

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of the Vacancy Board Meeting
May 21, 2018, 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair of the Vacancy Board George Matta called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: George Matta requested the roll call.

Vacancy Board Members in attendance:

David J. Pasternak, Kenneth Robb, George Dillinger, and George Matta, Chair

Vacancy Board Members not in attendance:

Edward Babyak, Louis Bender, and Charles Davis

Borough Staff, Professional Services and Others in attendance:

Mayor Ina Marton, Krisha DiMascio, Borough Solicitor, Michelle Gessner, Assistant Secretary, John Palyo, Borough Manager, and Ken Hillman, Borough Engineer

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Presented by George Matta, Chair

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to fill the vacancy for the position of Borough Council. The only matter on the agenda is the filling of the Borough Council position and action will be taken at this meeting to appoint a new Council Member.

Krishna DiMascio commented that this meeting is a result of Council Member Sean Robb vacating his seat as of April 16, 2018. Council had the ability to appoint a new Council member within 30 days of the acceptance of Sean Robb's resignation during a legally advertised public meeting. That appointment / meeting did not occur within that time frame. When an appointment did not occur during the initial 30 days, there is a 15 day opportunity for the Vacancy Board to properly advertise and call a meeting for the purpose of appointing a Council member. If an appointment did not occur within the 15 day time period, then the Chair of the Vacancy Board would have to petition the courts for an appointment to Council.

Krishna DiMascio also commented that the remaining members of the Vacancy Board, Edward Babyak, Louis Bender, and Charles Davis are absent from the meeting, however, since there is four members of the Vacancy Board present this constitutes a quorum.

George Matta asked if any member of the Vacancy Board would entertain and make a motion to appoint someone to the vacated Council seat.

Dave Pasternak made a motion to appoint Steve Pholar to fill the vacated Council seat, seconded by George Dillinger. The motion was unanimously approved.

Note: Steve Pholar was not sworn in at this meeting. A completed "Affidavit of Residency" must be provided before he could be sworn in as a new Council Member. Mr. Steve Pholar commented that he would make arrangements to have his form notarized and have District Magistrate Tom Miller swear him into office.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Pasternak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM, seconded by George Dillinger. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer



Date Approved by Council