

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 21, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

**Supervisors Present:** Mr. George Reese                      Mr. R. Douglas Weimer  
Mr. Rob Ritson    Mr. Tom Logan

**Staff Present:** Mr. Scott Avolio                                      Mr. Douglas Cisco  
Mrs. Melanie Phillips    Mr. Andrew Walz  
Mr. Jason Winters    Ms. Anna Riddle  
Mr. Dan Schmitt

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

The Special Public Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman George Reese.

**2. HEARINGS:** None.

**3. CITIZENS COMMENTS (As Per Resolution #2012-24):** None.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** Mr. Reese stated there was an executive session held on February 8, 2018 for personnel reasons.

**5. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS:** Mr. Avolio stated that discussion would occur during the Public Works Session immediately after the meeting regarding scheduling a hearing for Agricultural Security for Heinnickel Luxor Development.

**6. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS:**

- a. **Penneco Conditional Use** – Mr. Ritson made a motion to table the decision of this item until the regular monthly Supervisor’s meeting, to be held on Monday, February 26, 2018. Mr. Logan seconded the motion. Vote: 4 – 0. Motion carried.

**7. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-36; Accepting the Resignation of Andrew Walz as Township Manager and Authorizing the Entry into a Separation Agreement** – At this point Mr. Weimer asked for an executive session for personnel reasons. Mr. Weimer, Mr. Ritson, Mr. Reese, Mr. Logan, Mr. Winters, and Mr. Avolio entered into an executive session at 7:08 p.m., and the meeting was then resumed at 7:22 p.m. Mr. Ritson then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the resolution to accept the resignation and enter into a separation agreement with Mr.

Walz. Mr. Weimer then asked if there would be any changes to the agreement or if the agreement would stand as written. Mr. Logan stated he had no changes. Mr. Ritson stated he had none. Mr. Reese stated he had none. Vote: 3 – 1 (Weimer). Mr. Weimer stated he was opposed based on the fact that the changes were not incorporated. Motion carried.

- b. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-37; Appointing an Interim Township Manager and Setting Forth Related Compensation** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ritson, to appoint Jason Winters as the Interim Township Manager and to set his compensation at \$2,500 per thirty (30) days of service, to be prorated in the event his service ends not on the thirty (30) days. Mr. Avolio added there would be a resolution prepared on this matter to be passed at a later meeting. Vote: 4 – 0. Motion carried.
- c. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-38; Approving the Appointment of a Member to the Board of Auditors to Fill a Vacancy Created by Resignation** – Mr. Ritson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to appoint Jennifer Bretz to the Board of Auditors to fill the current vacancy until January 6, 2020. Vote: 4 – 0. Motion carried.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-21; Which Appoints a Member to the Hempfield Township Planning Commission** – Mr. Ritson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to table the item. Vote: 4 – 0. Motion carried.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ritson, to advertise for the vacant Township Manager position. Vote: 4 – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Weimer then asked for an update on the Director of Public Safety position that is also vacant. Mr. Winters stated that it was posted on the Township website, as well as other government websites, and would be advertised in the newspaper starting tomorrow. Applications are due by March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be available for review by the Board at the Works Session in March.

**10. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:** Mr. Weimer stated that he wanted to thank Andrew Walz for his years of service to the Township and many accomplishments during his time as Township Manager for Hempfield. He wished him well and stated he would be greatly missed. Mr. Logan agreed with Mr. Weimer and added he appreciated and enjoyed his time with Andy.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The Special Public Meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**