

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Special Meeting

December 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Township Hall

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 4:03 p.m. by Wunsch

2. **Pledge**

3. **Roll Call:**

Present: Wunsch, Achorn, Sanger, Sanders, Rudolph

Absent: Shanafelt, Chown

Also present: Jenn Cram, Director of Planning and Zoning

Present by phone: Chris Patterson with Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, and Rhodes

Lindsey Dangl with Murphy and Spagnuolo

4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for Non-Agenda Items Only):** none

5. **Approve Agenda:**

Moved by Sanders to approve agenda with a second by Rudolph.

approved by consensus

Sanders moved to amend the agenda by opening up a line item for possible discussion and decision following the closed session with a second by Sanger.

approved by consensus

6. **Conflict of Interest:** none

7. **Consent Agenda:** none

8. **Business:**

1. Closed session with township legal counsel to discuss trial and/or settlement strategy in connection with Mari Vineyards V. Peninsula Township pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) and MCL 15.243 (1)(g), as an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the township (Chown)

Moved by Sanger to begin closed session with township legal counsel to discuss trial and/or settlement strategy in connection with Mari Vineyards v. Peninsula Township pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) and MCL 15.243 (1)(g), as an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the township, with a second by Rudolph.

Roll Call:

unanimously approved

Wunsch: township board is no longer in closed session.

Rudolph moved to accept the township attorney's recommended agreement with Villa Mari dated 12-

11-2023 and direct the township attorney to take the necessary action to effectuate the settlement and place it on the record before the facilitator.

no action taken

Sanger: after the date, add in the Villa Mari versus Peninsula Township State Circuit Court litigation and then continue the motion to authorize the township attorney and so forth.

Rudolph moved to amend the prior motion to read as follows: to accept the township attorney's recommended agreement with Villa Mari versus Peninsula Township's state circuit court litigation agreement dated 12-11-2023 and direct the township attorney to take the necessary action to effectuate the settlement and place it on the record before the facilitator with a second by Sanger.

Roll call:

unanimously approved

9. Citizen Comments: none

10. Board Comments:

Sanders: see you tomorrow night at the township board meeting.

Rudolph: I'm glad to see this behind us.

Sanger: we all should be proud of how the township worked together and worked closely with counsel on resolving this matter.

11. Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Moved by Sanders to adjourn with a second by Sanger. approved by consensus