

**Chester Public Utility District
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Minutes of Special Meeting: December 26, 2023, at 3:00pm. Located in the Chester Public Utility District conference room: 251 Chester Airport Road.

Directors Present: Kim Green, Steve Voboril, (Arthur Tharpe remotely)

Directors Absent: Steve Graffweg and vacancy.

Guests Present: 30+

Staff Present: 6+

Director Green stated that a board meeting cannot be held without a quorum of members present at the board table. She continued the meeting to December 27th at 4:00pm.

Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Johnson

December 27, 2023, 4:00pm, December 26th Special Meeting continued:

Directors Present: Kim Green, Steve Voboril, Steve Graffweg and (Art Tharpe remotely).

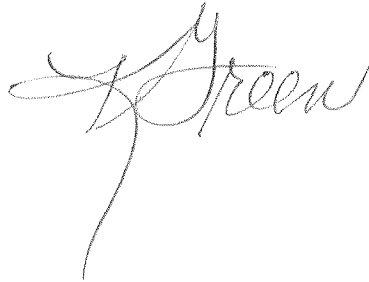
Directors Absent: vacancy.

Guests Present: 20-30

Staff Present: 4

1. **Call to Order:** 4:00pm by Director Green.
 - a. Pledge let by Director Green
 - b. Attendance confirmed by Director Green: Green, Graffweg and Voboril present at the table. Tharpe present by phone.
 - c. Agenda approval: Director Graffweg moved to approve the Agenda with Director Tharpe remotely. Seconded by Director Voboril. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Public Comment- Agenda Items:** Many public members spoke to the situation regarding the Fire/EMS Department, the upcoming Resolutions, a Citizens Advisory Committee and the future of the Department.
3. **Motion to Reconsider:** GM Cox explained to Director Graffweg some of the ins and outs regarding suspending rules and reconsidering. Director Voboril made a motion to suspend the rules and reconsider. Director Graffweg seconded. Roll call vote: Director Tharpe, aye; Director Voboril, aye; Director Green, aye; Director Graffweg, aye. All ayes, motion passed.

4. **Fire Parcel Tax Measure to place on ballot for the May 7, 2024 Special Election:**
 - a. **\$450.00/ parcel: Resolution #2023-01, Ordinance #2023-01.**
 1. **Discussion/Action:** GM Cox stated that the \$450.00 would just cover a volunteer Department, with no ambulance. Also, they were looking at a possible Senior discount. A special Fund line would be created for these funds.
 - b. **\$1500.00/parcel: Resolution #2023-02, Ordinance #2023-02.**
 1. **Discussion/Action:** GM Cox said that this would give a staffed fire department, no Ambulance.
 - c. **Consider Creation of a Tax Measure Advisory Committee for the May 7, 2024, Special Election**
 1. **Discussion/Action:** GM Cox stated that one Measure would go in effect, not both. Director Graffweg asked if C required a 4/5 vote. GM Cox stated no. Director Voboril made a motion to accept A, B and C. Director Tharpe seconded. **Roll call vote:** Director Tharpe, aye; Director Voboril, aye; Director Green, aye; Director Graffweg stated he was advised to recuse himself. GM Cox spoke up and stated that Director Graffweg cannot recuse himself as he was present for the discussion. GM Cox requested a repeat vote. **Roll call Vote:** Director Tharpe, aye; Director Voboril, aye; Director Green, aye; Director Graffweg, abstain. Motions passed.
5. **Comments**
 - a. **Directors:** Directors Green and Voboril will be in the Conference room and available for questions at 3:00pm on Tuesday, January 2nd. Director Green also stated that they could make appointments to meet as well. No other comments.
 - b. **Staff:** none.
6. **Adjournment:** Director Voboril made a motion at 4:55pm to adjourn the meeting. Director Graffweg seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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