

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP
Regular Town Board Meeting
December 11, 2018

Transcribed Meeting Minutes

Rob: I'd like to call the meeting to Order would everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Rob: Roll call please, Jo.

Joanne: Rob?

Rob: Yep.

Joanne: Brad?

Brad: Yes, present.

Joanne: Dave?

Dave: Present.

Joanne: Isiah?

Isiah: Present.

Joanne: Marge?

Marge: Here.

Joanne: Myself, here.

Rob: Okay, brief audience comments this would be an appropriate time if somebody would like to make a statement, we'd ask that you'd give your name and address for the record.

Nancy R. Heller, 3091 Blue Water Road, just a request, the Sheriff's Department gives a revenue report, I would request that the Fire Department give a monthly revenue report. So that we can have an idea of actual fire responses and ambulance responses so if that were possible, I would appreciate it.

Rob: Okay, thank you, is that doable Fred?

Fred: Yes.

Rob: Okay, not getting a HIPPA violation or anything.

Fred: Yeah, I can, yeah, no.

Brad: There's actually a chart that was presented the last time we were studying this it shows the EMT runs and the fire runs and all that good stuff. I think that is what Nancy is looking for.

Fred: Yep, yeah, that's no problem.

Rob: Okay, thank you, approval of agenda, I would, Mr. Meihn, our attorney, had a death in the family he's in Texas, won't be with us tonight and asked that the closed session be removed and hopefully we could reschedule on a Monday to do that and also I would like to add as number four, Extend the Park Commission until the end of our fiscal year which would be April 1st, 2019, any other corrections.

Brad: None.

Rob: Or additions.

Brad: None at this time.

Isiah: I would move to approve the agenda as amended.

Brad: I second that.

Rob: We have a motion and support, to approve the agenda as amended, Wunsch/Bickle, any further discussion?

Brad: None.

Rob: All those in favor signify by saying "I".

Board members all state "I's".

Rob: Okay, passed, conflict of interest?

Brad: None.

Dave: None.

Rob: Okay, consent agenda, any member of the Board or staff or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion, reports and announcements as provided in the packet, Treasurer's report, Ordinance Enforcement report from November. Consumer's Energy tree planting grant award that we got, Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant application ranking, correspondence from Anne Griffith and Dave Murphy, Jane Goodman, Christina.

Joanne: Streichen.

Rob: Stechen, okay, thank you, Sally Akerley, edit list of invoices recommend approval, approve Principal Life renewal rate for 2019, approve postage for personal property statements for the Assessor, and approve appointment of John Dolton as new ZBA Board member, replacing Mr. Vida.

Brad: Rob, if I may, I'd like to recommend to the Board that we have conditional approval to the edit list of invoices, there's a, you know we have a new Deputy Clerk and she's doing a great job. There are just a couple of items that we will need to reclassify and identify correctly so if the Board would give the conditional approval then that would be appreciated.

Rob: Okay, is there anyone in the audience that would like any of those taken off and placed elsewhere on the agenda?

Joanne: I have a question for the Treasurer's report. Doesn't have to move into the business part agenda or can we just ask.

Rob: You can just ask.

Brad: You can just ask Jo.

Jo: I have actually two questions about the Treasurer's report. The first one has to do with its tied to the Michigan Department of Natural Resource grant application rankings, and you had set aside or agreed as a Town Board to use three thousand, or three hundred thousand.

Brad: Three hundred.

Jo: Three hundred thousand dollars of our cable fund for a match for that grant. But we didn't get the grant or it is unlikely because of page nine of the grants so does the seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and, seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and seven dollars and seventeen cents reflect that three hundred thousand dollars or will that go back into that fund?

Brad: No, it does not it's not subtracted from that because we've not done any entries because the grant as you said didn't come through so those monies are in tack and will remain in tack until such time but or not at all.

Jo: Okay, and then my second question is under the tax collection line 703, is there a limit that the Township can collect before monies need to be disbursed back to the residents because right now, we are at sixteen million one hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

Brad: We're actually at because we have our distribution pay orders it's when those checks that we write are entered through Clerk's office we actually have dispersed a little over fifteen million dollars so they just need to get caught up in our checks being registered.

Jo: Okay, so we're actually broke?

Laughter.

Brad: No, no it's really just a matter of having those checks that we have written over the summer period to the County recorded in our general ledgers.

Jo: Then I reiterate my question. Is there a limit that the Township can collect in terms of the Treasury before monies need to be dispersed back to the residents?

Brad: No, those mileages are specific to each season so every tax mileage in the summer whatever we collect which is usually behind three percent those are dispersed to those specific taxing units and the same for winter. The Township receives, I'm sorry Marge the Township receives its operating expense as one percentage or a percentage in the winter tax. But nothing goes back to the residents.

Rob: That's for the schools and everything else. But I believe the answer to your question, I think there are some laws that you can't just keep collecting something.

Several Board members speaking over one another

Brad: We're well below that because of our base and our, see if it was Grand Traverse County and there way below it in many measurers' population wise. (remainder of statement is unclear).

Isiah: My understanding is a unit of government is operating on a hundred percent of annual expenditures for a budget cycle but review from Michigan Department of Treasury.

Brad: Correct.

Isiah: But I think the sixteen-million-dollar tax collection amount that we're seeing reflects mostly the taxes that we're collecting through November.

Brad: They've already been dispersed. Isiah, so once they recorded in general ledger in the Clerk's office that account will adjust dramatically it's down to what our current balance is.

Isiah: Yeah but it's in taxes, right.

Brad: Yes, correct.

Isiah: Up the chain.

Isiah: We're responsible for collecting but we send most of it to the County.

Rob: And maybe it's a good time to do that begin to show what we keep out of that and ninety-eight percent of it leaves.

Brad: Jo said it was time for me to get an article in the newsletter so there we go with the wheel.

Rob: Okay, anybody on the Town Board want anything else taken off, if not we would entertain a motion to approve as amended on the bills.

