

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 28, 2016

2nd Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: **Weatherholt; Hoffman; Correia**-Chair; **Byron; Avery; Rosi; Witkop** (Arrived at 7:02) Also present were Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Approve Agenda

Hoffman would like to add two items under Business items. #7 Peninsula Community Library Book Sale sign request and #8 Tree removal service from Leonardo's.

MOTION: Byron/Rosi to approve Agenda as amended.

PASSED UNAN

Brief Citizen Comments – for items not on the Agenda

David Taft, 952 Neahtawanta Asks that the planning commission or town board to ask the "81" developer to follow the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recommendations for properties suspect of contamination. Urges the Board for safety. Whether it is the Plat or the SUP123 you need to urge the developer to take out an extensive environmental sampling throughout the site so that the Board can be assured that the residents are protected as this development goes forward.

Conflict of Interest

Weatherholt has a conflict with the Business item #6 and will recuse himself from that discussion.

Business

1. Land Information Access Association Presentation on Recording Meetings

Land Information Access Association conducted a presentation on videotaping the Peninsula Township meeting. Questions from the Board then followed concerning the fee schedule, equipment installation and recording, access of recordings by citizens, Open meetings requirement of written minutes and video storage option. Land Information Access Association will follow up with a written quotation for the service to Peninsula Township.

2. Sign SAD Maintenance Agreement with Grand Traverse County Road Commission

Sally Akerley, Peninsula Township Assessor presented the negotiated contract with the Road commission for participation in Braemar Estates and Logan Hills Special Assessment District. *Akerley* reminded the Board of the email from Peter Wendling, Township Attorney indicating his review of the document and recommendation to accept this agreement. The Board asked questions of Sally Akerley, Karrie A. Zeits, Road Commission Attorney and Jim Cook, Road Commission Representative.

Akerley states that last month the Board accepted the petitions. There will be a Public Hearing next month with specific costs per parcel with the opportunity to review these numbers. The Treasurer's office will send out annual billings on this Special Assessment District.

MOTION: Witkop/Avery to approve the Braemar Special Assessment District Assessment and Maintenance Agreement

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes

3. Discussion of Peninsula Drive Road Construction/Shoulders

Correia asked if Board had a chance to look at the Peninsula Drive Construction, and what were their thoughts. Jim Cook, Country Road Commission explained that the Road Commission could not afford another ½ million dollars to add shoulders.

Witkop understands the safety issues and is baffled. Questions who benefits from added shoulders. It is a lot to ask our residents to fund these shoulders. The area 2.2 miles of the community may want to be involved with a special assessment district but the expenses should not be on our taxpayers.

Correia is not suggesting that we write a check, no one is suggesting that it is not a lot of money, it is, but from a safety perspective Correia thought it was right to bring it up. **Correia** is getting the phone calls from the residents asking where the shoulders were.

Rosi These are roads are for cars. They are not multi purpose roads -they are dangerous.

4. Approval of DPW Budget Items

Correia presents the Department of Public Works Budget Amendments which show Peninsula Townships portion based on our usage.

MOTION: Witkop/Byron approve the Department of Public Works requested budget amendments of May 5, 2016, December 2, 2015 and February 25, 2016 for reference. Total of \$77,097.00

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes
PASSED UNAN

MOTION: Hoffman/Witkop to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Bill of Sale.

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes
PASSED UNAN

Motion: Avery/Byron to pass the Resolution adopting the 2015 Edition of the Standard Technical Specifications for the Design and Construction of Water and Sewer Lines for the Township of Peninsula.

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes
PASSED UNAN

Correia will bring back information on the truck purchase when there is more information.

5. Township Liability Insurance Renewal

Correia one more year to go on our commitment. Municipal Underwriters of Michigan Inc. asked if they could quote even though it is a year early. Consensus is to continue with our current Insurance provided for the rest of the three-year contract.

MOTION: Hoffman/Byron to pay the bill for the Workman's Compensation, Liability Insurance and Provident policy for the fire department.

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes
PASSED UNAN

6. Appoint PDR Selection Committee

MOTION: Hoffman/Byron to excuse Weatherholt from the conversation.

PASSED UNAN

Hoffman reported that the current PDR committee was contacted again to see if they were interested in serving. Advertising was done for vacancies. Two applications received.

MOTION: Byron/Rosi to accept Karen Cline and Susan J. Curtis to the PDR Committee for the remainder of the term and reappoint the remaining of the PDR Committee.

PASSED UNAN

The PDR committee consists of Dave Edmondson, Cindy Ruzak, Ray Weigel, Fred Woodruff, Ed Roy, Karen Cline, and Susan J. Curtis.

MOTION: Hoffman/Byron to bring Weatherholt back to the board.

PASSED UNAN

7. Peninsula Community Library Book Sale Sign Request

Hoffman reads the request from Ellen Kerr to hang a 3 by 5 foot banner at Fire Station #2 to advertise the Peninsula Community Library Book Sale from July 21, 2016 to August 3, 2016.

MOTION: Byron/Weatherholt to approve the banner request by Peninsula Community Library.

PASSED UNAN

8. Tree Service Removal from Leonardo's Tree Service

Hoffman stated that in there was no response from the company who had been awarded the original bid for the cemetery tree removal. Hoffman is now suggesting that the second lowest bid of \$4200.00 be offered the work.

MOTION: Avery/ Witkop to award bid to Leonardo's Tree service for \$4200 for removal of the fallen trees at Bohemian Cemetery.

Roll Call Vote: Weatherholt-Yes; Hoffman-Yes; Correia-Yes; Byron-Yes; Avery-Yes; Rosi-Yes; Witkop-Yes
PASSED UNAN

Citizen Comments

Armond Addonizio, 11886 Peninsula Drive would like to address the repaving and shoulders. He has been a resident since 2002. There is no concern right now as far as accidents. My biggest problem is not the cars, or tourists ...it is the bikers. His concern is the paving. If we expand the roads by five feet it will cut into the property. When *Addonizio* inquired about a public meeting that he had expected to be held he was told that there was miscommunication as to who would do the meeting and it was never held. Biggest problem is the Hagerty bike group on Tuesday night.

Dan Fleckenstein, 12000 Peninsula Drive agrees with what his neighbor Armond said. He lost an 80- foot tree due to the road project. He strongly objects to any increase to the margin of the road. He strongly objects to the idea of putting up guardrails. He thinks the real problem in safety is the 45 mph speed limit. Signs should be placed saying that bikes should be two abreast.

Margaret Achorn, 12284 Peninsula Drive would like to comment on the Peninsula Drive Road Construction. Who is supposed to pay for the widening and reconfiguration with additional ditch work? What is done is done. Now is not the time to make a costly "do-over".

Board Comments

Avery Once again there is misinformation about the Fire Department. Encourage people to stop by and talk to Chief Rittenhouse There are more EMT's then we have had for some time. There is a new 4WD Ambulance. There is new equipment for the fire fighters-new air packs, new radios and more. You would be amazed at how good the fire department is right now. People are spreading rumors for their own gain.

Witkop Fire Department did respond to the fire on Neahtawanta. We have a mutual aid agreement with the city to back our fire department in a confirmed structure fire. You will see the city respond and that is a good thing.

MOTION: Avery/Witkop to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary.