

Supervisor Interviews
July 25, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:40 p.m.

Barry Lobbestael:

A letter from Fire Chief Bob Engelson was received in support of Barry.

- Are there any town functions that are of particular interest to you? *Possibly the Community Center.*
- What do you see as the biggest issue facing us in the township now? *Observe the rural feel we have all come to enjoy. Staying the course.*
- Have you read the comprehensive plan for the township? *No I have not read it.*
- You talked about keeping the rural aspect of the community, how do you see us balancing the residential and commercial needs of the township? *There are contentious issues but there is always merit on both sides, you have to take into consideration those merits.*
- It says in Bob Engelson's letter you are good at handling conflict issues. *Sometimes it is difficult to keep a cool head in conflict. It doesn't do us any good if we can't discuss things civilly.*
- Issues of enforcement of the Town's ordinances. We have rules which most people choose to obey, some don't. Someone might have failed to get a permit the fine might be \$100.00. Between the attorney time to start the process it is a lose lose for the town, or you can let the issue go. Is it really right to have rules apply to only people who obey them? *I considered that when I sat at the last board meeting and listened to the short term rental discussion. Obviously you have to pick your battles. Sometimes you are only going to keep honest people in line. For the greater good is it worth going after? There is only so much you can do.*
- You were write-in candidate who received a fair number of votes and were not surprised to be a candidate. Can you tell us your decision process and what motivated you to run? *It was a grassroots effort by people who were known to me who felt I would be a good person to be in that position.*
- Can you tell me about the history of about running as a write-in candidate instead of running as a candidate? *In retrospect it would have been much better to have gone about it in a much more structured way there would have been more credibility to have run on structure.*
- One of the things the file candidates are asked to do is to write a little blurb about themselves and their interests. If you were to write that now what would you say? *The last sentence would be that I really want to be involved. I thought it would be a win win for the community and myself.*
- This township is toward one end of the spectrum, the degree of effort and the degree of specificity, the comp plan is more detailed and more organized. *Are we talking about an environmental element?*
- There is some of that but it is about setbacks and other things? *If we grow and evolve the comp plan should also. It should reflect the interest of the township.*

8:15 Rolf Carlson

- The Town has put quite a bit of effort into planning for land use which we feel is progressive, more so than a lot of other townships our size. We have the option of not doing our own zoning and reverting to the county. Where does your vision lay? *We tend to be more careful than other townships and are working hard to keep the township rural residential. I have no problem with us being more stringent than the county.*
- Are any particular issues or areas of improvement we should be doing as a township? *I can't think of anything really glaring, the perennial issue is upkeep of roads. People are happy with the community center, cemetery, police and fire. There are no major problems off hand.*
- How do you deal with conflict? *I guess that is always difficult, I like to believe I can control my temper and try to bring humor to the situation. This is a small enough township where most people know each other. I try not to be one of the people escalating the conflict.*
- What are your views about the balance between commercial, residential and shore businesses? *I would like to restrict commercial in specific areas, I am not entirely anti business. It should be a case by case thing. The township encourages some business but not all businesses, I don't think we would*

want a WalMart megastore in the Township but I am not entirely adverse to a small business. It really depends on the type of business.

- *We are often faced with situations that involve enforcement. I don't know if I have any insight to that. It is a big problem, what can be done other than letting people know ahead of time and make it easy to be in compliance.*

Mary Ann Sironen made a motion to appoint Barry Lobbestael, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed.

Community Center:

- We have to do the ditch by the road.
- Can we take the stance that the things we are doing are addressing safety issues?

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.