

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
721 Unionville Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

May 27, 2020
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Chairman McKinstry
Vice-Chairman Sarro
Supervisor Monahan
Supervisor Matuszak

Township Staff & Consultants:

Neil Lovekin, Township Manager
Hannah Christopher, Township Treasurer
Jeff Simpson, Public Works Director
Jeff Groves, Ex Officio Supervisor

Chairman McKinstry stated that public notice for this special meeting was provided in the Daily Local News on Friday, April 22, 2020, as well as posted on the Township's website and Facebook Page.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKinstry informed all present that Public Comment is the time to offer comments on any agenda item not on the agenda and to bring any issues/concerns before the Board.

James Chance, 119 East Locust Lane, stated as a member of the local Democratic Committee and resident of the Township, he felt it was his responsibility to ensure he was present for this Special Meeting.

3. INTERVIEW OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

Chairman McKinstry instructed each of the four (4) applicants to traduce themselves and provide a summary of why they are interested in the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors.

John Auger, 302 Redbud Lane, introduced himself stating that he and his wife have been residents of the Kennett Square area for 15 years, with the last 2 being in East Marlborough Township. Having lived all over the country due to his career with A.I. DuPont, Mr. Auger and his wife both agree that East Marlborough Township is their favorite spot. Mr. Auger welcomes the opportunity to participate on the Board of Supervisors, working with fellow supervisors and staff, to ensure that East Marlborough continues to be a great place for all of us to live. He brings a lifetime of leadership skills and experience from his work at A.I. DuPont and with experience in local and regional church organizations. He has been retired for over 5 years and is a firm believer in "giving back" to his community in ways that make a difference for others.

Lewis Kinter, 808 Wollaston Road, stated that he and his wife, Terry have resided in East Marlborough Township since 2004 when they purchased and restored the historic Green Lawn Boarding School for Girls (circa 1842) building in Unionville. Mr. Kinter has attended

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Supervisors Meetings to inform himself on Township matters and to engage on Township projects (e.g. Unionville Community Park). He retired from AstraZeneca, Wilmington, Delaware, in 2014 to enjoy the amenities of East Marlborough Township and the Southern Chester County region. He founded a scientific consulting business and has continued to serve on boards of several not-for-profit organizations. The 2020 coronavirus pandemic has changed everything. Government and residents of East Marlborough Township will experience the fall out for years and there will be tough choices to be made. He anticipates that there will be learning opportunities to better prepare the Township and residents for the next shock.

Aasif Chanandin, 2 Ivystone Place, has lived in the township since July 2014 with his wife, Munaza and his 4 children. Mr. Chanandin is a software professional by trade and his focus for the past 7 years has been related to data management. Currently, he is the Enterprise SQL Manager for Flagship Credit Acceptance in Chadds Ford and has been in this role for what will be 3 years this October. His professional career has spanned almost 30 years and has been a Software Developer for all of it. He understands the need for stewardship of the township resources and must maintain green spaces so that the children in the township will be able to enjoy and use them as prior generations. He thinks the township needs to start understanding the use of technology and data to help guide the township into the future. Mr. Chanandin ran for Township Supervisor in the 2016 Primary but was not able to garner enough votes to win the primary and run for office. He believes that he be a great asset to the township, if selected.

Burling Vannote, 317 West Street Road, is a lifelong resident of East Marlborough Township, and is delighted to have his wife and daughter call it their home. Mr. Vannote purchased a 115-acre farm from his grandmother in 2014 with the desire to live in the township forever. The farm has been in his family since 1947 and was permanently preserve by a conservation easement in 1996. He has been a member of the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, currently serving in the capacity of Vice-Chair since its formation in early 2019 and has found it to be a rewarding experience. He believes that townships are uniquely positioned to preserve the environment and encourage conservation, and I strongly support these efforts. Aside from these issues, he feels that East Marlborough Township has always done a superb job in maintaining a balanced budget while supporting the needs of the local community, and the community traditions that continue to thrive.

The Board thanked the candidates for their interest to serve the Township and for taking the time to be interviewed under the irregular conditions with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman McKinstry informed the applicants that the Board of Supervisors will fill the vacancy at its June 1, 2020 Regular Meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Sarro, seconded by Supervisor Monahan, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Lovekin
Township Secretary / Manager