Isiah: I would move for approval of the consent agenda, I would like more information at some point at why we landed so low on the grant applicants I thought that was pretty solid.

Rob: I was kind of surprised.

Isiah: Surprised, yeah.

Brad: So that's a motion with a question.

Isiah: It's a motion with a question.

Rob: Okay.

Brad: I second it.

Rob: Okay, we have a motion, support Wunsch/Bickle, any further discussion?

Brad: None.

Rob: Roll call please, Joanne.

Joanne: Isiah?

Isiah: Yes.

Joanne: Marge?

Marge: Yes.

Joanne: Myself, yes, Rob?

Rob: Yep.

Joanne: Brad?

Brad: Yes.

Joanne: David?

David: Yes.

Rob: Okay, carried, I'll try to get with Jennifer and have her get something out to us. We thought we would approach that the Trust Fund grant two different times added money to the number of things to get our points up but we're quite at, were at the bottom. Randy?

Randy: I just want to address that the DNR has different priorities each year and they rank the applications and obviously we came in towards the bottom of the ranking but each year their priorities kind of shift and so they give you a preliminary score before their final decisions are made and that's where you had the opportunity to add more money to the proposed projects and then make other adjustments but apparently that wasn't enough to get us into the funding area. So, I guess that's a lesson for next year perhaps with other grant applications.

Rob: Okay, we'll move onto business. The first item is presentation of awards to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, what we had were some guys and gals that worked very well for us for years and some of them for several terms and had decided that they're not going to continue so at this time, I actually have to give Susan the credit. We did this award and technically we can't spend a lot of money.

Laughter.

Rob: So, I think we stole it off the internet and I don't know what came to these but.

Brad makes a comment that is unclear.

Rob: The first participant would be Matt Cowall, Matt thank you very much for your service to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Matt: Thank you.

Rob: How many years, twelve maybe/

Matt: Nine.

Rob: Nine, it was a while.

Matt: Longer than I knew. Thank you all for your service, I don't know if this is on, how's that? Hello, I really appreciate anyone who lends their time and expertise to this Township. I've been proud to serve in my small role in that and would encourage anyone to get involved in that way. This place is worth protecting and serving and it's a great place to live and it's a beautiful place and the reason it is that way is because folks like you have worked on it for years and years in a row in generations to make sure that it's a nice place to be so please continue that good stewardship of this great place so we can all enjoy it for generations to come. Thanks a lot.

Rob: Thank you, Matt. Marilyn.

Applause.

Rob: Marilyn was on our Planning Commission and because of her work at the Treasurer's office had to resign from that position and it's a law that came up, we became aware of, so thank you very much for your time and all your dedication.

Marilyn: Thank you, thank you very much. It's been my pleasure working with all of you. Short lived but I think it is important that everyone get involved in whatever way they can. Whether it is just on committees or whatever, and I thank you for the opportunity that you gave me.

Rob: Okay, thank you.

Applause.

Rob: Laura Serocki on the Planning Commission could not be here this evening, we'll get it to her, and Rick Vida, was on our Zoning Board of Appeals for a number of years, chair for most of it.

Rick: Well, thank you, I am very flattered. I would like to introduce my wife Rosie who put up with all those Thursday night meetings. I'm going to miss the finger wagging why did you make that decision, your being unfair, but most of those weren't, most of those meetings weren't too bad.

Rob: Oh, I thought it was your wife.

Laughter.

Rick: I still get that.

Laughter.

Rick: One story I would like to share is after several meetings when I first started out after one meeting somebody on the Board said something about their check and I said what check are you talking about. They said you get paid to do this and I says you do? I joined as a volunteer so when I filed out my W-4 I got a check for over six hundred bucks and I said this is pretty cool maybe I'll stay on.

Laughter.

Rick: So, thank you very much, I really and truly enjoyed it and I'm very flattered.

Rob: Okay, and qualified as six hundred dollars a meeting.

Laughter and Applause.

Rob: Thank you all very much. Okay, item number two, public hearing Brys Estate Winery Chateau amendment number four, special use permit number one-fifteen. Randy do you want to lead us through that a little bit.

Randy: Certainly, you know you remember here shortly ago we had amendment number three come through and was through the Planning Commission and through the Township Board and subsequent to that there's a relatively small change to the plan that Mr. Brys had for the winery chateau and so we had to have a public hearing and hopefully act on it shortly thereafter. All the material is in packet as well as a larger drawing I know it is a little bit difficult to read this smaller one they provided larger drawings so with that I will let Mr. Brys address the Board.

Rob: Okay, Walter, would you please come up here.

Walter Brys, 3309 Blue Water Road, I am here for a request, a request was made for your approval of a minor amendment to our SUP 115, and what it is, is we are requesting to expand by one thousand and five square feet our existing outdoor deck of an area previously approved by the Board under our SUP amendment number two which was in April of 2014, so the deck has been there since that approval this is a one thousand and five square foot expansion to that existing structure. We are not requesting any changes to the existing building or interior spaces or square footages. It's all focused on outdoor deck the fourth line is that Brys Estate will continue to exceed the minimal agricultural acreage requirement for winery chateau zoning so we are not affecting our minimal agricultural zoning usage of seventy-five percent were above that and per the existing zoning language no changes are needed to our existing parking facilities as we are not making any changes to the existing building interior spaces or square footages and then included in your packet is a copy of the construction plan that meet all of the requirements, commercial building codes applicable to the project and assuming approval those plans will be used by a contractor to be submitted to the Code, Grand Traverse County Code review and to get a building permit from those plans. So they are ready to go with those plans and then also included in your packet is a copy from the Peninsula Township Fire Chief. Confirming that he did visit the site and that he has conceptually approved the design of the project and you know once, when once built made it clear that he would like to come back out and validate that we have proper fire protection devices on this deck in certain areas ie., fire extinguishers and life safety things that need to be available for people need in an emergency, and then finally the total square footage of the outdoor deck when you take the existing deck and you add the one thousand and five square feet the new size will still be smaller than other existing winery chateau decks. So, we're not asking for anything beyond anyone else's sizing or type of deck. It's, it's identical to the existing deck as far as material goes, structure, appearance all of those esthetic issues. So, it does not have any outdoor lighting requirements so we will not be lighting the skies up with a new big deck and it is merely an expansion to allow people to have a little more room and comfort when summer months are here and they are able to sit outside and have a glass of wine. So, if there's any questions, I would be happy to entertain those from the Board.

