

March 16, 2018

4:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Francis Boyarski, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Secretary, present

Dennis Dudeck, absent

Atty. Chris Slusser, present

Jim Montone, present

RESIGNATION OF RYAN DECOSMO AS TAX COLLECTOR: Ryan read his resignation and statement aloud (a copy is attached to the minutes). Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. Chairman Montone entertained a motion for the resignation of Ryan DeCosmo. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Jim Montone to accept with regret the resignation of Ryan DeCosmo as Tax Collector.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, absent; Montone, yes.

APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR: Chairman Montone said that the Board of Supervisors will move today to appoint Michael DeCosmo, Sr. as Tax Collector. Chairman Montone asked for comments. Michael DeCosmo, Sr. asked to speak: He said that he is so proud of his son and how he handled this with class and dignity. He's not happy with what Luzerne County did over the bonding issues. It's a bad day for the Township, a bad day for the County, and a bad day for politics. This can affect all young people seeking to be in politics and it's not right. Hazle Township has the highest tax base in Luzerne County and no matter who comes in, it is going to continue to go up. The court should be petitioned to set the appropriate bonding rate because, not only in Hazle Township but a number of municipalities are being assessed at the wrong bonding rate. He said that business will be as usual in his tax office and that nothing will change. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Jim Montone to appointment Michael DeCosmo, Sr. as Tax Collector.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, absent; Montone, yes.

APPOINTMENT OF RYAN DECOSMO AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: Chairman Montone asked for comments. There were no comments. **Motion by Jim Montone, second by Francis Boyarski to appoint Ryan DeCosmo as Deputy Tax Collector.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dennis Dudeck, absent; Montone, yes.

Chairman Montone commended Ryan & Mike for their actions here today because it only proves to the Hazle Township taxpayers that their interest is the taxpayers of this Township. That's why they did what they did this evening. It's ridiculous that when the voters come out and they elect a young guy that wants to get involved (that was going to be a great tax collector because he learned from the best), and he can't do it because of some hideous amount of money these bonding companies want to bond him because he's young and not proven. Jim wants to know what all the elected officials in Luzerne County pay for their bonding.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn said meeting. **Motion by Francis Boyarski, second by Jim Montone to adjourn meeting.** Roll call: Boyarski, yes; Dudeck, absent; Montone, yes. Adjournment time 4:32 pm..