

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Special Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Township Hall

1. **Call to Order** by Manigold at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call:** Sanger, Bickle, Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Wunsch
Absent: Wahl
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only):** none
5. **Approve Agenda:** Sanger moved to approve the agenda with a second by Wunsch. **Passed Unan**
6. **Conflict of Interest:** none
7. **Consent Agenda:** none
8. **Business:**

1. Discussion of applications for Peninsula Township Planner position.

Each member of the town board listed the candidates they would like to see advance to the next level.

Candidates 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 received the most interest.

Wunsch: none of the candidates appear as an obvious choice. We might consider opening back up the search if the board is not satisfied with the current applicants.

Bickle: we currently have a contract with Randy Mielnik, who is completing the master plan, and Gourdie-Fraser is available. We might consider slowing down the process.

Manigold: in talking to other township supervisors, the salary range in our region is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. This may cause some of the applicants to drop out.

Achorn: we need a list of questions for written responses from these five applicants.

Sanger: all five need to be contacted and given the salary information; it may be an issue for some. Others may have issues relocating or have already taken a position elsewhere.

Manigold: we could also consider contracting with the Land Information Access Association (LIAA).

Bickle: some of the interviews may be over Zoom. Some people may currently be working and not want their job search known.

Achorn: I am returning on July 12, 2021, so we need to get the questions out to these individuals and have the responses back before then.

Bickle: the clerk can collect and send out our questions.

Manigold: would like to set the candidates interviews for July 13, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and July 14, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Chown: will send the questions out with the responses due back by July 7, 2021.

9. Citizen Comments

John Jacobs, 5290 Forest Road: could you please state the applicants under consideration?

Manigold: 1, 2,5,6,8.

Nancy Heller, 3091 Bluewater Road: who is the acting planner now?

Bickle: we have a hybrid system in place with Randy Mielnik on contract to complete the master plan and Jennifer Hodges and her staff from Gourdie-Fraser available for day-to-day questions.

Manigold: Gordon Hayward and Christina Deeren are both available in the office to help.

10. Board Comments

Chown: corrected a statement [she] made at a recent meeting; noted that according to the bylaws of the Nextdoor website, local political and election issues are allowed for discussion. Thanked Mr. Santucci for the correction.

11. Adjournment: Wunsch moved to adjourn with a second by Bickle.

Passed Unan

Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.