

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Special Meeting

January 4, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

Grand Rapids District Court

110 Michigan St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(also known as 584 Federal Building)

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call

Present: Manigold, Bickle, Wahl, Sanger, Wunsch, Chown; Achorn present via phone

Also present: Attorney Meihn

4. Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only)

Marc Santucci, 5909 Blythefield Drive, East Lansing: is present to witness the proceedings because they will not be available online. Not all residents are opposed to what the wineries want. Hopes the board negotiates in good faith.

Julie Alexander, 4856 Forest Avenue: only a few residents are present. If the township board votes yes on a settlement, most residents will not know the terms. Do you have to vote today or can you take the settlement back home?

Meihn: we will return here after closed session. We will vote if appropriate or end the meeting if there is not a settlement agreement.

5. Approve Agenda

Bickle moved to approve the agenda with a second by Wunsch.

Approved by consent.

6. Conflict of Interest: none

7. Consent Agenda: none

8. Business:

1. Settlement conference

Meihn: we had a call yesterday with Magistrate Kent. I told him the board is disappointed at being sanctioned and unhappy with Mr. Infante's remarks. We have filed a motion to sanction Mr. Infante for statements to the press that are not accurate. The judge has a list of the plaintiffs' demands. Zoom doesn't work well for mediation. Magistrate Kent wants to see us in person. The plaintiffs are also required to be here. Settlements are only enforceable if they are placed on the record. WOMP would have to agree under oath to a settlement and the township board would have to vote to accept that settlement.

Chown moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to begin the settlement discussions with a second by Bickle.

Roll call vote: unan

Chown moved to leave closed session and return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261 with a second by Bickle.

Roll call vote: unan

9. Citizen Comments

Rudy Rudolph: thank you for all you're doing as a township board to represent the citizens of the

Recording Secretary Becky Chown

peninsula and preserve our zoning ordinance.

Manigold: thank you in turn for being here today.

Grant Parsons, 6936 Mission Ridge: we had a great talk with Marc Santucci. We've invited him to attend our next ag ordinance committee meeting. He has a lot to contribute.

10. Board Comments

11. Adjournment

Wahl moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Sanger.

Approved by consent.

Adjournment at 5:30.