

**The Inglis Town Commission
held a Special Commission Meeting
at the Inglis Town Hall
on June 15, 2021 @ 6:00pm**

Present Were:

**Mayor White, Comm. Levesque, Comm. Monteverde,
Comm. J. Schwing, Comm. S. Schwing
Attorney Christopher Anderson (via phone)**

Special Agenda

A. Discuss Appointment of Commissioners for direction of Departments.

Mayor White stated a new Commissioner had been appointed, Mr. Monteverde, and he believes that Commissioner Levesque wants to address this starting off.

Commissioner Levesque made a motion to back off of the Finance Department he believes that Mr. Monteverde is better qualified for it. Commissioner J. Schwing seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ann Morin addressed the Commission stating on April 1st, 2021 when all of the Commissioners were sworn in we were all given a choice of what Commission seats they wanted if they did not get the Commission seats they wanted she was told by Commissioner Joyce Schwing because she ran for office I take what I was given to me, what's changed?

Commissioner Levesque stated, "Qualifications."

Ann Morin stated, "Mr. Monteverde did not run he took my place, my place was Zoning, Planning, Animal Control."

Mayor White stated, "I'll address that, we've interpreted it different now."

Ms. Morin stated, "And that's in the Charter, you're able to do that?"

Mayor White stated, "We've gotten direction from the Attorney."

Ms. Morin asked if she could hear the Attorney response to that please.

Attorney Anderson stated he did not hear the question, could the Mayor summarize it.

Mayor White stated the question asked was, what makes it where we can change positions midstream.

Attorney Anderson stated he was asked late last week to review the Charter as written and he prepared a memo for the Commission to review, and his conclusion is in essence that the phrase "qualifications" that is in, is explicitly giving the power among the Commission to evaluate the qualifications of other members, my sense is that incumbent in that power is the ability to evaluate the qualifications of a particular Commissioner to continue to serve in a particular appointment, that's his conclusion and of course he can only render the analysis to the best of his ability.

Ms. Morin stated, "As you do remember when I resigned my motion was for Mr. Leveque to be removed from Budget and Finance and put anywhere else and it was voted down, again what has changed."

Mayor White stated, "It was voted down, I agree."

Marian Cain addressed the Commission stating one of the questions she has for the Attorney before she begins this, is should there actually be a vote when all the panel hasn't completed their ethics training.

Mayor White stated the Attorney has rendered his decision already.

Ms. Cain stated that she is just asking about ethics however can you vote if you haven't completed the ethics training, and she really needs the Commission to speak, because this is the Commission Panel so and Joyce is the President and she really needs her to respond.

Commissioner Joyce Schwing stated, "Actually I want to correct that, I'm the Vice President, Andy's the President."

Mayor White stated he is the Chairman, the Commission made you the President.

Town Clerk Darlene Slattery stated the Commission made Andy the Chair to run the meetings, you're the President of the Commission and Scott is the Vice President.

Ms. Cain asked again if anyone on the Commission can vote if they have not taken the ethics training.

Attorney Anderson stated the Commission has one year to take the ethics training he does not feel that it invalidates a Commissioner from voting.

Ms. Cain stated, "Scott nominated himself for the Budget & Finance position as the Commissioner and Commissioner Steve Schwing seconded this motion 3-2, my question is what has changed?"

Commissioner Levesque stated the qualifications have changed.

Ms. Cain stated, "I feel like you were asking the tough questions, you were in there, you were doing things, so to change your purview and to change."

Commissioner Levesque stated, "I don't want the people in the office uneasy either and after the last couple of meetings we've had, there's been a lot of people saying I'm picking, I'm bullying and that's not the case I'm not in the office that much at all and if I walk in that office and I can see a few things that are wrong then lets just fix them, but nobody, I think Bill has better qualifications to go in that office and he'll see more stuff that I didn't see and I'm good with, I signed up to be a team player and I'll do another job."

Ms. Cain stated she asks that same question of Commissioner Joyce Schwing as the President, when I stood up and asked the question about people being assigned to roles, you gave me that answer as, we step into these roles and since Mr. Levesque, Commissioner Levesque asked for that position I feel like he knew what he was getting himself into and you said to me, We sign up to do the will of the Inglis residents and we are going to be where we are, so now we are only three months in, what has changed in three months, what has changed in three weeks to change our mind from his ability to be a great Commissioner over Budget & Finance.

Commissioner Schwing stated, Qualifications, Bill is qualified that was his profession and unfortunately like I said before when you run for office you're not running into one seat you don't know what your job will be and you may not you do the best you can, that's what his profession is and that's why we made the decision we did just a minute ago.

Ms. Cain stated if that is what Mr. Monteverde asked for in order to be on this Commission was for that role, is she correct in that statement? I'm just trying to clarify in my understanding of this because I have to ask vey basic questions, because I am very qualified to be a Budget & Finance person, I was a Finance Major for 30 years of my career that doesn't mean that I would step into a role and demand that that be given to me when another Commissioner was doing the role I would step in as being voted in and saying yes I'm going to step into the position that I would be allowed to step into because that is what the

Commission is built to withstand, it's not withstanding a change because it's at the will and somebody else is better at it, you know Mayor White is better at mechanics and building and you know those are things that he is really really good at but he's the Mayor of the Town so he's taken on the entire role of the Town that doesn't make him any less qualified that someone else that did this for thirty years should come in and say I can do it better than you it doesn't make sense to me to change the Charter, cause I can read you the exact Charter and I can say everything that you guys say and I understand everything that you want to say to me but it doesn't make sense because that would mean Scott could move into the Maintenance of Buildings because that is something that he has a wide breadth of knowledge on, he has a wide breadth of knowledge on Police and Fire, What says that he has to step down from this and we don't need to just throw the whole Commission out and we all need to vote again.

Commissioner Levesque stated a big part of him stepping down is the animosity that is going on in this Town, he thinks this will be an easier transition.

Mayor White stated this is what is best for the Town as they see it up there.

Ms. Cain stated can she recommend what's best for the Town, because what she sees of Commission President Schwing is really good at bring the Community together, she is passionate about the Y, she is passionate about Lego building, she is passionate about the kids, perhaps those are things that would of interest as well in her expertise.

Betsy Webb commented during her tenure as Commissioner and the ethics training that was offered during that time which was in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic so there are no excuses for not taking the training offered.

Rose Uzarski addressed Commissioner Monteverde asking him, "If they do not give you Budget & Finance are you going to retire from the Commission?"

Commissioner Monteverde responded, "Yes."

Bob Webb addressed the Commission stating he is dressed in black tonight because he is in mourning for the City because of what they have done in the last two months.

Commissioner Steve Schwing made a motion to appoint Commissioner Monteverde into Finance & Budget. Commissioner Levesque seconded. Motion Passed 4-0.

Commissioner Steve Schwing made a motion to appoint Commissioner Levesque as the Liaison to Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Monteverde seconded. Motion 4-0.

Commissioner Levesque made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Monteverde seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Attested By: Town Clerk

Approved By: Mayor

Transcribed by: Darlene Slattery
Town Clerk