Rob: Are there any questions of anyone in the audience this evening? Well, first of all I have to open the public hearing.

Laughter.

Rob: And are there any questions of anyone in the audience this evening? Okay, there being none, I would close the public hearing and open the regular scheduled meeting up for questions of the Board, any questions?

Joanne: Walter, what will be the actual square footage of the deck, once it's built?

Walter: Once it is built it will be two thousand nine hundred and five square feet I think is the total square footage.

Joanne: And its dimensions will be?

Walter: The add-on dimension is roughly forty feet by thirty feet I think it is.

Randy: Twenty-five.

Walter: Twenty-five feet, yeah, forty feet by twenty-five feet is the add-on the existing deck and because it is kind of an L shaped eventually be somewhat L shaped the new component that we're requesting is one of the legs of the L and the existing deck would be the other leg of the L and so they are comparable in size, very similar in size and then if you take those two spaces and then you add the tasting room that the Township requires that we build in 2014 that's when the size of the, the total size of the deck is approaching twenty-nine hundred square feet.

Joanne: No entertainment?

Walter: No, the only entertainment would be if one of the Board members wants to come out and play the ukulele or something.

Laughter.

Rob: Thank you, any other comments of the Board?

Isiah: From the Planning Commission I would just say that this moved through in one meeting as a substantially a complete application. The one big question I think that doesn't relate to this project it relates to the Planning Commission process was is less about this project and more procedural because we approved it with just a public hearing which was one meeting at the Planning Commission and I think that there was some concern about avoiding setting a precedence on SUP amendments or SUP reflects in the future so there was a desire from Planning Commission for some more clarity on where we move things like this that look pretty straight forward and easy through and where the Board would like to see a little bit more scrutiny from the PC and I think it's kind of tough to make that objective to place that bench mark.

Brad: I think common sense, objectivity.

Isiah: Right, common sense.

Brad: For projects planning to build like Libraries

Isiah: Right.

Brad: That's a whole different set of equations.

Isiah: Yep.

Brad: Where this is very well done, complete.

Isiah: Right.

Brad: A very clear visual of what is going to take place.

Isiah: Yep, but I think the thought was that it might be helpful for from a legal sensibility standpoint in the future just to have a kind of fits the box doesn't fit this box.

Randy: I think it would be helpful forward if there was some language in the code that spoke to what really constitutes something

Isiah: Yeah.

Randy: Small and not worthy of a full.

Isiah: Cause.

Randy: Scrutiny or the SUP process and we're really talking about a fairly small project but it was taken to the Planning Commission.

Isiah: Yep.

Randy: The public hearing at the Planning Commission.

Isiah: Yep.

Randy: Level is not required so it was.

Isiah: Yep.

Randy: Considered at one meeting and this is a public hearing.

Isiah: Yep.

Randy: So, there is still opportunity for.

Isiah: Yeah, and I think the senses that we've done a good job of being able to say use common sense is that it is a small project as I see it but the worry is that making sure that someone with a large project sue us and say I have a small project too.

Rob: Randy I see that this is a special use amendment, staff report and findings of fact is there only one resolution to the approve this?

Randy: Yeah, there is on page fourteen the conditions for approval and that includes the getting a land use permit.

Rob: So, we would do it like a regular one.

Randy: Right.

Rob: Approve the conditions and then special use permit amendment.

Randy: Right, which is predicated on compliance with the Fire Chief's comments about the signs, the exterior lighting wasn't clear from plans what kind of lighting they had but we called that out as meeting our special lighting requirements and then of course obtaining the code permit from the County so those are the three conditions for approval and it's spelled out in your material.

Rob: Okay, any further?

Isiah: (makes a statement which is unclear).

Randy: If I could add one other thing, was related to this even though it was a small project it does involve them moving some grape vines and there it sort of a delicate balance of how much grape production has to be on the site to meet the chateau requirements and so our calculations that were provided did show that we still have that requirement those numbers were checked out by the Township Engineer so I feel good about that.

Joanne: I have one observation, about something that Isiah has just said. When we went through the Library review and held it up for an extra week it really had to do with whether or not all of the boxes were checked procedure and I really think the material of the size of the project all of the boxes should be checked because that's what we said we were going to do as a Town Board and that gets away from that whole thing of the discretionary of whether this is a small project or this is a big project or this is a middle sized project. The boxes should be checked when it comes up from the Planning Commission. That was my understanding that was going to be followed as a procedure and unfortunately Isiah was the one that brought it up.

Isiah: Well some of these are boxes that they can't miss these are boxes that can't be checked until later.

Joanne: I realize that but we said we wanted to have.

Randy: So, all of the applicable ones I've checked.

Isiah: Right.

Joanne: Right.

Randy: On this and there are many that are not applicable, the landscaping plan or soil borings.

Isiah: I'll say, I'll say this to back Randy's, Randy up here that the Planning Commission felt that this was ready to move forward to the Town Board but they were worried about the fact that there were boxes that were unchecked a couple felt comfortable passing it up to the Town Board without having all the boxes checked but they wanted that frame work for when it's appropriate for us to do that and what's not so looking at the scope of the project it clearly passes the logical small test passes the Planning Commission to the Town Board it's a substantially complete application but they were just looking for some clarity on where they should do that in the future verses where they should hold back and wait. But this doesn't raise any of the red flags like the Library SUP did.

Brad: Okay.

Dave: I have a question too, Walter, will there be tasting this is difficult to ask because it involves terminology, I realize and I'm concerned about the parking as we see expansion of the wineries the parking is tied to the tasting room so it leads to the question what will be going on, on this deck will there be tasting going on or will it be just a gathering area I'd like to understand that.

