

BAY COUNTY APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE  
BAY COUNTY TREASURER VACANCY  
INTERVIEW MICHAEL GRZEGORCZYK  
JANUARY 29, 2019

JUDGE MINER ANNOUNCED, YESTERDAY THE COUNTY BUILDING WAS CLOSED DUE TO THE WEATHER, SO TODAY WILL BE OUR FIRST INTERVIEW. ALL CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR SEPARATELY, SO EACH CANDIDATE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS BEFORE ANY OTHER CANDIDATE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 168.209(2) THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT, THE COUNTY CLERK AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SHALL CONVENE AND APPOINT A SUITABLE PERSON TO FILL A VACANCY WHEN A COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIAL HAS VACATED THE POSITION PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM. THE COUNTY TREASURER, RICHARD BRZESINSKI, ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019, THEREFORE, REQUIRING THE HOLDING OF THESE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETING ACT.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OFFICE INCLUDE: JAN MINER, PROBATE JUDGE; CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, COUNTY CLERK AND NANCY BORUSHKO, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:00 PM AT THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 515 CENTER AVENUE, BAY CITY MICHIGAN WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE.

PRESENT: JAN MINER, PROBATE JUDGE  
CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, COUNTY CLERK  
NANCY BORUSHKO, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
BRANDON KRAUSE, REGISTER OF DEEDS  
TIFFANY JERRY, DIRECTOR PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS  
REBECCA MARSTERS, PAYROLL AND BENEFITS SUPERVISOR  
HOLLY KUKLA, DEPUTY TREASURER  
AMBER DAVIS-JOHNSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL

AS TWO (2) MEMBERS CONSTITUTED A QUORUM, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSION BETWEEN ANY TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WAS PROHIBITED UNLESS AT AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING. THIS, AND ALL FUTURE MEETINGS WOULD BE PUBLICALLY ANNOUNCED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

**CITIZENS INPUT**

BRANDON KRAUSE, BAY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, STATED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE INTERVIEWS AS HE WORKS DIRECTLY WITH THE TREASURER AND WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT EACH CANDIDATE WAS CONSIDERING FOR THIS OFFICE.

**INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL GRZEGORCZYK:**

BOARD QUESTIONED THE CANDIDATE MICHAEL GRZEGORCZYK, TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF HIS BACKGROUND, EXPLAINING HIS MOST RECENT POSITION AS A STAFF ACCOUNTANT WITH THE BAY COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE AND HIS PRIOR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.

MR. GRZEGORCZYK STATED THAT HE HAD WORKED IN ACCOUNTING FOR SEVERAL YEARS, INCLUDING WORKING FOR VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. HE HAD ALSO WORKED FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, HELPING WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING. CURRENTLY HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE BAY COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE FOR 14 YEARS. IN HIS DUTIES AT THE TREASURERS OFFICE HE PROGRESSED FROM BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO WORKING WITH DELINQUENT TAXES AND THE INVESTMENT SIDE OF THE TREASURERS OFFICE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN BONDED BY BAY COUNTY.

THE BOARD ASKED AS THE POSITION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LARGE SUMS OF MONEY, THEY ASKED MR. GRZEGORCZYK TO TELL THEM ABOUT HIS INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND AND HOW HE PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE OFFICE.

CANDIDATE GRZEGORCZYK STATED THAT HIS PAST EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH INVESTMENTS AND 401K EXPERIENCE, MAKING SURE EVERYONE WAS TREATED EQUALLY AND THAT THEY WERE GOOD INVESTMENTS. HE CONTINUED THAT HE HAS HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CURRENT TREASURER TO MAKE A PLAN WITH THE COUNTY INVESTMENTS AND THAT THE COUNTY HAD THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE COUNTY INVESTMENTS WERE DICTATED BY THE STATE AND THAT THE TREASURER HAS TO INVEST IN THE APPROPRIATE STATE MANDATED MANNER. HE CONTINUED THAT TO IMPROVE THE OFFICE HE WOULD STRESS THAT THE OFFICE WAS CUSTOMER DRIVEN WITH THE TAXPAYERS, WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THE TAXPAYER OUT.

THE BOARD CONTINUED, WHEN ASKED ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS RESPONDENT WAS FAMILIAR WITH; FORTRAN, RPG AND COBOL COMPUTER PROGRAMING. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO USE THE PUBLIC TERMINAL MORE AND HAVE IT FOR PUBLIC USE. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET THE INTERNET SITE TO BE MORE USER FRIENDLY FOR THE PUBLIC. MR. GRZEGORCZYK CONTINUED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL PROGRAMS WITH THE RECORDING OF JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORDING OF INFORMATION ON A DAILY BASIS. HE ALSO DETAILED THE COUNTIES DECISION TO PURCHASE MUNIS SOFTWARE AND SOME OF THE ISSUES HE HAS HAD WITH THE PROGRAM.

THE BOARD QUESTIONED MR. GRZEGORCZYK, AS TO WHAT BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR GROUPS HE HAD SERVED ON IN THE PAST, HE WAS ASKED TO DETAIL ANY SUPERVISORY ROLLS HE HAD HELD.

MIKE GRZEGORCZYK ANSWERED THAT HE HAD BEEN A TRUSTEE OF BEAVER TOWNSHIP, FOR FOUR YEARS, AND WORKED WITH MANY OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ZONING BOARD. HE ALSO WAS A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WHERE HE SITS ON THE BOARD AND THE MEN'S CLUB AT HIS CHURCH. MR. GRZEGORCZYK, CONTINUED THAT HE HAD WON THE POSITION OF TREASURER OF BEAVER TOWNSHIP, BUT HAD TO RESIGN WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE POSITION IN THE BAY COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE.


THE BOARD STATED IN ENTERING A COMMITMENT TO OFFER THIS POSITION, WOULD HE CONFIRM HIS INTENTION TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE 2020 ELECTION; AS THIS APPOINTMENT WAS ONLY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

CANDIDATE GRZEGORCZYK STATED THAT IT WAS HIS INTENT TO RUN FOR TREASURER IN 2020, IF APPOINTED. HE CONTINUED THAT IF APPOINTED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO START THE POSITION IMMEDIATELY.

MEETING WAS ADJOURN AT 12:56 PM.

  
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JAN MINER  
PROBATE COURT JUDGE

  
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NANCY BORUSKO  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

  
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CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK  
BAY COUNTY CLERK