

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG MONTHLY MEETING February 25, 2020 12:00 PM

Present: Tomsich, Dostert, Tekautz, Gornick, McDonald

People: Dan Nylund, Steve Burgess, Matt Tuchel, Dan Wiirre, Stephanie Ukkola, Denise Osterholm, Nate Doster, Dale Swanson, Dave Rose, Karen Crego, Shawn Villebrun, Amy Hinkle.

AGENDA:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Motion by Sup Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert to accept agenda as presented, motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 1-21-20 & 2-4-20. Motion to approve 1/21/20 & 2.4.20 meeting minutes by Sup Dostert, seconded by Sup Tekautz, motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURES REPORT:** Frandsen Account: #43919 - #44035.

Total disbursements including checks and debit cards \$98,759.27. Motion by Sup Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert to approve treasurer's report as presented, motion carried 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Follow agenda

**REPORTS:**

Police: Chief Nylund discussed the monthly police report. Reviewed mileage on Breitung and Tower squads. Repairs on Tower squad regarding blower motor and resistor. Chief Nylund attended a County Attorney meeting. New Federal law regarding smoking under age of 21 is prohibited. Copy available at the Township clerk's office. Last month there was a snowmobile accident and had to dig out the trailer. SLC donated a trailer to Breitung P.D. Send a thank you note to SLC. Chairman Tomsich is waiting for status report regarding accumulative OT hours. Started the DARE program in Tower/Soudan Elementary School.

Maintenance – R&B: Monday March 2, 2020 start new Maintenance Supervisor and current Maintenance Supervisor Swanson will come up with a training plan. Dept. has been scraping snow, ice from streets.

C.C. Winger was working on frozen line today.

McKinley Park: MS Chiabotti requested minor repairs to the fish cleaning house. Supervisor Tomsich will work with her on that this spring.

Recreation: Sup Dostert reported this will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Day in Soudan and continues to be a success. Fun was had by all with 30 participants in the games. Sup Tekautz stated triple the parties at the rink this season. Tekautz suggested use of the community room with movies in the spring and fall. Board agreed great idea. Sup Dostert reported probably one more week for the rink. The Board thanked rink attendants, Shawn, Villebrun, Alex Tomsich, Jolene and Tom Poderzay. Matt T reported the F.D. floods the rink as needed. Rolando, Jeff Radetzky, and Sheldon M. helped at the rink. Chimp skating parties have up to 30 kids participating during the week and weekends.

Fire:

1. PERA: A couple months ago there was a request from the Breitung F.D. submit information regarding pensions. Costs \$1500.00 per year of service, and end up with \$50,000 excess. Chief Burgess stated rates based on recruitment retention. Changed would be affective 1-1-2021. New fire fighters would start at lower level and would have to have five years of services to be vested. The Board will review and will discuss at future meeting. Motion by Sup Dostert, seconded by Su Tekautz to approve the \$2,000 for 2020/2021 years, motion carried 3-0. Start 2021 option 1.
2. SCBA discussion /Past recent AFG information: Chief Burgess stated last update was 2012. Bottled shelf life end 2020. Need to make decision soon as gear is near out of date. Motion to accept Option #1 by Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert, motion carried 3-0. Tomsich suggested check local area for grants, and if no grants, replace a couple tanks each year.