Walter: Well typically a guest that comes to the winery if they want to do a tasting, they stay in the tasting room where there's a tasting bar and they'll pay a fee and they'll get a sampling of wines. If someone is not interested in the tasting and they know or they have a wine that they know that they prefer to drink anyway then the option is there for them to go up on the deck and there's a tasting station. It's not a tasting bar, there is a service bar there I guess would be better terminology for what it does and then the guest goes into that area where there's somebody available to pour a glass of wine for them to have and then they can sit down at an outdoor table and have a glass of wine and look out over at East Bay or whatever they want to look at and enjoy a glass of wine. There isn't any formal tastings offered on the deck. That is purely, enjoy the summer months in Michigan you know and sit outside and have a glass of wine. That's pretty much what happens out there.

Dave: Okay, thank you.

Rob: Any other questions? Okay, what page was that resolution started?

Randy: It's on page fourteen. It begins on fourteen and ends on fifteen.

Brad: Say it again, please.

Randy: I'm sorry, it ends on page fifteen.

Brad: Where do you start on page fourteen, there's bullet point five, six and seven. There is no starting point in order for a motion to be made.

Rob: Yeah, that's where I was.

Brad: Randy, you said that there's three things that needed to be a part of the motion which I'm prepared to make but I don't know because you've not defined it or it's at least not here.

Randy: The conditions for approval are items on page fourteen.

Isiah: So yes, we need a motion to approve the general findings of fact to amendment four to SUP number one-fifteen and I would make that motion.

Brad: You've made that motion?

Isiah: Yeah, yes.

Brad: I second that motion.

Rob: Okay, we have a motion and support for the findings of fact, any further discussion?

Brad: None.

Rob: Roll call please, Joanne.

Joanne: Marge?

Marge: Yes.

Joanne: Isiah?

Isiah: Yes.

Joanne: Dave?

Dave: Yes.

Joanne: Brad?

Brad: Yes.

Joanne: Rob?

Rob: Yep.

Joanne: Myself, yes.

Rob: And then we need to approve the special use permit as amended.

Joanne: I move that we approve the special use permit number one-fifteen with amendment four.

Brad: I second that.

Rob: We have a motion and support, Westphal/Bickle, any further discussion?

Brad: None.

Rob: Roll call please, Jo.

Jo: Dave?

Dave: Yes.

Jo: Brad?

Brad: Yes.

Jo: Rob?

Rob: Yep.

Jo: Myself, yes, Marge?

Marge: Yes.

Jo: Isiah?

Isiah: Yes.

Rob: Okay, passed.

Brad: Randy do we have everything we need?

Randy: Yes, we do.

Brad: Okay, congratulations.

Rob: Alright.

Walter: Thank you, appreciate it.

Joanne: Thank you guys.

Rob: You know in that discussion that we had over the years we've debated the same thing. We had Mapleton Market which you know is a big special use permit and they had to come in and change I think the gas side to do that they had to go through the entire process through the Planning Commission the public hearing at that time I remember we were saying kind of what you and the Planning Commission are saying for something that is a simple fix could be determined by maybe the Zoning Administrator.

Isiah: Right.

Rob: Or a different thing.

Randy: So in other codes I've seen examples of saying if the project changes by X percent or so many square feet there's a lot of different nuances to that you can prepare in the code to.

Rob: The kicker is we just want to be sure that it is done right and not take a short cut so a hard decision. Okay, the next, item number three presentations for discussion proposed by the Fire Chief station three. For those of you that don't recognize it that's the little building down across from Hasserot Beach if you're an old timer it was (couldn't make out name of person) garage where he sold tractors at one time. We picked it up Mrs. Oxbeo did when her husband died, I don't think they donated it but I think that we got a really good deal through the Conservancy on that and added it to our area down by the Legion and the Hasserot Beach, with that Fred.

Fred: Okay, if I could take a minute just to go back to Ms. Heller's question from earlier as far as the run volume for the fire department. Currently the Fire department is at five hundred and twenty-seven runs for the year. That's about a twenty-five percent increase from last year for total as far as I know from the records, I have seen this is the highest volume we've had as a Fire Department. Of them runs sixty percent are EMS and forty percent are fire related. In the last, the last month for November we had thirty-five runs, fifty-four percent were EMS and forty-six percent were fire runs, which fire related so that could be wires down, trees, carbon monoxide detectors things of that nature. So, hopefully that helps you. I'll try to be more about getting that on a regular basis.

Nancy: Thank you.

Fred: Your welcome, okay, as you know we hired consultants couple months ago to look at our ISO rating and grading that's going to be coming about here in the spring. The Fire Department is working diligently to improve every aspect so we can get the best grade possible. With the ISO, Skip Serling, who is our consultant when he came out he looked and the first thing he saw was the lack of coverage in the north. I spoke with Rob and I spoke with Brad about trying to do something about it and undenounced to me I didn't know that the Township had a building down there. Once I found out I was able to go over and look at it. It is adequate but it will need some renovations and where it sits and I'll show you here shortly, from a mapping perspective of how to cover. What you want let me just back up a second. What you want in a fire station or what ISO, which is Insurance Services Organization or Offices. They basically grade fire departments and

