

**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM
February 29, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Hoffman, Weatherholt, Avery, Byron, Rosi and Witkop

Also present: Fire Board members: Sprenger and Park Commissioners: Saunders and Skurski.

ABSENT: Correia (excused)

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
Motion: Witkop/Avery to appoint Hoffman as chair.
3. Approve Agenda – Motion: Witkop/Avery to approve.
4. Brief Audience Comments – for items not on the agenda – None
5. Conflict of Interest – None
6. Business

Passed Unan

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1. Review of 2015 – 2016 Budgets

The Town Board met with Fire Board and Park Commissioners to discuss 2016/2017 fiscal year's budget. The Park Commission mentioned that they may have some large projects throughout this year, such as, landscaping at the lighthouse and removal of the playground structure at Bowers Harbor, and the Bowers Harbor Park addition. At this time they did not have any cost for these items. The TB consensus was not to include any moneys in the budget at this time since the Park Commission did not have a list or cost...however, the TB knows that these projects are something the Commission needs to work on and the two boards will work together for funding of them. Discussion followed on the Bowers Harbor Park (BHP) addition, consensus was that the Parks Commission and Township Board will hold a joint meeting or two and work together to start the planning process for the Park. Saunders will contact Hoffman after April 1st, and they will send out a meeting Doodle to both boards to set a date and start the planning. After the initial one or two meetings the Parks Commission will work on the planning.

Discussion followed on the Fire Department budget. The TB felt that there was misinformation in the public regarding the ISO report and intentions of the Fire Board and TB. The TB and Sprenger agreed that the TB and FB have been discussing some of these concerns for quite some time, and felt that there are three main issues that need to be addressed. ALS, Fire Station Improvement, and Staffing, consensus was to form a committee to report back to the TB and FB regarding the three issues, the committee will report back within four to five weeks. The following people volunteered to be on committee Weatherholt, Witkop and Correia, and Sprenger. Sprenger will ask Atkinson to serve as well.

2. March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election

Hoffman informed the board that St Joes Parish Hall will be used for Lenten Soup and Salad on Election Day. They apologized for the short notice and have tried to accommodate us for the absent voter counting board but the timing of the event it will not work. Hoffman asked about closing the office at noon on the 8th and using the Assessor's office for the counting board. Board consensus was to honor the request.

3. Winter Tax Bill for Bowers Harbor Park Expansion Property

Weatherholt is asking permission to pay the tax bill. Witkop asked if the tax was prorated at the time of the sale for the amount owed. Weatherholt will check on this and report back to the board.

Motion: Avery/Witkop to pay the tax bill of \$ 1,283.50

Roll Call Vote: Avery yes, Weatherholt yes, Hoffman yes, Rosi yes, Byron yes, and Witkop yes.

Passed Unan

7. Citizen Comments – Margaret Achron, 11284 Peninsula Dr. commented on the Fire Department. Nancy Heller 3091 Blue Water Rd., commented on the Fire Department and Stations, Peninsula Library being a part of TADL, and the Bay Shore Marathon money. Michelle Reardon commented on The 81 public hearing, and the AT & T tower.

8. Board Comments – Byron asked to have the Safe Boat on the March 15th agenda.

Motion: Avery/Witkop to adjourn at 11:56 p.m.

These minutes stand to be approved at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica A. Hoffman CMMC/CMC
Peninsula Township Clerk