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- Pittston Township
- Vacancy Board Meeting
 - February 8, 2016

Call Meeting To Order		7:00 PM					
•	Pledge of A	Allegiance					
•	Roll Call	Barbara Attaro	do _P	Steve Rinaldi _	_P	James Musto	_P

Read by Attorney Finnerty:

Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Citizen's Voice on February 4, 2016 and posted at the Township Municipal Building from February 2, 2016 through February 8, 2016. All Members of the Vacancy Board (Barbara Attardo, Steve Rinaldi and James Musto) were provided written notice of the scheduling of this meeting.

This meeting of the Vacancy Board was scheduled for consideration of the appointment of an individual to replace Joseph Adams (deceased) as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Pittston Township. Mr. Adams died on January 1, 2016. The Board of Supervisors did not act to appoint anyone to replace Mr. Adams as a Member within 30 days of his date of death (the date the vacancy began) as permitted by the Second Class Township Code Section 407.

I. <u>Public Comment:</u> The meeting room was packed with residents of the Township. There was criticism from the floor by members of the Adam's family as well as from residents in attendance. The objection by those in attendance was that a family member was not allowed to continue the unexpired term of Joseph "Murph" Adams. The Adam's family reminded those in attendance of Murph's dedication to the residents and stated that his son would continue with the same dedication. It was acknowledged that Joseph Adams did send a letter to the Supervisors requesting that he be appointed to fill the unexpired term of his father. Mr. Musto was asked how he could sit to choose when he did not know anything about Joseph Adams. They stated that this was not right and that Joseph Adams should be appointed.

Ed Holleran - Sad day in Pittston Township that this is happening. Jim Musto should not be allowed to cast the deciding vote.

Joe Salvo - the Supervisors should look at what happened in the past and continue the procedure and out of respect to Murph appoint Joe Adams to the vacated seat.

II. Vacancy Board Member Comments:

<u>Steve Rinaldi</u> - Steve addressed the audience and stated his objection to the appointment of a non family member. He cited past practice which he gave three examples where family members were allowed to continue in office taking the unexpired term of the deceased supervisor. He stated that there was no reason why Joseph Adams should not be allowed to continue the unexpired term of his

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DAD. He stated he believed that at this point the Court should be allowed to appoint a successor thereby eliminating any decision of the Supervisor(s). He stated that Jim Musto should not be allowed to be the deciding vote.

Mrs. Attardo stated that she would be voting in favor of the person who she believes will best serve all the residents of Pittston Township.

At the conclusion of all public comment and Board Member comment regarding the proposed appointment, Attorney Finnerty asked Mr. Musto if he desired to make a motion to nominate a candidate for appointment to the vacant Board of Supervisors position. At this point Mr. Musto made a motion of appoint Frank Sciabacucchi

III.	Motions:						
	Motion to appoint Frank Sciabacucchi to replace Joseph Adams (deceased) as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Pittston Township.						
	AttardoS	Rinaldi	MustoM				
	AttardoY	RinaldiN	MustoY				
V.	Adjournment:						
	AttardoM	Rinaldi	MustoS				
	Attardo Y	Rinaldi N	Musto Y				