordeen reminded the Board that the company currently has 128 employees, and are expecting to add another 6-10 employees. She has toured the plant, and thought it was quite impressive. She also believes that the company provides an opportunity to some high school graduates that many other businesses could not provide. Supervisor Minelli reminded the Board that the township is on hard economic times, and that it takes money to sustain a community like ours. He agreed that the company is successful, and he is appreciative of the opportunities the company has made, but does not want the township to go without services it needs which are supported with the taxes. Trustee Adams echoed Supervisor Minelli's concerns, stating he felt that he had concerns for the emergency services that are currently under funded. Assessor DeGroot stated that the first year would amount to approximately a deficit of \$3,600.00. Mr. Borlace stated that the first year would affect them with an approximate savings of \$22,000.00. Treasurer Roberts would like to comprise.

Superior Extrusion Inc. IDD (6a.): Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to adopt the Superior Extrusion Inc. IDD resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Nordeen – aye, Roberts – aye, Adams – nay, Minelli – aye, Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

Superior Extrusion Inc. IFT (6b.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Nordeen, to adopt the Superior Extrusion Inc. Industrial Facility Tax Exemption resolution as presented, for four (4) years at fifty percent (50%). Roll Call Vote: Nordeen – aye, Roberts – aye, Adams – nay, Minelli – aye, Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

Clubhouse Columns (6c.): Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to approve the estimate from Ace Hardware, for \$2,102.04, to replace the Clubhouse column. Discussion ensued. Eric Jansci, Public Works Supervisor, stated that when the column was inspected, it was found to be structurally unsound. The column cannot be repaired. It must be replaced. Motion carried.

Rental Agreement (6d.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to discuss the Rental Agreement suggestions. Discussion ensued. Clarifications need to be made. Insurance hazards need to be addressed. Motion by Minelli, supported by Roberts to postpone until further information is gathered. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Borlace thanked the Board for their time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

The Board thanked Superior Extrusion Inc. for their business.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary