

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special meeting of the Township of Somerset Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Tim Shaw on, Monday, January 10, 2022 at 11AM in the Somerset Center Community Room 12715 E. Chicago Road, Somerset Center, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 2 persons in attendance.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Supervisor – Tim Shaw – (Present)  
Treasurer – Josh Bice – (Absent)  
Trustee – David Pumfrey (Present)  
Trustee – Steve Meckley – (Present)  
Clerk - Mike Bohnet - (Present)

**AGENDA** - Supervisor Shaw asked for any changes to the agenda: Shaw moved to add Board Discussion/ Decision to the Agenda before the second Public Comment. Second Meckley. Vote taken Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent 1. Amended agenda approved

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opened at 11:03 AM. No citizens came forward to speak. Closed at 11:03PM.

**CLOSED SESSION** - The Open Meetings Act allows the Township Board to discuss certain subjects without the presence of the public. The Township Board may request a staff member or any other person the Board determines to be necessary, to attend the closed session. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(e), to consult with its attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy with specific litigation: Gale v Township of Somerset, 1st Circuit Court, Case No. 21-499CZ and 21-733-CZ. Once the Closed Session has ended, the Township Board will resume the special meeting.

Supervisor Shaw Motioned to move into closed session, per the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(e), to consult with its attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation: Gale v Township of Somerset, 1st Circuit Court, Case No. 21-499CZ and 21-733-CZ. Second Bohnet. Roll Call Vote was taken with Ayes: Pumfrey, Meckley, Bohnet and Shaw. Nays: None. Absent Bice. Motion carried. Closed session opened at 11:05AM.

Supervisor Shaw moved to end the closed session and return to the public meeting. Second Meckley. Vote was taken with Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:43AM.

**Board Discussion/Decision** – Supervisor Shaw asked if there was any Board discussion. No discussion held. Supervisor Shaw moved to authorize the Township attorneys to negotiate and the Township Supervisor to enter into a settlement agreement in the matters of Gale v. Township of Somerset, Case No. 21-499CZ and 21-733-CZ. Upon the following essential terms: (1) Ms. Gale agrees to dismiss all claims with prejudice: (2) the Township agrees to pay Ms. Gale an amount to be determined and paid by the Township insurance carrier: (3) the Parties agree to a mutual non-disparagement clause. as it relates to the subject matter in these cases. Second Pumfrey. Roll Call vote taken with Ayes: Pumfrey, Meckley, Bohnet and Shaw. Nays: None. Absent Bice. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opened at 11:45AM. No citizens came forward to speak. Closed at 11:45 AM.

BOARD COMMENT - None

Supervisor Shaw stated that the next Board of Trustees meeting was Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7PM.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting was adjourned at 11:46AM by Supervisor Shaw.

Respectfully submitted by Michael C. Bohnet, Somerset Township Clerk.