that's how your insurance on your homes and businesses is determined. So, the better grade we get is more beneficial to the residents of Township. So, when he came out, he looked at that. We saw that in the northern section basically Old Mission where this building sits is outside of the scope of the five miles, five road miles out from current north station. So what that essentially does because it's outside of the five miles it puts it at an automatic rating of ten which is basically like a fire department does not exist which you pay the highest end of insurance costs. Okay, for that component this goes all the way over into Whispering Trail, up about where Old Mission Road is and over to the bay so everybody north of that would pay the highest premiums based off of the insurance rating. Today in talking with ISO, Skip, it was brought to my attention that our rating was not a five throughout up to that point. It was a five and seven in the middle of the Township and a ten at the top which it gives us a lot of room to have a big benefit for a lot of residents. So, and that's what we are striving for and this is number one on the list. So, some of the reasons that were looking at is obviously we want to increase our ability to get to the people in the north in a quicker frame or time span. You know currently with us being five plus miles away can take anywhere from seven to fifteen minutes to get to the tip of up by the lighthouse and things of that nature. So, we obviously that's our first priority is to get to people quicker. I will make mention that this station will not be staffed. Okay, there will not be permanent people in there around the clock. What we do have is currently we have two firefighters that live within a mile of where this station will be located. I have another one that I just submitted for next, for January so we have about four people in that area to get that fire truck to people in need, which would be a good thing. Another reason is obviously the ISO that's, that's a major, a major consideration. Increased housing of fire equipment, I don't know how many of you have been in the fire station to the north but it is crammed full of fire trucks. The apparatus space is full we have to maneuver things around in order to just put equipment in there. This building up by Hasserot is roughly thirty-five by forty so it's decent size. So, it would allow us maybe to put some of the smaller vehicles and as I've spoken going forward as we increase our apparatus and change things around a little bit and maybe get rid of some of the things, we don't need this will help that by having the ability to put these trucks in there. The potential decrease in the insurance cost which I mentioned and to have an additional water supplied resource with that truck being up there if there's a fire in the middle of the Township that truck could be sent right to a water source to start drawing water in order to supply the fire engines and things of that nature that are at the actual fire. The building obviously as you can see from the pictures it would need some renovations the truck that I am proposing putting there is the Wildland truck which we've been steadily been putting equipment on to make it available to actually fight house fires and bigger fires not just wild fires. The truck is big enough and has a big enough fire pump it has a thousand GPM fire pump which is gallons per minute, so it will pump that much water and it has seven hundred and fifty gallons of water on it. There is some small tweaking as far as equipment that we'll have to do to get the max ISO rating that we can out of the vehicle its small things, small equipment hand tools and things of that nature. So we're in the process of going through and making sure we know everything we have to have on it. This truck is pretty big it's ten feet high. The door on this building is currently ten feet. So that doesn't work. So, one of the main things we have to do with the building we'd have to move the garage door more centrally located in the building. So when you start doing things of that nature you potentially run into structure

soundness of the building we may have to do some more bracing, shoring, things of that nature to make sure that the structure is sound. We have to run electrical to the building there's old wires in there right now it all has to be new. The wire has to actually be dropped from the utility pole into the building. We also have to place heating into the building as well. Probably one heating unit would be sufficient, insulation in the ceiling, currently in the building there is a ceiling. It's an old metal type of ceiling but there is no insulation so obviously if we were going to do something with this we would want to insulate it so our heats not just blowing right out the roof. Potentially energy efficient windows, paint exterior and signage, that the Fire department and firefighters can do that type of work and examine the roof for possible repair. These are some of the major things we would look at we don't need to run water in it. It's just basically going to be a garage and according to our consultant that's basically all we have to do. He said put the fire truck in the garage and make sure it has heat so the water doesn't freeze. So, while this may not be a long-term fix, it is a short-term fix to improve our service to the people in the north part of the Township obviously it doesn't affect our ability to deliver EMS cause we carry no EMS equipment on that truck. So, our ambulance would still be coming from this station in them instances. It's primarily for the fire. ISO does not assess us on our ability to deliver EMS. There strictly about fire, about how much water we can deliver, it looks at our ability to provide fire prevention our inspections of buildings and all the things which I'm in the process of beefing up our program and getting our program started to where we're going to inspect every building. We're going to have fire prevention talks with the kids on a regular basis the churches and things of that nature, all these different things for the community. So this all goes into play as far as the ISO, they will get all that and then they look at the training for the guys. Right now we're averaging anywhere from ten to twenty hours of training a month for these guys, which is quite an amount but you need that with all of the challenges that we have in the Township to be ready. So, them are the things we are looking at as far, as far as the building updating. I just wanted, I threw this map up here to show you the gray area is basically all the ten area. When we did the recalculation with the ISO consultant you can see the red dot there is where the fire station is at Hasserot Beach where the yellow line is everything to the north of there would be a ten which basically you would be paying the highest amount of insurance and you can see it runs all the way down by Whispering Trail and continues down and catches the bottom of Whispering Trail all the way to the south. So, the reason Whispering Trail if you took a straight line and went yeah, it's within five miles but you have to go up Old Mission or you have to go Swaney and you have to come in down to access these the residents there. So that's what throws them into over the five mile radius. So that's basically what we're looking at, I have contacted a contractor and we did go out and look at the building and I kind of gave him a rough idea of what we were looking at. We're looking at potentially between forty and sixty thousand depending on what all we do. You know if we change the windows and things of that nature which we don't have to do necessarily right away. But if we did it right and made the building heat efficient as far as a heat standpoint and things of that nature, structurally sound, move the door, bring electricity in, and put a new door up obviously, garage door opener that's roughly what we are looking at. I think if you look at this, if we're to say buy land and put a pole barn up you're looking at probably a hundred thousand dollars just to do all these things. So, it's in a good spot. I'm not asking for any approvals tonight, I just want to

make you aware. I wanted to do some more research I want to get with Gordy Frasier because I believe they would have to draw up the potential request.

Rob: Structural Engineer.

Fred: Correct. So, I want to get with them and they would specify everything we'd obviously have to go out for bids on this project. But I think it's a great short-term fix for the north. Eventually I still think we need to look at something different and more permanent but the Township owns the building so anything we put into it we still have the building and its updated and it's good to go for a while whether we store things in it or whatever we're going to do. But I think right now we can make it work as far as for a third fire station.

Rob: I think your choice on the Wildfire is a good one out there because a lot of the roads are two track roads and a lot of winding roads like Whispering Trail and one of the big concerns is always brush fire taking off out there and so the ability to knock that fire down quick would be pretty good, I think and a lot of people like it.

