

# PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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## Township Board Special Meeting March 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Township Conference Room Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Manigold at 9:04 a.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**  
Present: Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch  
Absent: Wahl  
Also present: Attorney Greg Meihn and Planner Jenn Cram
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only):**  
**Nancy R. Heller, 3091 Blue Water Road:** does the employee raise for fiscal year 2022–2023 apply to all employees across the board?  
**Bickle:** yes, all employees will receive the same raise.  
**Manigold:** but Brad elected not to take the increase.  
**Sanger:** was there consideration given to per diems?  
**Achorn:** no.  
**Bickle:** there's only so much money to go around, and we did not include per diems in the raise.  
**Sanger:** is worried about not treating everyone equally. Does not want to see a perception of unfairness in the township.  
**Bickle:** that is something we can revisit down the road at a township board meeting if desired.
5. **Approve Agenda**  
**Bickle moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Wunsch.**  
**Motion approved by consensus**
6. **Conflict of Interest:** none
7. **Consent Agenda:**  
A. Adopt Peninsula Township Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Regular Meeting Dates  
**Bickle moved to adopt the Peninsula Township Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Regular Meeting Dates with a second by Wunsch.**  
**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch      passed unan**
8. **Business:**  
A. Adopt fire department millage rate, general fund and special funds budgets, and

appropriate resolutions

**Manigold:** we did get a letter from Jim Raphael about the proposed increase in the fire department millage. Fred, it would be good if you would sit with him and go over everything.

**Bickle:** the letter is statistically flawed in its analysis but the Raphaels are great people, and it would be better to sit down to go over your information than write them an email or call them on the phone.

**Gilstorff:** would be happy to do that.

**Bickle:** since we're already talking about the fire department, let's go ahead and pass the fire resolutions first.

**Wunsch moved to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #2 to adopt the fire department budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 at the department level and to appropriate spending the budgeted money with a second by Bickle.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch, Bickle** passed unan

**Wunsch moved to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #3 to set the 2022-2023 millage for the fire department at 2.6 mils seconded by Sanger.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch** passed unan

Wunsch moved to approve resolution 2022-03-23 #1 to adopt the general fund budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 at the department level and to appropriate spending the budgeted money seconded by Bickle. Motion failed.

**Achorn:** has two corrections to the numbers in the budget. In zoning, number 420, the salary should be \$60,000 and in parks, under maintenance and repairs, the number should be \$22,500, not \$2,500.

**Wunsch moved to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #1 to adopt the general fund budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 as amended at the department level and to appropriate spending the budgeted money seconded by Bickle.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch** passed unan

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #4 to adopt the special funds budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 at the department level and to appropriate spending the budgeted money with a second by Chown.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch** passed unan

**Manigold:** asked if the sum he is authorized to spend in an emergency situation should be \$10,000 rather than \$5,000. Explained that it moved to \$10,000 during the pandemic when it was hard to get together quickly in an emergency, such as the heater going out. Noted that all the money is reported to the treasurer and shows up in the invoices. Board discussion.

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #5 as amended authorizing the clerk and treasurer to pay recurring bills to avoid late charges and/or finance charges and authorizing the supervisor to make budget adjustments and authorize bills up to \$10,000 if necessary.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch** passed unan

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #6 authorizing the treasurer to**

**utilize financial institutions of his choice as provided by law with a second by Achorn.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

**Achorn:** remove "Chemical Bank" from the next resolution.

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-0323 #7 as amended authorizing the treasurer's office to access online banking through Independent Bank, State Savings Bank, and Huntington Bank with a second by Sanger.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #8 adopting the fiscal year 2022-2023 calendar with a second by Bickle.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #9 authorizing the salary of the township supervisor to receive a 5.9% cost of living adjustment to \$58,902.00 with a second by Chown.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

**Moved by Wunsch to approve Resolution 2022-03-23 #10 authorizing the salary of the township clerk to receive a 5.9% cost of living adjustment to \$58,902.00 with a second by Bickle.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

B. Approve amended fiscal year 2021-2022 budgets as presented

Wunsch moved to approve the amended fiscal year 2021-2022 budgets as presented with a second by Sanger.

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

C. Resolution in support of Oleson Foundation grant application to construct a trail to UA specifications in the hemlock corridor of the John Spencer Trail in Pelizzari Natural Area; trail may include a boardwalk component (Manigold)

**Moved by Wunsch to support Resolution 2022-03-23 #11 in support of the Oleson Foundation grant application to construct a trail to UA specifications in the hemlock corridor of the John Spencer Trail in Pelizzari Natural Area; trail may include a boardwalk component with a second by Bickle.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

**Manigold:** should we authorize the treasurer to sign grant applications if the supervisor and clerk are both out of the office as will be the case next week while we're gone on spring break?

Board discussion. Meihn asked that the authorization and signing occur after consultation with legal counsel to protect the treasurer.

**Moved by Manigold to authorize the treasurer to sign grant applications on behalf of the supervisor if the supervisor and clerk are both out of the office in consultation with legal counsel with a second by Sanger.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

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D. Enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss the winery lawsuit and updates (Meihn)

**Moved by Manigold to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss the winery lawsuit and updates and Mr. Meihn's emailed document with a second by Bickle. Roll call vote: Yes-Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch passed unan**

Return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261

**Bickle moved to return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261 with a second by Wunsch (Manigold and Sanger both absent).**

**Roll call vote: Yes- Chown, Achorn, Wunsch, and Bickle passed unan**

9. **Citizen Comments:** none

10. **Board Comments:** none

**Adjournment**

**Bickle moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Wunsch. Motion approved by consensus.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**