

**Packet Addition
February 11, 2025,
Township Board Regular Meeting**

Additional Correspondence

Becky Chown

From: Jim Carruthers <jccarruthers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Becky Chown
Subject: Peninsula Fire Deptment

Becky,

Last night I had to call 911 while at my father's because the wind blew down a large beech limb which fell on the power lines and caught fire. The strong winds blew sparks and embers directly on our garage and cottage. PFD was quick to responded and we are thankful!

I want you and the Township Trustees to know that we are greatly thankful and supportive of our fire department and that the folks at Neahtawanta support this important service. So much so, many there contribute annually to the fire fund. They are a valid and supported service to us and all peninsula residents.

I write this so as not to be confused by my recent communication expressing my thoughts on the development for a new main fire hall proposal next to the current township offices on Center Road.

I 100% support our fire services on the peninsula. I only question the lavish and grandiose facility that is being proposed. By no means should any of my comments be construed to not support our fire department. They are great!

My concern is for the funds needed to build such a large facility (especially when a new fire hall was just built at Old Mission) and why can't an adequate facility be rebuilt at the existing Mapleton location.

I understand the existing facility is small and the property is limiting but why can't a 2 story complex be built to support our future needs, which might be less expensive in the long run and less of a liability on the peninsula taxpayers.

Again, I support our fire department. I just worry about the future expense of building such a grand facility and question if it is truly needed.

Please share this with the trustees.

Thanks,
Jim Carruthers

Becky Chown

To: Maura Sanders
Subject: RE: Appreciation for Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer

From: Scott Morell <smmorell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 12:03:13 PM
To: Maura Sanders <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>; Planning@peninsulatownship.com
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Subject: Appreciation for Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Hello to All,

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the township's ordinance officer, Dave Sanger, for his efforts to rectify an ordinance issue next to my home. I live at 10374 Peninsula Drive, just north of the Harbor Reach association. Last fall, the association had Consumer's Power install a street light high on an existing light pole to illuminate the building and most of the property all night. The light was not downward facing, not shielded, and was of mercury vapor type - all clearly in violation of our Dark Sky ordinance.

Within a day of emailing him, Dave inspected the lighting, determined its non-compliance, and immediately worked with the association to bring it into compliance. This took Dave quite some continued efforts due to initial unwillingness of the association to accept and rectify the non-compliance. He persevered and assisted the association to get Consumers to remove the light in a reasonable timeframe.

Since then, the association installed a new light that is in full compliance with our Dark Sky zoning. So, hopefully the new light is also providing for their needs while complying to our ordinance.

Thank you in advance to recognize Dave for efforts to resolve this issue.

Best Regards,
Scott Morell