

Special Meeting of the Windemere Township Board for 2022 Union Contract/Budget/Road Maintenance - January 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Heidi Kroening. Others present were Supervisors Mark Dunaski & Tony Bakhtiari, Treasurer Ron Mossberg, Clerk Cindy Woltjer, Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau and Road Supervisor Mike Buetow. Also present were 4 residents and 6 participants via Zoom.

A motion was made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to close the meeting at 6:31 PM by Statute #13D.03 **CLOSED MEETINGS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY**. Vote Taken, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

Closed meeting roll call included Chair Heidi Kroening, Supervisor Mark Dunaski, Supervisor Tony Bakhtiari and Attorney Joseph J. Mihalek. Unanimous vote taken to close the contract discussion meeting at 7:06 PM.

The Special meeting was reopened at 7:06 PM.

Town Maintenance :

There was discussion about two separate models 1 – Having employees and the equipment to do the work properly and 2 – Go with a Contractor Model where the township would contract out all work and how do we go about calculating which will be better for the township. Chair Kroening stated she will not be voting on contract issues due to an old complaint made against her several years ago, of which she was exonerated.

Public Input :

The first resident talked about having a bad experience with a union representative in the past. He suggested a round table discussion with residents to come up with ideas. He said he would support the current model if it is shown to be economical.

The second resident suggested notifying the union for negotiations to meet the deadlines. He also expressed concerns about timely postings to the township website.

A third resident also suggested a round table discussion with residents and stated there are contractors in the area that are willing to work.

The fourth person was the business agent from the Local 49'rs union and just wanted the board to know that the union is not there to intimidate.

After public input the discussion went back to forming a round table. Supervisors Dunaski and Bakhtiari will individually gather information and report back to the board with a plan on how to proceed by the next regular meeting.

2022 Budget :

Two items were discussed. Zoning – and Road Maintenance.

Under Zoning – Zoning Administrator Dennis Genereau talked about updating the ordinance and hiring an attorney to do that. He stated the cost would probably be \$3000 to \$7000 and he would probably have a quote by the next regular meeting. He then talked about the blight problem in the township, having time limits on clean up and suggested the county attorney and sheriff should be involved in the process.

A motion made by Dunaski, seconded by Bakhtiari to add \$20,000 to the Planning and Zoning - Other to take care of the zoning ordinance updates and blight issues. Roll Call Vote Taken, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0. It was later decided to change this amount to \$10,000 and put the remaining \$10,000 into Planning and Zoning - Legal.

It was brought up that the township should pay for well testing for residents living next to the blighted property discussed at the December 9th regular meeting.

There was a discussion about the Cares/ARPA money and how it could be used. Treasurer Mossberg would be making the suggested changes to the budget to email to the supervisors before the January 13th regular board meeting.

ADJOURN :

Motion made by Kroening, seconded by Dunaski to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Roll Call Vote Taken, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye, Bakhtiari - Aye. Motion Passed 3/0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chair, Heidi Kroening