

**PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Held June 2, 2016**

**Call to order:** Township Supervisor, Mark Devers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:** Supervisor – Mark Devers, Clerk – Cynthia Paavola, Treasurer – Jennifer Wieczorkowski, Trustee – Pat Hart and Trustee – Lynn Morrison were all present.

**Audience Present:** 10 guests present.

**Approval of Agenda:** J. Wieczorkowski moved to approve the agenda as written. Supported by; L. Morrison. All ayes; so moved.

**Comments from Audience (3 min. per person):** M. Devers advised that he would open the public comment after he has made his statement.

**Message from the Supervisor (M. Devers):** M. Devers advised that he has accepted another position of work; that will be keeping him from his duties as the Township Supervisor and will have to give up the supervisor position. C. Paavola advised that she had spoken with Mike Sullivan and Katherine Mulford of MTA and they had suggested a few options for replacing M. Devers. She stated that M. Devers can take a leave of absence from July 2016 to November 2016 and we as a board could appoint a facilitator to run the meetings. Candidates can run Independent on the ballot (applications have to be turned in by July 21, 2016) and take over after the November 2016 elections. If no one runs; the township has 45 days to appoint a supervisor (by posting the job available). If the township does not appoint a supervisor within the 45 days; one will be appointed by Presque Isle County. C. Paavola stated that she would like to see M. Devers stay on as supervisor, with a leave of absence and appoint a facilitator. C. Paavola moved to approve the leave of absence for M. Devers and appoint a facilitator for the meetings. Supported by; L. Morrison. All ayes; so moved.

**M. Devers opened Comments from the Audience:** W. Hamann thanked M. Devers for all the great progress that he has made in the township. He asked how people will know that the Supervisor position will be open. C. Paavola stated; by word of mouth and advised that candidates at this point can only run as independent and they need to have their applications in no later than July 21, 2016. J. Laycock suggested posting special meetings in another area of frequent traffic; other than the website and the township hall. The board members agreed to discuss options of additional posting. M. Devers advised that he will be trying to wrap up the broadband initiative and will give C. Paavola all the information that may be needed. P. Hamann stated that M. Devers was a wonderful person and that he has had to handle all kinds of different behaviors from residents and has been very fair and very forgiving. M. Devers advised that everyone has a voice. J. Laycock asked if M. Devers will be running on the ballot when his term is up. M. Devers advised that he would not be on the ballot. L. Morrison stated that he was grateful to have M. Devers as the supervisor and that he kept the meetings organized and under control and everyone was working together. D. Matuszak stated that M. Devers had done an excellent job and wished him luck. D. Rivard stated that when things are going wrong or the township is trying to work on getting something done; remember four words; “what would Mark do”. M. Devers advised that he will be working on getting notes and information to C. Paavola and M. Bedard regarding vendors for the Lighthouse gift shops as well as any other pending business items.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**Meeting Reminder:** The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016 @ 5 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant