

**Township of Ingham**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**September 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor Bruce Harris, Clerk Kathy LaGrow, Treasurer Holly Speck, Trustee Barb Braman, Trustee David Harns

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

An officer of the Fire Department expressed his admiration for the work Brandon Whipple has done in his interim and expressed the urgency of a permanent hire, recommending Whipple.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

An email from an officer of the Fire Department was received stating the admiration of Brandon Whipple as interim and the desire for Whipple to be the permanent Chief.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Meeting of August 16, 2021:

Motion by Braman, second by Speck to approve minutes as written, all in favor, motion carries

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Supervisor refused to acknowledge this portion of the agenda

**FIRE CHIEF POSITION:**

Resumes for all applicants were sent to Board Members prior to meeting for review.

Motion by Braman, second by Harris was made to hire Brandon Whipple as permanent Fire Chief.

Harns expressed concern over the change of direction of the hiring process Harris has suggested, not creating and utilizing a Fire Board Committee, as was previously discussed. LaGrow expressed the concern of the date, noting the Board Policy does not have posting requirements for this position, also noting that after review of all applicants, was comfortable with her vote. It was also determined, by confirmation of Township Attorney, that the distance requirement, currently as a policy for our Fire Department is legal per Residency of Public Employees Act 212 of 1999 (4). While attempting to discuss this motion, Point of Order was called by LaGrow as Harris began to challenge Harns personally.

ROLL: AYES: Harns, Braman, Speck, LaGrow, Harris NAYS: None Motion Carries

**ADJOURN:**

Harris motions to adjourn, LaGrow seconds, all in favor, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy LaGrow, Clerk