Fred: I think that they really like it when they see their insurance bill. Yeah, I mean, we want to get there quick but we also want we want to bend to everyone that's up there and your correct there is a lot of terrain that is tough to access in that area specifically so the Wildfire does, and luckily that truck is big enough to where it can take on the equipment that we need to put on in order to function as if it were one of the bigger Frontline fire trucks that we roll out on fires all the time.

Rob: I believe I was talking to the Supervisor at Green Lake and you did a presentation or were out there with I guess with Marv Radicky.

Fred: Right.

Rob: At Green Lake and I'm almost thinking they got theirs reduced to a four.

Fred: Right, they went.

Rob: With all the bottle lakes.

Fred: They went they went from an ISO rating from and eight to a four. So they put in a lot of work they used the same consultant we did or we are. Which he'll be up here in January to start honing in on more of our things because there is a full game ant of things that they look at its just not our ability to put fires out it's the ability to move water, it's our ability to teach people to check the safety issues of the buildings within the Township all these different things so I think we're going to do well. I think we have the potential to do very well. The manpower has increased since this was done the last time, we had people in the building that could get out the door within a minute which is the difference in life and death. That's a big key on how fast can we get to somebody. So, we've made all the right steps there's a few more that we need to do and discuss but we're making progress, were providing really good ALS, you know getting, I've seen a decrease in our response times by a minute so far just by having the south station open

until eleven o'clock. So were doing all the things that we need to do our numbers are up more people want to come and be on our department which is a good thing so were building a good culture this is just another step in making it better and tonight I just wanted to take the time to make you aware of what we're looking at give you some time to stew on it or think about it or think of questions and you know where I'm at and ask me anytime and hopefully consider this when I come back with some more information.

Rob: Any questions?

Joanne: Fred, if we were looking at insurance policies hundred-thousand-dollar structure just as a unit of value and you're in a zone that's rated five verses a zone that's rated ten what are you talking about in terms of the insurance premium is it a hundred percent increase?

Fred: No.

Joanne: Is it a fifty percent increase or?

Fred: According, according to Skip from ISO who does this obviously on a he said the people in a ten area are paying three to four times more in insurance rates than the people in a five area which is the fire hydrants that's where we're a five and is in fire hydrants so the people with sevens are probably going to be paying one to two times more the people up in the north end three to four times more.

Joanne: Does it exponentially increase with distance or is it a linier.

Fred: It's going to depend on well yeah, once you exceed that five road miles, you're automatically a ten once your outside five road miles from a fire house you're a ten so.

Joanne: What does that do to your premium then is it six times, ten times?

Fred: It depends on what it was prior obviously. If your used to paying at a ten rate you're not, you might see minuet increases but the difference if you took the same home and put it down in the south end where the fire hydrants are compared to up here, you're looking at three to four times the amount that they would be paying down there.

Rob: That's what surprised me about Green Lake when this guy got done a four is even better than where we have the hydrants.

Laughter.

Fred: Right. Yeah, they did a lot of work in and they put a lot of time the big thing for us is going to be the fifty-year water drop study. That's a big component so if we can get the base to light up as solid water sources we're going to be doing very well because at no point in the Township are, we no more than two miles away from water. The Township is four miles wide at its widest point. We've already been out and marked GIS'd our turbo draft sites so where we can get water from so, we've increased, you know we're

not looking at just water points anymore, we're not looking at Bower's Harbor, you know Hasserot, things of that nature, we're looking at places where the water is close to the road and we have a straight shot to get to it. We can reach it at a hundred feet away right now. The truck that I've been talking to you about will enhance that as well with that tanker so you know we're making all the right steps. The guys are working hard and gals are working hard so you know like I said this is just another step in the forward progression of our fire department.

Brad: Fred, let me ask something, I'm going to build it on something that Jo brought up that got my thoughts going it might be beneficial for this ISO consultant that we're paying for does his contract allow for him to come and present to the Town Board?

Fred: Yes.

Brad: I think we need to have him come in and everyone prepare themselves with the questions because remember we have to communicate to the residents and we're those residents as well. What does this mean an eighty-thousand-dollar improvement on a building that's maybe questionable and uses questionable like the time because as Chief if we do that then this is what you drop down in what would be the percentage calculation. He's going to have to be able to present provide us some logic in all of this.

Fred: Yep, and he.

Brad: This shouldn't have to fall on your shoulders, your bringing this thought and bringing us this presentation and we understand there could be a benefit but this guy needs to show us where the benefit is or not.

Fred: Right, and he's willing to do that, that's, that's part of it and he has told me numerous times that if you run into any big problems or anything like that or the Board wants more information, he's willing to do a presentation. He's been doing this for over thirty years. He knows what he's doing so you know there's a lot to know with the ins and outs of the insurance, basically this test is what they're doing it's a test and it's basically testing our ability to get water on fire. It's a big mathematical equation you have to deliver so much water in so much amount of time and things of this nature. So, it's a big math test. Dave, you're probably well aware of that. So, he's willing to come up here and actually he will be here January 15th and 16th, or 14th, 15th, he'll be there them days. I'm not sure how the meetings fall in January but.

Brad: Why don't you come in tomorrow and see what dates of the meetings are and then maybe we could coordinate this gentleman to be on an agenda for it and then you can get facts from your contractors in all of this can converse at that meeting.

Fred: Okay, he's up I will just let you know he's still in the process of gathering all of our information so, but I will speak to him.

Brad: I want you to understand that this won't be a definitive report but he's, I'm hoping he can do is to enlighten us in the basic understanding.

Fred: Right.

Brad: And then apply some of that to what's being proposed so that we understand.

Fred: Yeah.

Brad: Because you know like Mrs. Heller asked that question about the runs, well that tells me she's thinking like most residents are if you only have two runs why are you going to spend time, exaggerating making a point but if you don't have X number of runs why spend that kind of money when it doesn't change the reality. This guy has to make us understand what reality changes.

Fred: Right, yep and we can do that anytime, he's probably more than prepared to do that now with the limited information that he has but he could explain that obviously a lot better than I can as far as what the benefits are.