**PROJECTS:** Sup Tekautz gave an update on Township project. Electrical box not labeled, gap under front door. Roof ice buildup. Nelson roofing has not been paid yet. Lenci pushed for Range Cornice. Sup Tekautz will contact ARI Mike Petrich regarding issues. Sup Tekautz suggested hold back \$5,000 on project until punch list completed. Permission by the Board to go ahead and pay Nelson Roofing. Pate Bonding has requested a status report on Project, on hold at this time. Maintenance Sup Swanson and Chief Burgess will do a walk through and present a list of any issues on the building. Swanson stated a couple issues with hall lights not right. ARI will lean on contractor to complete updated list.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. TAAS: Sup Tekautz meeting next Thursday. Township paying \$15.00 per resident for ambulance and township are balking at the increase due to transfers. Sup Tekautz gave a update on costs for transfers and reported the TAAS is losing revenue. Next ambulance meeting 3-2-20. Sup Tekautz stated will address at the Township Annual meeting so residents are aware of increased costs to the ambulances. At the time the local Townships have not signed the TAAS ambulance contract.
2. Shades Community Room: Matt Tuchel will follow up on some of the questions regarding the shades. Jorgine Gornick requests samples to at least have an idea what shades would look like. Suggestion to go with (3) blinds per window. These are commercial blinds so are more expensive.
3. Mid Co: Sup Tekautz reported Jason Sax from Mid Co and reported lack of services with cable out. Will notify Mid Co rep when next TWP meeting is.
4. Zamboni: Several residents discussed the advantages of having a Zamboni for the skating rink and would create better ice. The residents stated they could get the Zamboni at no cost to the Township. The Board requesting more information regarding storage, maintenance, etc. at the Township Annual Meeting. Dan W and his wife stated any finance would be zero present. Concern the machine blade would be ruined if need to store at TWP maintenance building. Would need blades sharpened often. Nate D. stated he could sharpen blades and would possibly only need to be sharpened 1-2 times a season. David Rose stated engine in Zamboni is a Volkswagen engine, with basic maintenance. Blades easy to sharpen. Chairman Tomsich stated he is against the Zamboni as not enough use, and storage. Costly/ and question free financing. Tomsich concern heat, floor damage in building, and all for a couple days a week use, and not convinced yet. Steve Burgess stated the existing boards not good enough. Chimp had 25-60 kids on weekend, and Tom flooded the rink Wed and Thursday and ice good for Saturday and Sunday ice was bad. Tomsich stated TWP Annual meeting is 3-10-20 and will add to the agenda. Steve B questioned what is cost to put up the new rink boards and correct uneven ground. Resident Wiiri stated this is all about the youths in our community. Sup Tekautz stated free machine, but maintenance, fuel, fix rink, and storage at what costs? Dan W suggested ask someone what would be costs to maintenance the Zamboni. Limited use, only use in winter. Also what would be insurance costs? Chairman Tomsich again stated the Zamboni will be on the agenda for Annual meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Tax forfeited land, Phil Pentilla: Motion by Sup Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert TWP has no interest in the forfeited land, motion carried 3-0.
2. Minnesota Department of Revenue Conditional Use Review Form: Chairman Tomsich stated this is Eagles Nest Township issue. McDonald will send the document to Eagles Next Township.
3. 2021 Levy: No changes in the levy. Will review at the Annual meeting.
4. Waste Water Board Resolution for bond and general obligation. Motion by Sup Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert to approve the Resolution for bond and general obligation, motion carried 3-0.
5. Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2020A: Motion by Chairman Tomsich, seconded by Sup Dostert to approve the Revenue note Series 2020A through Ferberger, motion carried 3-0.
6. Water Line Freezing: Resident Denise A. reported he home on Superior St recently had frozen water line in her home, and she was running her water at the time. Stated the water line from the street is only 5 feet under street. Pipes froze 9:00 AM and had to hire someone to thaw out the pipes. Denise A asked why the Township is not responsible for thawing out the frozen lines on private property? The answer is it is the residents responsibility on their own property. Resident on Superior St stated had issues until he had contractor add insulation to the burb stop. Chairman Tomsich question is hot water be injected in a water line or high voltage rod for thawing?

Adjourn:2:10 PM

Next Meetings: 3-10-20 Annual meeting to follow annual election.

3-24-20 Noon Regular meeting

3-28-20 Waste Water Board

Board of Audit: Motion by Sup Tekautz, seconded by Sup Dostert to accept the Board of Audit, motion carried 3-0. 2:13 PM Adjourn on motion. Respectfully submitted by Valeda McDonald, Clerk