

MINUTES-SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2012

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

DuPage County,           SS.

Township of Naperville,

A special township meeting was held at the Pre-Emption House of the Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster, Naperville, IL on August 8, 2012, pursuant to Notice. Clerk Carol Bertulis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Bertulis welcomed those in attendance, noted the published Agenda and called for a motion from the floor to nominate a moderator. Those in attendance are listed separately on the sign in sheet marked as Ex. A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. Each registered voter from Naperville Township in attendance was given a yellow card with a number on it when they checked in which would be used later for voting purposes.

Rachel Ossyra nominated Thomas DiCianni as Moderator, seconded by Kerry Malm. Jill Versace nominated Carol Traschler as Moderator, seconded by an unidentified audience member.

Fred Spitzzeri moved to close nominations, seconded by Rachel Ossyra. Nominations having been closed, members of the audience were asked to vote for the Moderator by holding up their yellow voting cards. Attorney Dan Bolan, a non-resident, was asked to serve as the Teller for the meeting. Vote: Thomas DiCianni 28, Carol Traschler 14.

Moderator DiCianni was then sworn in by Keri-Lynn Krafthefer, the township attorney, and presided over the meeting. The Moderator then called on the Township Attorney.

Ms. Krafthefer then made some opening remarks to explain the process, and stated that the Naperville Township Board had no official position on the subject before the body, which was to consider the following question:

“Should the United States Constitution be amended to clearly state that only Individual persons, and not corporations, associations, or any other organizational Entities, are entitled to the rights enumerated in the Constitution?”

A Spanish version of the question was also offered.

The Moderator explained that Robert’s Rules of Order would be followed, and called for a Motion from the floor before any discussion could take place.

Jill Versace moved that the above question be placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot, as an advisory referendum, seconded by Carol Traschler.

The movant declined to speak on the Motion. Holly Schultz, who had filed the petition for the special meeting, spoke in favor of the Motion. She pointed out that several townships in Illinois, the

City of Chicago, and other governmental entities had placed the same question on the November ballot.

Carol Pritshler noted that a Spanish version was included. The Township Attorney stated that the DuPage Election Commission requires a Spanish version in addition to the English version.

Paul Busche and Mark Risen were recognized and requested clarification as to what groups were included in this referendum question i.e. does it cover groups like MoveOn.org?

Attorney Fred Spitzzeri provided some historical perspective, pointing out that the framers of our Constitution set it up so that it would be difficult to amend it. Amendments require a super majority in both Houses of Congress before it can be passed on to the States for a vote, whereupon the amendment must be approved by 3/5 of the States. In the course of our nation's history, there have been over 10,000 proposed Constitutional amendments, but only 33 have made it out of Congress, and just 27 have been adopted.

An unidentified participant stated that just because it was difficult to pass an amendment should not influence whether we should vote on a non-binding, advisory referendum.

Following the debate, Township Trustee Dave Wentz called for a vote on the question. The Moderator asked for a vote on whether to call the question with the result being 35 "Yes" and 9 "No". Motion passed.

The Moderator then called for a vote as to whether the above question should be put on the November 6, 2012 ballot. The vote was 16 in favor and 31 opposed. Motion failed.

The Moderator then asked for a Motion to Adjourn which was made, seconded and passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Date: August 14, 2012

Township Clerk, pro tem: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_