Brad: Thank you.

Rob: Okay, any other questions?

Joanne: I think this is really exciting because for a long time I think those who have lived in the furthest north stretches of the Peninsula perhaps have really been doing their own whirlwind to deal with some of the issues of fire and EMS and really when you look at the Peninsula in its coverage by the Fire Department there really is a justification as we continue to develop especially that northern area to look at a station like this.

Fred: And I don't think this is anything, I know Rob's been here the longest this is nothing, nothing new it was proposed back in 2014. When Chief Round was here kind of in the same fashion as far as the presentation in that northern section so it's been an issue for a while we have the opportunity to potentially do something about it at a relatively decent costs so I just wanted to make you guys aware of it and explain where we are coming from so when I come back with more information you'll just go yes Chief and send me on my way.

Laughter.

Joanne: Is this in your budget?

Rob: That's the one I've been waiting for.

Laughter.

Several members speaking at the same time.

Fred: Potentially it depends on the cost. I'm in the Treasurer's office regularly he knows where I sit as does Marge so they know where my budget is right now and I could potentially take care of that, potentially. It depends; it depends on the where the cost is going to end up when we get the overall idea so.

Rob: Okay.

Dave: I commend you Chief, we can look at this as a financial question and continue to use that theory but that's only a piece one piece of the puzzle, one life saved, a house saved yes, but a life saved through fast response, and Chief you and I both know how long a fire takes for a fire to double in size. So, the natural tendency is to ask the question what's the payback on our forty, fifty, sixty thousand but in my mind that's only a piece to the puzzle so we should move forward.

Rob: I think so too. Okay, thank you Chief.

Fred: That's too.

Laughter.

Rob: Alright, item number four, we had extended the terms of the Park Board which after the November vote was basically dissolved and we did it until January 1st, what I'm asking is that we would extend that farther into April 1st which would be the beginning of our next fiscal year we would use those people their out looking at trees right now at the lighthouse to come down. They've had a Forester identify tree's that are in the middle of projects and I think it would be a better transition if we extended those positions until April 1st and they could also help us with the budgeting.

Isiah: Do we want to extend those positions or do we want to appoint the current Park Board?

Rob: It's the same appoint the same Park Board, the same guys.

Rob and Isiah speaking at the same time.

Isiah: The same as the current Park Board is.

Rob: Anne has resigned but keep the Board in place as their finishing out these projects.

Isiah: So.

Dave: Staffing going to be down to one?

Rob: Yeah.

Isiah: Need a motion.

Rob: I think so.

Isiah: So, I would move that we appoint the members of the current Park Board as interim Park Commissioners from December 31st through April 1st, 2019.

Dave: Second.

Rob: Thank you for that. We have a motion and support, Wunsch/Sanger, any further discussion? All those in favor signify, well maybe we'd better roll call it, do you mind?

Joanne: Okay, Brad?

Brad: Yes.

Joanne: Dave?

Dave: Yes.

Joanne: Marge?

Marge: Yes.

Joanne: Isiah?

Isiah: Yes.

Joanne: Rob?

Rob: Yep.

Joanne: Myself, yes.

Rob: Okay, and I know people didn't bring their calendars but if you can get back to us on a Monday meeting for the other item that we took off.

Joanne: We're supposed to have a December 17th meeting which is a Tuesday next week so.

Isiah: Monday.

Rob: I thought we moved that.

Joanne: It's on our calendars so we're going to have to cancel it officially.

Rob: Well.

Isiah: December 17th.

Rob: We have to have a decision from this Board to take to the court.

Isiah: Yep.

Rob: So he was asking for Monday.

Joanne: Well the 17th is a Monday.

Isiah: Yeah.

Rob: The 17th is a Monday.

Brad: Yes.

Rob: I don't think we have a meeting that night.

Isiah: We have a meeting on our calendar originally for the 19th.

Rob: That moved to the 19th.

Joanne: Okay, the 19th.

Isiah: Yeah, if we could, I may have a conflict on the 19th so if we could move to the Monday that would be preferable for me.

Rob: Why don't I get back on Monday, that's what Greg had asked me to do is he is headed on a plane to fly back.

Joanne: So, you want it on a Monday instead of Tuesday.

Rob: It's a closed session and about the court on the 81 stuff.

Isiah: Could we do a daytime.

Rob: That's what.

Unidentified audience member: Rob, there's a PC meeting on Monday.

Randy: I was going to say Planning Commission meeting Monday night.

Brad: Monday night? We're going to do ours in the morning.

Rob: We're going to do ours in the morning.

Unidentified audience member: Right.

Rob: Thank you. Alright, we'll get back to you on that. Citizens comments, Monnie.

I have two comments, Monnie Peters, but is this on?

Fred: Yes.

Monnie and Fred trying to turn on the microphone.

Monnie Peters, 1425 Neahtawanta Road, Your talking about extending the Park Commission I wonder whether because of now you're going to move to an appointed Board I assume I suspect you probably need an ordinance for that or something or some sort of resolution you don't need it for the continuation but I'm just thinking about we have ordinances and proper resolutions for everything else and I'm just sort of.

Rob: Yeah.

Monnie: Thinking about that.

Rob: There's two schools of thought that people have been coming in to see me about so far and then we can actually start talking about that between now and the first but in the interim of cutting the dead trees and dangerous trees out at the lighthouse that's something their doing their working on grant proposals.

Monnie: Oh, yeah.

Rob: And trying, I don't want to pull them off now and we need to stay the course there but there's been an interest or concern that the parks have gotten so complex that maybe we need a Parks Commission, three member appointed, I'm just throwing it out there, and they would take care of Palizzari, all the hiking trails, Bower's Harbor, Archie and then there would be a Historic Commission that would actually take the lighthouse the Dougherty would be coming on line so this building has a designation on it and then we have the Hessler log cabin and we also have the little log church. So maybe somebody more in tuned with all the historic things we have to deal with might be there but I'm, I'm just guessing at this point.

