

Blame arrogant board majority for wasted tax dollars

I found it rather ironic that in Mr. Toth's Dec. 16th letter, he accused the paper of being disingenuous in a recent editorial. He then goes on to list "the facts." I find these "facts" to be totally disingenuous and will explain why.

Toth stated that "All parties agreed that it was improper and that a reconvening of the vacancy board would have to take place." I researched this by reading the minutes of the May 6 board of supervisors meeting on the township Web site. The actual facts are as follows (all quoted directly from the published minutes):

1. Mr. McMonagle said there is no need to reconvene the vacancy board as a vacancy does not exist on the board of supervisors.

2. Mr. McMonagle invited Mr. Caro to seek whatever cure he may desire in the forum of his choice.

3. Mr. Caro motioned to direct the township manager to contact William Cosen, chairman of the vacancy board to schedule another vacancy board meeting. Mr. Leonhauser seconded. Motion failed by a vote of 2-3 with Ms. Heuer, Mr. McMonagle and Mr. Thompson opposed.

All of this was stated publicly at a regularly scheduled supervisors meeting and broadcast live on the township TV station. The meeting was also rebroadcast numerous times according to the posted schedule.

The actual ruling from the courts nullified the vacancy board meeting due to grievous violations of the Sunshine Law. The majority of the board authorized the spending of tax dollars to defend their illegal actions and to provide a personal attorney for Ms. Heuer.

If all parties actually agreed on the improprieties, why did Ms. Heuer not simply resign? This would have created a new vacancy that could have been handled legally without spending tax payer dollars.

Mr. Toth needs to re-examine his "facts" and recognize that the total responsibility for spending tax payer dollars on legal fees was due to the typical arrogance of the current board majority.

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