

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Clubhouse
January 8, 2015**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Gordon Warchock, Alison Thomma, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Public Comment: Lynn Rodgers expressed her concern over the placement of Public Comment on the Agenda. She would like it moved to a position after "Approval of the Agenda", so the public may speak on matters prior to action being taken by the Board. Dale Ackerly reiterated his recommendation for Mr. Warchock to fill the Chief of Police position.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Hire Police Chief (5a.): Supervisor Minelli stated that all the candidates did an excellent job during their interviews. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to hire Gordon Warchock as the Forsyth Township Police Chief. Motion carried. Treasurer Roberts and Trustee Adams will start the contract negotiation process with Mr. Warchock. Mr. Warchock thanked the Board and was enthusiastic about working with the members of the Police Department.

Hire Zoning Official/Assessing Assistant (5b.): Supervisor Minelli commented on the excellent candidates that were interviewed. Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to hire Alison Thomma as the Zoning Official/Assessing Assistant. Motion carried. Mrs. Thomma thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Public Comment: Dale Ackerly stated that much money has been spent on Police Department equipment and supplies, however, the millage was approved to put coverage on the streets. The millage was intended that there would be 24 hour coverage but we currently do not have that. He asked where the coverage was.

Board Member Comment: Trustee Adams agreed with the movement of the public comment on the agenda. Supervisor Minelli stated it was not an ideal situation to add items to the agenda. Trustee Bodenus congratulated Gordon Warchock and Alison Thomma, and thanked Interim Police Chief LaFave for the job he has done for the Township.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary

Jane Nordeen
Forsyth Township Clerk