

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

1. Randall Atkins - Present
Jim Boerio – Present
Sue Johnson – Present
Bill Madison - Present
Steve Riley - Present
2. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge.
3. Mayor Smith stated Mr. Boerio brought it to our attention about the meeting notice and we thank him for that. He said we want to go forward and it is important for no one to come back on us. He said the candidate for solicitor is a neutral position and will grow with the village.
4. Administrator Haddix stated that what he lacks in experience, he has plenty of knowledge and ambition. He said he thinks he will do well for the village. Mayor Smith said Bruce learned well, he was basically a county attorney, not a municipal attorney and this is basically Chapter 7 of the ORC. He said we have contracts with the Ohio Municipal League to assist us. He said as any good attorney, you research and bring it back and that is what Bruce did.
5. Riley said the salary is starting out high. Mayor Smith said he went with the last one and it can be changed. Atkins stated that council raised Bruce's salary, he did not start at that. Boerio said he recommends in view of the fact that Paul is young and doesn't have much experience, that we go with a somewhat lower salary. Discussed that Bruce's previous salary was \$21,200. Atkins stated we go shorter term than two years to make sure he is able to do the job. Haddix said there is a termination clause and Atkins said his concern is lack of experience representing a village. Mayor Smith said he is a trial lawyer just like all the others we have had. Mayor Smith said he has done this twenty years and has had a number of solicitors and everyone of them, even Jack Quinn, had the same experience. He said Paul is competent and we have municipal attorneys out there but they have retired. Riley said no one is saying he is incompetent, but he said himself he has little experience with real estate and Mayor Smith said not with real estate, he said as a solicitor. Haddix said he spoke with Bruce today and he said he may be inexperienced but he will do a good job for us. Mayor Smith said he agrees with council on a starting pay of \$21,200.00 and one year contract.
6. A motion to suspend the reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Boerio, all yeas.

7. A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-01 for Paul Revelson to be the village solicitor as modified, salary of \$21,200 and one year contract, was made by Madison, seconded by Boerio, all yeas.
8. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:40 p.m. by Madison, seconded by Boerio, all yeas.


Sharon Louallen, Fiscal Officer


James D. Smith, Mayor