

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Regular Meeting

January 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Township Hall

Meeting Minutes

Amended February 13, 2020

1. **Call to Order** by Supervisor Manigold at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call:** Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch, Sanger, Wahl, and Bickle
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only)**
Brent Strom, Peninsula Township Fire Department: Thanked the board and residents for raising \$9,500.00 for Muscular Dystrophy.

Jason Gillman, Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Waiting for the final invoice for the special assessment districts to be provided by the township to the road commission before payment is sent out. Informed the board that in November, 2020, the county will have the road commission millage on the ballot. Said that the road commission will find money if there are township projects and discussed the erosion issues along Bluff Rd. Noted that the commission is looking to see if federal funds are available to help to fix the erosion issues.

5. **Approve Agenda**
Moved by Wunsch to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wahl.
Passed unan

6. **Conflict of Interest:** None
7. **Consent Agenda:** any member of the board, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion
 1. Reports
 - A. Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society's Summary of Projects Currently in Progress
 - B. Fire Department's December 2019 Report
 - C. Fire Department's 2019 Annual Report
 - D. Peninsula Community Library's January 2020 Report
 - E. Treasurer's December 2019 Report
 - F. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Daily Officer Summary for December 2019
 2. Correspondence
 - A. Lisa Taylor, Executive Director, Traverse City Track Club

3. Minutes from December 10, 2019, regular township board meeting and December 17, 2019, special joint township board and parks committee meeting (recommend approval)
4. 2019 PDR Monitoring Reports
Moved by Bickle to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Wunsch.
Roll call: Passed unan

8. Business

1. Peninsula Township Fire Department Awards (Gilstorff)

Gilstorff: Presented awards to the fire department staff for firefighter of the year and lifesaving as well as department citations. Firefighter of the year was awarded to Kyle Sarber, lifesaving awards were presented to Grant Blackmer, Paul Lipke, Jason Schultema, Dale Hall, Joe Sicolli, and Alex Werly, and department citations were awarded to Lt. Brent Strom, Cory Reamer, Mike Vandermey, and Ethan Passalacqua.

2. Peninsula Township Fire Department Request to Purchase Skid Unit for Utility 1

Gilstorff: Gave an introduction to the board regarding the purchase of the skid unit and the need for this piece of equipment.

Moved by Bickle to approve the [fire department's] request [to purchase the skid unit for Utility 1], seconded by Sanger.

Roll call: Passed unan

3. Peninsula Township Fire Request to Purchase and Install Dash Cameras in All Fire Department Vehicles

Gilstorff: Last year there were a couple of accidents involving members of the department. If cameras had been installed in the units, they would have helped determine what happened. Going forward, these dash cameras will also aid in training the department.

Moved by Bickle to purchase and install dash cameras in all fire department vehicles, seconded by Sanger.

Roll call: Passed unan

4. Public Hearing on SUP #134, First Congregational Church Expansion

Manigold: Closed regular scheduled meeting and opened public hearing.

Mielnik: Gave presentation on the request by First Congregational Church and outlined the details of the plans. This plan was presented to the Planning Commission for approval, and the Planning Commission recommended that it move to the township board for approval.

Mike Wills, representative for the First Congregational Church: Gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the proposed expansion.

No public comments.

Manigold: Closed public hearing and returned the issue back to the board.

Moved by Chown to approve SUP No. 134, as described in the attached findings of fact and conclusions, with the five conditions described therein. These conditions include compliance with requirements from the Grand Traverse County DPW, compliance with stormwater and erosion issues identified by the township engineer, creation of a vegetated buffer, agreement to revisit the noise issue upon request from the Walnut Ridge HOA, and final changes to the fire lane as requested by the Peninsula Township Fire Department, seconded by Bickle.

Roll call: Passed unan

5. Presentation on Playground Equipment for Bowers Harbor Park and Haserot Beach (Beth Karczewski and Eric Dreier)

Karczewski and Dreier: Presented a development project for playground equipment. Asked the board to make a financial commitment. Discussed raising funds to cover the cost of replacing the playground equipment at Bowers Harbor Park and Haserot Beach. Discussed federal grants that have been applied for in the past and possibly partnering with Carter's Kids to see if private monies can be raised to help with the cost.

Board discussion with Karczewski and Dreier.

Moved by Wunsch to authorize the Peninsula Township Parks Committee to explore bids, plans, and tentative matches [to replace the playground equipment at Bowers Harbor Park and Haserot Beach], seconded by Wahl.

Passed unan

6. Best Practices for Taking Minutes at Township Board Meetings (Sanger and Chown)

Chown: Presented the board with information on best practices for minute taking and questioned how much detail should be included in the minutes and what the board would like the minutes to include/exclude according to MTA's standards and the township attorney's recommendations. Should content be limited to a high level summary of citizen comments and board member comments?

Board discussion followed.

Moved by Wunsch to return to best practices [when taking minutes], seconded by Chown.

Roll call: Passed unan

9. Citizen Comments

Rick Vida, 9941 Center Rd.: Thought there would be information in tonight's meeting on the erosion issues along the shoreline.

David Ward, 13828 Peninsula Drive: Looking for information on Haserot Beach and future plans with the boat launch.

Nancy R. Heller, 3091 Blue Water Rd.: Expressed her pride and gratitude to Chief Gilstorff. Attended Rich Vandermeij's funeral and thought the department did an excellent job. Also has attended the parks meetings and encourages the board to stay up to date with this committee.

10. Board Comments:

Bickle: Wanted to remind the board that this is the time of year when they seek bids for auditors.

Manigold: Reminded the board that Thursday, January 16, at 8:00 a.m. is the study session for the fire department budget.

11. Adjournment: Moved by Bickle to adjourn, seconded by Wahl.

Passed unan

Final adjournment: 8:56 p.m.