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March 11, 2024,
Township Board Special Meeting

Letter of Interest from Wes Cowan

March 1, 2024

Ms. Becky Chown, Clerk
Peninsula Township
13235 Center Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Dear Ms. Chown,

Please consider this letter a formal application to fill the vacancy on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

As you know, Shelley and I have lived permanently on Old Mission since 2020, after building a home here in 2017. Prior to our permanent residency, our family vacationed here for more than three decades. During this time, I've seen many changes!

I hold a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Michigan, and have recently retired from my business in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the time of my retirement, my company employed nearly 50 people and had annual sales of just over \$17M. While I was not directly related to zoning appeals, my 30-year experience in building, leading and directing a company has provided me with plenty of common sense and understanding of how organizations work.

My recent involvement with the ad hoc committee to study the township governance has provided me with important insights into the challenges that face Old Mission. I'd like to continue to serve the township, and believe this committee assignment would fulfill that desire.

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. My cell number is 513-378-3347.

Sincerely,

C. Wesley Cowan
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