

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
VACANCY BOARD/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

President C. Williams opened the Vacancy Board/Special Meeting at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Vice-President F. O'Boyle; Councilmembers A. Montanez, S. Stewart-Keeler; P. Bucco; and T. Neville. Mayor M. Penn, Solicitor J. Fareri, Vacancy Board Chairman Robert Lansdowne, and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Mount Pocono Borough Council, following national, state, and local COVID guidelines as well as recommendations from the Office of Open Records, established a conference call for Council Members, the Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor, Engineer, and anyone who wishes to call in to participate in tonight's meeting.

The following individuals called in and participated on the conference call: Ron Emilie, Mike Oser and Ella Santiago.

Solicitor J. Fareri explained that this is a meeting of the Vacancy Board and read section 901 c of the Borough Code which states if Council fails to fill a vacancy within 30 days the Vacancy Board will meet to fill the vacancy. The Vacancy Board consists of the seated members of Borough Council and the Chair of Vacancy Board, Mr. Robert Lansdowne. Solicitor J. Fareri stated the Mayor is not a participant in the meeting.

Mr. Robert Lansdowne, Chair of the Vacancy Board called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for councilmembers.

Councilmember A. Montanez moved to appoint Ron Emilie to fill the Council vacancy. Vice-President F. O'Boyle seconded.

President C. Williams moved to appoint Ella Santiago to fill the Council vacancy. Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler seconded.

Chairman Lansdowne took a roll call on the vote to appoint Ron Emilie to fill the Council vacancy: C. Williams, "No"; F. O'Boyle, "Yes"; T. Neville, "Yes"; A. Montanez, "Yes"; P. Bucco, "No"; S. Stewart-Keeler, "No"; Chairman R. Lansdowne, "Yes". Motion carries 4-3. Ron Emilie accepted the nomination.

This concluded the business of the Vacancy Board, Vice-President F. O'Boyle moved to adjourn at 6:14 pm, seconded by Councilmember P. Bucco. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL MEETING
6:15 P.M.**

President C. Williams opened the Special Meeting at 6:15 pm with the following members present: Vice-President F. O'Boyle; Councilmembers A. Montanez; S. Stewart-Keeler; T. Neville, S. Stewart-Keeler, and R. Emilie. Mayor M. Penn, Solicitor J. Fareri and Secretary/Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Borough Council immediately went into an executive session to discuss Labor Board Petition and possible litigation. Council reconvened at 7:32 pm. There being no further business or public participation, Councilmember P. Bucco moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember T. Neville. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary