

July 25, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

Special Meeting on determining to submit the Option B question to make the town clerk position appointive to the town electors and to discuss remodeling of the town hall

Present - Chair Jon Auge; Supervisors Bob Steele and Jim Roach; Treasurer Mary Zabilla. One resident was in attendance.

Chair J. Auge called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

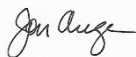
With the announcement that our current clerk would not stand for re-election at the November 5 general election, discussion occurred on whether the timing and circumstances are right to submit the Option B question to make the town clerk position appointive to the town electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024. An elected clerk carries the requirement of residency while an appointed clerk does not. An appointed clerk also allows the town to seek applicants with prior experience or someone currently serving as a clerk for another township.

The chair presented Resolution 2024-06 [Resolution determining to submit the Option B question to make the town clerk position appointive to the town electors] prepared by our town attorney for the Board's consideration. On motion **(1)** by B. Steele, seconded by J. Auge, the resolution was adopted unanimously. The clerk is authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to submit the Option B question on the November 5 general election ballot. The clerk is also directed to notify any candidates for the clerk position of the Board's action since should the ballot measure be approved by the electors, any clerk election is nullified.

Discussion then occurred on whether the timing is right to construct a clerk's office at the Town Hall since it's consistent with many other townships, better facilitates record retention and enables published office hours should that be desired in the future. Additionally, a new clerk may not wish to operate the clerk's office from their home. The Board discussed constructing an office where the existing closet is located, reducing the kitchen space (preferred by most) or on the opposite corner where the existing closet is located. B. Steele agreed to take the lead in obtaining quotes for Board review.

Having completed the stated special meeting business, J. Roach made a motion, seconded by B. Steele, to adjourn, which was adopted unanimously.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

 Submitted,

Jon Auge, Chair