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April 7, 2006

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
April 7, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm by Trustee Keith Corman.

Trustee Corman motioned to appoint Frank Birkenhauer , Acting Administrator as Township Fiscal Officer for the meeting.

Second made by Trustee Ritter

Mr. Corman. "Aye "

Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye." "

Mr. Ritter. "Aye.:"

Township Attorney Jim Reuter read resolution number 17-06 to appoint special counsel for zoning and land use amendments

A motion was made by Trustee Ritter to pass Resolution number 17-06 hiring Richard C. Brahm as Special Counsel for Colerain Township.

The motioned was seconded by Trustee Corman

Trustee Fiedeldey asked for discussion on the matter before the vote.

He then read the following letter asking it to be incorporated in to the minutes of the meeting

First, Trustee Fiedeldey said the this letter is not meant to be derogatory to the other two board members in any way, however he cannot compromise his principles on this issue

*"The board has interviewed two land use attorneys that came highly recommended. We held interviews with each of the attorneys. The board requested township attorney, Jim Reuter to review the cases they handled in the past. His findings were that they had similar experience and background handling land use cases. We also asked him to interview past clients of both attorneys to see if they were responsive to the clients needs. They both were rated highly by their past clients. In other words, one could basically flip a coin to choose one of the attorneys.*

*With this information, I felt it was important to look at costs. One attorney was in the Cincinnati area and the other from Columbus. The Township will pay an additional \$900.00 for every trip the attorney from Columbus makes to Colerain Township. Plus an additional 17.7% because his hourly fee is higher. Estimates would indicate the Township will be spending an additional \$50,000 of tax payer's money. For this reason and only this reason, I can not vote for the attorney you have chosen."*

Trustee Ritter responded that he felt that Mr. Brahm's qualifications were superior and he did not consider it coming down to a "flip of the coin" in making the decision to appoint Mr. Brahm.

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Trustee Ritter made the motion to pass the resolution and appoint the special counsel, seconded by Trustee Corman. The roll was called:

- Mr Ritter. "Aye :
- Mr. Corman "Aye "
- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Nay "

Trustee Ritter made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 pm. Mr Fiedeldey offered the second

- Mr. Corman. "Aye "
- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye "
- Mr Ritter. "Aye :

  
 Fiscal Officer

  
 President