Monnie: I ask the question because as we're doing at the PC looking at our bylaws and we just had a committee meeting looking at appropriate enabling legislation from the State to what our ordinance is to what our bylaws are and you begin to realize that we sometimes in this Township don't finish doing the proper organization and resolutions and the proper signed documents and I'm thinking your now your extending this until the end of your fiscal year and that's coming up in three months and I don't know, I don't think the citizenry wants you to just keep extending and extending and extending.

Rob: No, but that wasn't.

Monnie: So, I am just sort of saying, okay, I think we as a Township need to find whatever solution this is in the next three months and I'm sort of looking in as if that is sort of, I don't think it comes to us as a Planning Commission but maybe, don't know.

Rob: I don't know.

Monnie: I don't know.

Rob: It could.

Monnie: Something more to put on to our calendars. The other thing is you have a item that is tabled from the last meeting. That you were looking at the Bimber report and you were going to do it so. Do you have to because it's tabled I think the motion last time was tabled to this meeting. Do you all have to do a continuation, I don't know exactly how that sort of tabling works because what one of the problems.

Rob: Yeah.

Monnie: We saw historically is things get tabled and then they drop and then their never found again.

Rob: Yeah, that would be Mr. Meihn wasn't able to meet with.

Monnie: Right.

Rob: Mr. Bimber then we have apparently, we may have Kermit Campbell and Santucci and Oosterhouse all come to the same table.

Monnie: But what I wanted to have.

Rob: You're just looking at procedure.

Monnie: I guess. I'm trying to be queen of procedures.

Rob: Well, we're, yeah, I think we, there's so many players now I guess, I don't know how we make a motion, I guess we could make a motion to un-table it and

Monnie: I.

Rob: And put it on when we have the attorney present.

Monnie: And part of this Rob, is because I'm taking over at the Planning Commission if you've got something tabled to this meeting do you have to do something at this meeting to continue to keep it on the table? I don't know. This is just my question.

Rob: Well, the safest thing is why don't we make a motion.

Joanne: Un-table.

Rob: Yeah, un-table it and table it until we get the attorneys report.

Joanne: I move that we un-table the Bimber letter until the next meeting and we schedule and re-table it for the meeting that attorney Meihn and other attorneys are able to attend.

Isiah: Is that on the 17th?

Joanne: Huh?

Isiah: Would that be on the 17th?

Rob: No, well, I don't think so.

Brad: No, it won't be.

Isiah: Okay, so we should.

Rob: She just said until the attorney gets it.

Isiah: Okay, I'll support that.

Rob: Alright, we have a motion and support, all those in favor signify by saying "I".

Board members all state "I's".

Rob: That's a technical thing I'll look it up I thank you if you're right, I don't know.

Monnie: Well, you and I.

Rob: See you start looking at all those bylaws.

Monnie: Well what I was, it's not only that it's sort of though we do not officially follow Roberts Rules of Order. We mostly do in this Township.

Rob: Yeah.

Monnie: And, and I just don't know.

Rob: Yeah.

Monnie: And I'm just trying to say that, oh wait, what do you do with a motion that you table.

Rob: Always better to error on the side.

Monnie: Do you pull it off the table and re-table it?

Rob: Doing it right.

Monnie: Thank you.

Rob: Thank you, anybody else? Okay, Board member comments?

Isiah: I think Monnie raises a great point about the parks bylaws and it might not be a bad idea for us to grab the bylaws from a neighboring Township and implement them short term until we are ready to go on our own just to have something there as a place holder.

Rob: Should we actually start public hearings at the Planning Commission to put that together to see if there's an interest in the historic structure and the regular parks or keep the.

Unidentified speaker – makes a statement that is unclear.

Several members of the Board speaking at the same time.

Dave: The question that comes to my mind is we need the help from our attorney in terms of enabling legislation in terms of the parks and establishing the Park Commission and if so under what authority and how to do that.

Rob: We'll get back to you as quick as we can.

Isiah: But it might not be, I'm guessing that there are planning park commissions I'm guessing that's more common than and elected facet we just grab a simple template for Parks Commission we can even say that we are revise the bylaws (remainder of statement is unclear).

Randy: Right, the Township Planning Commission would adopt its own bylaws consistent with ordinance 42 as well as.

Rob: In changes in legislation you.

Randy: Enabling Act states that the Planning Commission has to have bylaws.

Isiah: Yep.

Randy: I don't know I think that there are statutes on Parks Commissions but I don't know what the details of that are.

Rob: Okay, start looking.

Isiah: Yeah, I will do that.

Rob: We do have a request from the Fire Department, Fred would like to have, take his new guys and his old guys and get them all together and take, if I'm saying that correctly.

Fred: Yeah.

Rob: All.

Fred: Old guys, new guys, that sounds about right.

Rob: And taking them out to dinner. We can't do that on the mileage money that supports the Fire Department and I think the Township could use money out of the Enterprise fund which is not tax generated to do that but I think it would take Board approval.

Brad: What's the Board want to do?

Joanne: Can we think about it and when we have our meeting on Monday, we can discuss it?

Fred: Yeah, that's.

Joanne: Were you going to go this weekend?

Fred: It's going to be on the 21st so you're looking at four to five hundred dollars just basically paying for the food and if they want adult beverages or whatever that would come out of their own pocket so.

Rob: What we used to have was a, what did we call it, with the Auxiliary or the other.

Fred: Association.

Rob: Association and people would make donations over the course of the year that's how they would fund it and then we did away with the association so all the money donated goes directly to the Township but.

Dave: Is there a support organization that the Township, a support organization that both the Fire Department and Township could contribute for this? Once you have a 501c 30.

Fred: We do through the Fire fighter union.

Dave: Okay.

Fred: So, I suppose if you wanted to go that route, we could go that route.

Rob: Okay, we'll try to get back to you on Monday.

Fred: Okay.

Rob: Any other Board comments? Then we'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Dave: I'll move to adjourn.

Joanne: Second.

Rob: We have a motion and support, all those in favor signify by saying "I".

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