

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk
John Ison, Trustee

Jim Brennan, Supervisor

Kristina Koski, Treasurer
Frank Haslip, Trustee

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Special Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021

1. Call to Order at 9:30 A.M. by Supervisor James Brennan. The Supervisor explained that Marquette County Election Commissions elected Anna Griepentrog to temporary Trustee and took the Oath of Office. Attached is the copy of MCL's from Fahey Schultz Rhodes Associate.
2. Motion to approve the Agenda was made by John Ison and 2nd by Anna Griepentrog, motion passed.
3. Public comment was none.
4. James Brenna made a motion for Frank Haslip to fill the Trustee vacancy. 2nd by John Ison, motion passed. The Oath of Office was given to Frank Haslip by Supervisor James Brennan.
5. Frank Haslip made a motion to remove the temporary Trustee Anna Griepentrog. 2nd by John Ison, motion passed.
6. John Ison made a motion for Marilyn Brancheau to fill the Clerk vacancy. 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed. The Oath of Office was given to Marilyn Brancheau by Supervisor James Brennan.
7. Marilyn Brancheau made the motion for Kristina Koski to fill the Treasurer vacancy. 2nd by John Ison, motion passed. The Oath of Office will be given to Kristina Koski later on this afternoon.
8. Public Comment: None
9. Adjournment: John Ison made the motion to adjourn at 9:22 A.M., 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.


James Brennan

Republic Twp Supervisor

appointed under this subsection shall hold the office only until the official's successor is elected or appointed and qualified. An official who is temporarily appointed under this subsection shall not vote on the appointment of himself or herself to an elective or appointive township office.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Linda K. Talsma

Marquette County Clerk



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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

TO BE HELD: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 AT 9:00 AM

Purpose: Appointment of Republic Township Board Member

Location: Marquette County Probate/Juvenile Court

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MARQUETTE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

HON. CHERYL L. HILL, PROBATE JUDGE

LINDA K. TALSMA, COUNTY CLERK

NICHOLAS BENSON, TREASURER

The Marquette County Election Commission, at an open meeting, was informed that the Republic Township Board at their Organizational Meeting, did not perform the Oath of Office for their incumbent Township Officers. The incumbent Township Officers were (Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustee). The Oath of Office was completed for the newly elected Supervisor and Trustee, which left no quorum for the Township Board.

Pursuant to MCL 168.368, failure of an elected official to qualify and assume office creates a vacancy in that office. Further, MCL 168.368 provides that an immediate vacancy occurs if an official neglects to take the Oath of Office. Such vacancies are filled by the Township Board pursuant to MCL 168.370(1) and MCL 168.370a. If these offices in Republic Township are considered vacant, the board that only has two members and, therefore, not a quorum for purposes of conducting business and reappointing these members (3 members are required for a quorum in general law townships).

Further, MCL 168.370(2) provides that, if a township board falls below the number required for a quorum, the board of county election commissioners shall make a temporary appointment(s) to provide the board with a quorum for purposes of conducting business.

At an open meeting held on January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., Anna Griepentioog was put forth as a temporary appointee (under MCL 168.370). It appears to the Election Commission that Anna Griepentioog is qualified to assume the temporary position. A vote was taken on the appointment of Ms. Griepentioog and the vote passed.

Board action: The Marquette County Election Commission appoints: Anna Griepentioog as Trustee for Republic Township to perform the duty as stated in MCL 168.370(2) as stated below.

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)

Act 116 of 1954

168.370 Elective or appointive township office; appointment to fill vacancy; temporary appointment; effect of resignation; special election; vacancy in office of township constable.

Sec. 370.

(2) If 1 or more vacancies occur in an elective township office that cause the number of members serving on the township board to be less than the minimum number of board members that is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the board, the board of county election commissioners shall make temporary appointment of the number of members required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the township board. An official