

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
13235 Center Road Traverse City, MI 49686
March 14, 2017 7:00 pm Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Manigold.

Present: **Westphal, Manigold, Bickle, Sanders, Wahl, Achorn**

Absent: **Wunsch**

Also present: Nicole Essad, and Rachel Mavis (recording secretary)

Approve Agenda

Motion by Sanders / Westphal to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief Citizen Comments - for items not on the Agenda

Eric Lingard - Communications Manager for BATA: BATA will have a millage proposal on the ballot May 2, 2017. Overall, BATA provides half a million rides with 60+ vehicles. BATA covers all of GT and Leelanau Counties (the proposal will be on both ballots). Drivers cover 1.9 million miles each year, with 2,145 rides last year in the Old Mission area. The peninsula is not on a direct route, but is served by their Dial-a-Ride (scheduled ride). They're funded from fed gov't, MDOT, and local sources (including property tax millage). The millage proposal will be 5 years (starting in 2018) at 0.5. Avg. cost to homeowner - increase of around \$16/year for homeowners with tax value of \$100,000.

Dr. Dan Lathrop, County Commissioner (chairman of BATA board): Congratulations to new board. He encouraged township to support BATA team.

Bob Bolick - 7398 Peninsula Drive: Does this millage include money for DDA? (Yes.)

Conflict of Interest

none

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes Approval - February 28, 2017 and March 1, 2017
2. Reports and Announcements (as provided in packet)
 - A. Officers - Clerk, Supervisor, Treasurer
 - B. Departmental - Assessor, Planner, Attorney, Engineer, Library, Park Commission, and Township Deputy (recommend approval)
3. Correspondence (as provided in packet)
4. Edit list of invoices (recommend approval)
5. Request for seven event signs over next 9 months (First Congregational Church)
6. Request for special event - Log Cabin Days (Old Mission Peninsula Historic Society)

Motion to approve consent agenda by Bickle/ Sanders. Roll call taken. Wahl - yes, Sanders - yes, Bickle - yes, Manigold - yes, Westphal - yes, Achorn - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bickle / Wahl to approve minutes from special meeting as drafted and presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Business

1. Public Hearing Fire Department Millage

This millage requires two public hearings - tonight is the first. The second one will be 3/28 - will be adopted at that meeting.

Regular meeting closed at 7:16 pm and public hearing opened.

The township has entered into agreement with the union of firefighters. They are waiting on signatures to finalize. Once signed, they'll draft requirements for fire chief. When fire chief is on board, public comment will be opened to go to ALS life support system and additional hiring.

Nancy Heller - 3091 Bluewater Rd.: We'll have input at second public hearing, correct? (yes) Is the raise in permanent employees because of the union? (yes) Rate? (2%)

Public hearing closed at 7:19 pm and regularly scheduled meeting opened.

2. Consider Approval of the 2017 Capacity Sharing Agreement with Grand Traverse County, Department of Public Works

John Divozzo - Director of DPW: Five townships are associated with Board of Public Works. The agreement gives individual capacities and costs to townships, as well as ability to group together and share capacity and cost. The sharing agreement is in the packet. This maximizes each township's use of the Waste / Water treatment. Each township gets to share 45%, as well as their share of the flow.

Motion to approve agreement by Westphal / Sanders. Roll call taken. Bickle - yes, Wahl - yes, Sanders - yes, Westphal - yes, Achorn - yes, Manigold - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearing for Maple Terrace Roads Special Assessment District

Regularly scheduled meeting closed and public hearing opened at 7:28 pm.

Sally Ackerley - Tonight is the first public hearing. Goal is to create special assessment district, order creation of roll, and schedule second public hearing. There are 22 properties within this SAD - part private, part public, so there will be cost sharing with County Road Commission. The roll will be created by 3/18, with the second public hearing 3/28.

Public hearing closed at 7:30 pm and regularly scheduled meeting opened.

Motion to approve resolution by Westphal / Bickle. Roll call taken. Achorn - yes, Wahl - yes, Sanders - yes, Bickle - yes, Manigold - yes, Westphal - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing for Westwards Road Special Assessment District

Regularly scheduled meeting closed at 7:31 pm and public hearing opened.

Ackerley: This is the first of two public hearings. This is a private road, so no cost sharing. The roll would be created and on file 3/18, with the second public hearing 3/28.

Manigold read a letter of objection to being included in SAD. The homeowner doesn't plan on using Westwinds Rd - only using McKinley from their property. Manigold explained that the property has abil-

ity to be developed into more homes and if property is developed, those homes would have access on Westwinds.

Public hearing closed at 7:35 pm and opened to board to discussion.

Manigold: Should that individual have the opportunity to be removed if they deed restrict their property?

Essad: The resolution can be amended and that property can be taken out if they agree to deed restrict their property.

Motion to adopt resolution as amended by Sanders / Bickle. Roll call taken. Sanders - yes, Bickle - yes, Manigold - yes, Westphal - yes, Achorn - yes, Wahl - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing for Old Mission Estates Roads Special Assessment District

Regular meeting closed at 7:38 pm and public hearing opened.

Ackerley: This SAD is 25 parcels. They are public roads, so there will be cost sharing with GT County Road Commission. The roll will be on file by 3/18, with the second public hearing 3/28.

Manigold read a letter from Kurt Peterson in opposition of SAD. (Letter in packet.) Will that portion of the road being included make a difference in bids?

Brian Boals: No, it shouldn't make a great difference in bids.

Frank Cusenza - 11871 Snowfield: It could be seal-coated, instead of fully replaced.

Manigold: We could make that call on site once we're working on it, but it seems like it will look terrible.

Essad: The plans are to include it, but at construction, if the engineers decide to just coat it, it still has to be included in the SAD. Can't do work outside the SAD.

Doug Rose - 11825 Snowfield Ct. - It would need to be replaced. What was the approval rating on this project? (59.22%) Does this mean we'd go forward? (Manigold: Yes, goes through this and then one more public hearing. At next one exact costs will be available. After this, it will proceed unless bids are out of line.) This year? (Yes. The project is out for bid right now.)

Essad: The estimates are the "do not exceed" costs and bids should come in under those.

Manigold is hoping that with the number of bids, they'll get a good rate.

Public hearing closed and regular meeting opened at 7:52 pm. Motion to approve by Sanders / Wahl. Roll call taken. Acorn - yes, Wahl - yes, Sanders - yes, Bickle - yes, Westphal - yes, Manigold - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize township engineer to seek bids for:
 - i. Maple Terrace Roads Special Assessment District
 - ii. Westwinds Roads Special Assessment District
 - iii. Old Mission Estates Roads Special Assessment District

Motion by Bickle / Sanders to authorize. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

none

Board Comments

Bickle: Encourage all neighbors - Peninsula County Library is having fundraiser at Boathouse. Support them!

Manigold: Regular township budget available next week.

Motion to adjourn by Sanders / Bickle at 7:56 pm. Motion passed unanimously.