

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Special Meeting

June 23, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

Township Hall

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Wunsch at 11:01 a.m.

2. **Pledge**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Wunsch, Achorn, Sanger, Shanafelt, Chown

Absent: Wahl

4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only):**

Marc Santucci, 11789 Center Road: discussed how township officials conduct themselves not just about this business item but about any item. Has attended and watched many meetings. For something as important as the lawsuit and the winery ordinance, wishes to see give and take among the township officers and trustees. Only sees discussion among audience members. Wants to know what township board members are thinking. Only sees closed meetings. No sense of where anyone stands on any issue. Votes are always unanimous. Down in Meridian Township, there is a lot more discussion and split votes even though they're all from one party. In civics class, it's the rule of the majority and the rights of the minority. You're the spokespeople for both. Would like to see what your thinking is and why, especially when millions of taxpayer dollars are on the line.

Louis Santucci, 12602 Center Road: would like to know what the board is going into closed session to discuss today. When you come out, will you give an update about your plans? And then would like to know your reasoning. What does this agenda item really mean? Had thought you would look for input from citizens before came here today.

5. **Approve Agenda**

Chown: corrected business item 1. Per Attorney Bill Fahey's counsel, the citation should be MCL 15.268(1)(e).

Shanafelt moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Sanger. Motion approved by consensus

6. **Conflict of Interest:** none

7. **Consent Agenda:** none

8. **Business:**

1. Enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) to discuss upcoming July 5, 2022, court-ordered settlement conference with plaintiffs in the winery lawsuit

Sanger moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) to discuss upcoming July 5, 2022, court-ordered settlement conference with plaintiffs in the winery lawsuit with a second by Chown.

Roll call vote: Sanger, Wunsch, Shanafelt, Chown, Achorn approved unan

Return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261

Sanger moved to return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261 with a second by Shanafelt.

Roll call vote: Achorn, Sanger, Wunsch, Shanafelt, Chown approved unan

Wunsch: we don't have any actions or decisions following our closed session. We discussed a potential settlement proposal in advance of the July 5 hearing before the Western District Court.

9. Citizen Comments: none

10. Board Comments:

Achorn: the township received a letter from Major Todd M. Saunders and Mrs. Maura A. Saunders. Maura was a trustee in the past. The letter is dated June 21, 2022.
Read letter aloud (see letter at end of minutes).

11. Adjournment

Sanger moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Shanafelt. Motion approved
by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.