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TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Township Hall

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m. by Manigold

2. **Pledge**

3. **Roll Call:** Present: Achorn, Chown, Manigold, Bickle, Sanger; Absent: Wahl, Wunsch

4. **Review for Conflict of Interest:** none

5. **Brief Public Comments:** none

6. **Approve Agenda:**

Moved by Bickle to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Sanger.

Roll Call:

passed unan

7. **Consent Agenda:** none

8. **Business:**

1. Selection of planner and authorization of personnel committee to negotiate salary and benefits

Manigold: the interviews for township planner occurred yesterday; Jennifer Cram was selected.

Moved by Sanger to authorize the personnel committee to negotiate salary and benefits to hire Jennifer Cram for township planner/director, seconded by Achorn.

Roll call:

passed unan

2. Selection of citizens' committee to work on winery complaints and ordinances

Manigold: the proposal to form a citizens' committee came out of the special winery lawsuit public meeting. The wineries have not responded; the number of people from each group needs to be determined today.

Chown: fifteen applied.

Sanger: suggested twelve to fifteen. In the past, this size group worked well with a moderator without a chair. Mielnik was present to provide staff support.

Bickle: there is a need for a governing board; the community at large can come to the meetings to speak.

Manigold: parameters are needed for the group.

Discussion of advisory group size and member selection.

Moved by Bickle to appoint two township board members, four community members including two residents (north and south end residents), two agricultural members and two members from WOMP.

No action taken on the motion.

Chown: correction, fourteen applied.

Sanger: suggested that all applicants be invited to a meeting to coalesce and form a working group; the committee should be more of an advisory board; let all who applied be members.

Lengthy discussion about the optimal number of members and representation from each citizen group.

Moved by Chown to appoint to the citizens' advisory committee two township board members, Manigold and Wunsch; three Protect the Peninsula members, John Jacobs, Erin Gartland, and John Wunsch; three members from the community at large, Rudy Rudolf, Brit Eaton, and Jennifer Venegoni; and three participants from WOMP, seconded by Bickle.

Roll call: passed unan

Discussion

3. Closed session at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss the winery lawsuit with Attorney Meihn and to review memorandum prepared by Mr. Meihn; return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261

Moved by Bickle to go to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss the winery lawsuit with Attorney Meihn and to review memorandum prepared by Mr. Meihn, seconded by Chown.

Roll call: passed unan

Moved by Bickle to return to open session pursuant to MCL 15.261, seconded by Sanger.

Roll call: Bickle, yes; Sanger, yes; Manigold, yes; Chown, yes; Achorn, excused

passed unan

9. Citizen Comments: none

10. Board Comments: none

11. Adjournment:

Moved by Bickle to adjourn, seconded by Sanger.

Roll call:

passed unan

Adjournment at 11:50 a.m.