

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING TOWN BOARD
13235 Center Road Traverse City, MI 49686
November 21, 2016 - Noon

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: **Bickle, Sanders, Wunsch, Westphal, Achorn, Manigold, and Wahl.**

Also present: Steve Schwartz, and Rachel Mavis (recording secretary).

Motion to approve agenda by Wunsch / Sanders. Motion passed.

Conflict of Interest

none

Business

Status of Current Negotiations with Firefighter Union

Motion to move to closed session by Wunsch / Bickle. Motion passed. Roll call.

Motion to open session by Wunsch / Wahl. Motion passed by roll call.

Motion to add Bickle to bargaining committee by Wunsch / Wahl. Motion passed.

Bickle will get info that he needs from Weatherholt.

Citizen Comments

None.

Board Comments

Manigold - He will be working to get everyone together for these meetings. They also need to look at the open meetings act and an ethics training review.

Westphal - As a new town board, this is a great opportunity to also look at staff - there is almost complete turnover in staff. Unusual hours have been held in the past, which can also be looked at. There has been some negative comments from the community about not being open on Fridays. This is an opportunity to look at filling and redefining staff positions and looking at how the town hall operates overall.

Bickle - at the close of tax season, he and **Achorn** have already discussed that they'll communicate being open or making appointments in order to make themselves accessible to public. **Westphal** - advises

setting office hours that you're available to public. **Achorn** - with an open administrative staff position, there's the opportunity that an admin could be available Fridays as well.

Sanders - thank you to everyone.

Manigold - check your mailbox. They have been looking into the mold issues within the building. When they contacted Mold Matters, they learned that Mold Matters partially completed their previous task and still need to finish (painting, drywall, etc.) Additionally, Stanley Steamer can come and clean the duct work. They will go ahead with it as maintenance issue (finishing project from 1 1/2 years ago - not adding to next town board agenda for discussion.)

Westphal - if anyone has documents that need shredding, the clerk's office can call and have it shredded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.