

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING TO CONDUCT 2012 BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCY
INTERVIEWS**

**Monday, December 12, 2011
6:00PM**

The special meeting to conduct interviews for 2012 Board/Commission vacancies was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 6:03PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Barbara A. Salvadore, Vice-Chairperson
James C. Groff, Supervisor
Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary/Interim Manager

A. 2012 BOARD/COMMISSION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS:

1. Board of Auditors (One 2-year term; One 4-year term; and One 6-year term) - Currently all three positions are vacant:

Joe Cullen – Not present

Bela Soni – Ms. Soni is a 4-year resident of Hilltown Township, and is interested in offering her time to serve the municipality in a volunteer capacity. She expressed interest in utilizing her skill sets with her Bachelor of Science degree in management and business, along with 12 years of experience in IT software by serving on the Board of Auditors.

Chairman McIlhinney explained that the Township hires an auditing firm to actually conduct the audit; however the municipality is required by law to have three elected auditors who meet once per year to reorganize by electing a chair, vice-chair, and secretary.

2. Emergency Management Agricultural Officer (One 1-year term ending 12/31/12) – Currently John Wietecha (seeking reappointment):

Joseph Canazaro – Not present

David Unzicker – Mr. Unzicker is a life-long resident of Hilltown Township with a background in agriculture and environmental science, who is offering to volunteer his time to fill this position.

Supervisor Salvadore asked if Mr. Unzicker would be willing to meet with and communicate regularly with the Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator to discuss various issues and to update the Township's Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Unzicker replied that he would be very interested in meeting with them on an as-needed basis, and feels his skill sets are such that would be an asset to amending and updating the EM Plan.

3. Planning Commission (Two 4-year terms ending 12/31/15) – Currently Mark Funk (Not requesting reappointment) and Andrew Mele (Seeking reappointment):

Joseph Canazaro – Not present.

Ryan Fitzgerald – Not present

Wally Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal has been a resident since 1999, and has owned a business in Hilltown since 1984. He has attended numerous meetings, and is interested in promoting what he believes is an untapped resource in the commercial zoning districts. Mr. Rosenthal feels that the proper development of the commercial districts would create a tax base to assist with the budget and would be advantageous to all residents.

4. PROS Committee (Three 3-year terms ending 12/31/14) – Currently Jon Apple, Kenley Crouthamel, and Rick Lambrecht (All three seeking reappointment):

Joseph Canazaro Not present.

Ryan Fitzgerald – Not present.

5. UCC Board of Appeals (One 5-year term ending 12/31/16) - Currently vacant:

D. Brooke Rush – Mr. Rush was born and raised in Blooming Glen and has lived in Hilltown all of his life. He previously served on the Hilltown Planning Commission, and is a construction company owner for 33 years. Mr. Rush has a very good knowledge of the UCC Code, is a member of the Home Builders Association, and has a keen interest in the construction field.

6. Vacancy Board (One 1-year term ending 12/31/12) - Currently John Wietecha (Seeking Reappointment):

John Bender – Mr. Bender, a resident since 1987, is a former member of the Board of Supervisors, and once served on the Vacancy Board. He took a break from community service while his children were in middle school and high school, but now that his youngest is in college and his older children have graduated, Mr. Bender has more time to offer to serve the Township.

7. Zoning Hearing Board (One 3-year term ending 12/31/14) – Currently John Snyder (Seeking reappointment):

Ryan Fitzgerald – Not present.

Wally Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal has attended several Zoning Hearings, and understands that it would require a more in-depth knowledge of the Zoning Ordinance, which he is certainly willing to undertake.

- B. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- D. PRESS CONFERENCE: No members of the press were in attendance.
- E. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the December 12, 2011 Special Meeting to interview candidates for 2012 boards/commissions was adjourned at 6:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Scimes

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(*Note: These minutes are not official until voted upon by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).