

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Special Meeting August 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Township Hall Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Wunsch at 10:04 a.m.

2. **Pledge**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Wunsch, Sanger, Rudolph, Chown

Chown noted that Achorn was waiting next door in the conference room for the closed session due to her difficulty walking and that Shanafelt would meet the board in the conference room.

4. **Citizen Comments:** none

5. **Approve Agenda:**

Rudolph moved to approve the agenda with a second by Sanger.

Roll call vote: yes – Wunsch, Sanger, Rudolph, Chown

Passed unan

6. **Conflict of Interest:** none

7. **Consent Agenda:** none

Business:

1. Potential closed session to discuss township attorney's confidential legal opinion regarding administrative processes for handling applications and zoning permits under the zoning ordinance (Cram and Patterson)
2. Closed session with township legal counsel to discuss litigation strategy in connection with *Mari Vineyards v Peninsula Township* pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) and MCL 15.243(1)(g), as discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the township

Wunsch moved to enter closed session to discuss township attorney's confidential legal opinion regarding administrative processes for handling applications and zoning permits under the zoning ordinance and to consult with township legal counsel to discuss litigation strategy in connection with *Mari Vineyards v Peninsula Township* pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) and MCL 15.243(1)(g), as discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the township with a second by Sanger.

Roll call vote: yes – Sanger, Rudolph, Chown, Wunsch

Passed unan

Rudolph moved to return to open session with a second by Shanafelt.

Roll call vote: yes – Rudolph, Shanafelt, Chown, Wunsch, Sanger

Passed unan

Chown reaffirmed that the township board moved to enter into closed session to consult with the township attorney regarding a confidential written legal opinion of the township

attorney addressing the administrative processes available for handling applications and zoning permits under the zoning ordinance with a second by Wunsch.

Roll call vote: yes – Chown, Wunsch, Sanger, Rudolph, Shanafelt Passed unan

Wunsch reaffirmed that the township board moved to enter into closed session to consult with the township's attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with the pending lawsuit *Villa Mari v Peninsula Township* as discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating position of the township with a second by Rudolph.

Roll call vote: yes – Wunsch, Chown, Sanger, Rudolph, Shanafelt Passed unan

8. Citizen Comments: none

9. Board Comments: none

10. Adjournment:

Rudolph moved to adjourn with a second by Sanger. Motion approved by consensus.

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.