

# Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Meeting 06/23/2020

Breitung Town Hall 12 Noon and via teleconference

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - May 26, 2020-Regular Meeting
  - June 09, 2020-Special Meeting
- Approval of May 2020 Treasurers Report
  - Checks Written-44316 to 44410
  - Total Disbursements-\$13,033.78
  - Fund Balance Total \$ 74,400<sup>47</sup>
- Correspondence
  - Taconite Area Community Relief Grant
  - Operation Round Up Grant
  - Minnesota Power Grant
  - LCP-Electric Meters @ McKinley Park
  - TAAS Ambulance Fund
  - Broadband Coalition-Survey on Website
  - No Change 2021 MSW Disposal Fee
  - State Demographics
  - LCP Capital Credit Allocation
  - 2019 Drinking Water Report-on website
- Public Input

## **Reports:**

- Police
- Fire
- Road and Bridge
- McKinley Park
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board

## **Old Business**

- Midco Update-Jason Sachs from Midco
- Lenci Construction Punch List-see Mesabi Bit attachment
- Road & Bridge Projects
- Window Treatments
- Internet @ McKinley Park
- Update on Township Operations

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills
- Conditional Use Permits
- Acceptance of new fire department member pending completion of physical and background check
- Maintenance Office Computer-Request increase of \$239.49 from original \$1000. This includes case and screen protector
- Deputy Clerk Position-Dianna has chosen Renee Pearson
  - Request to pay for training for deputy Positions (new officer training, election judge training, LBAE)
- Blight
- RV Speed Limits

Next Regular Meeting Date-July 28, 2020 @ 12 Noon

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Monthly Meeting 05/26/2020 12:00PM-In Person and via  
Teleconference

Present: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert-phone,  
Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

Absent: None

Public: Polly McDonald, Stephanie Ukkola-phone, Dale Swanson-phone, Al Reller-phone, Tom  
Gorsma

Call to Order @ 12 noon by Chairman Tomsich, Roll Call by Clerk Sunsdahl

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Agenda

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Motion Passed 2-0

Supervisor Dostert not responding to roll call vote

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting 04/28/2020, LBAE Meeting 05/12/2020

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve minutes as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Motion Passed 2-0

Supervisor Dostert not responding to roll call vote

Treasurers Report:

Checks Written: 44231-44314

Total Disbursements: \$86,756.03

Fund Balance Total: \$78,969.51

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the treasurer's report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Motion Passed 2-0

Supervisor Dostert not responding to roll call vote

Correspondence:

- Internet @ McKinley Park-follow up by Clerk Sunsdahl for Hoo Doo Point Internet and  
CTC, follow up next meeting
- Read Hazardous Household Waste received from St. Louis County

Public Input: None

Reports:

- Police-Report in public packet. Will split 2k savings with City of Tower by eliminating on-  
call for Feb, Mar and April 2020. Will deduct \$1000 on June Bill to the City of Tower
- Fire-None
- Road and Bridge-To discuss during new business, report on file in town hall

- McKinley Park-On file in town hall. Income down from 1 year ago, culvert replaced. Chairman Tomsich got bids for picnic tables, need 1 accessible. Will talk to Managers to see what is needed
- Recreation-Supervisor Dostert looking to recruit kids for baseball with minimal luck.
- Wastewater Board-June 2019 bill not paid by the City of Tower as noted in audit from both the City of Tower and Breitung Township. City of Tower made aware. Will add Wastewater Board under Reports moving forward

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

#### Old Business:

- Lenci Punch List-Mike was here last week to follow up on some items. Garage vent was taken care of as well as Coat Hanger not loose. Chuck will follow up
- Window Treatments-Business in Ely quoted different window coverings, trying to get another bid, as to compare. Looking to get 3 bottom windows completed. Follow up at June meeting.
- Dog & Cat Lifetime License-Research done on area towns/townships. Leave licenses on an annual basis
- Clean Up Days in May-Next year ensure that Tower does not put an ad in the paper to include Soudan, as there was some mix up with residents and what the township would pick up. Also concern with brush next year since the dump is charging now
- Township Operations
  - a) Tom Poderzay returned to work May 18<sup>th</sup>, remaining 2 part time employees to return June 1<sup>st</sup>, looking to bring on summer help as soon as June 1<sup>st</sup> as well
  - b) Township Building will be open for business, Public Meetings, Water & Fire Meetings, but will be closed to the public through July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - c) Community Picnic canceled
  - d) Township employees will not be doing work for Old Settlers Day this year (unsure if cancelled or not)
  - e) McKinley Park to open June 1st

#### New Business

- Pay Bills:  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion Passed 3-0
- Resolution 2020 #9 PERA Police Officer Declaration for Cody Vail  
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Pass Resolution 2020 #9  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion Passed 3-0

- Road and Bridge Projects-Tom received some bids from CWDirtworks in regards to some projects, will work with John Jamnick on some items, Tom to get a hold of the Rural Water Association about a few water leaks. Bike trails, striping at various locations, trail clearing, backstop and hockey boards are just a few items to prioritize. Will hold a special meeting 06/10/2020 especially for projects.

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to move forward with 3 priority project (culvert @ Birch & South, Raise Manhole on South St, Change Hydrant @ Birch and South)

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Bids for Green Again

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve 3 bids presented by Green Again and ask to extend coverage to monument and Wayside Rest areas

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

- Summer Youth-Will bring on 3 PT Summer Youths to do work for the township

- Maintenance Office Computer

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to purchase a Tablet for the Maintenance Supervisor not to exceed \$1000

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Maintenance Workers-Workman's Comp

Township has 2 Options. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party can pay, or township can pay and be reimbursed.

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to continue to pay Maintenance Supervisor

Swanson, and be reimbursed by 3<sup>rd</sup> party

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Next Meeting (Special): Wednesday 06/10/2020 at 12noon

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 12 noon

Adjourn:

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to adjourn the meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Special Meeting 06/09/2020 12:00PM-In Person and via Teleconference

Present: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

Absent: None

Public: Stephanie Ukkola-phone, Al Reller-phone, Tom Gorsma

Call to Order and Roll Call @ 12 noon by Chairman Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Agenda

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Business:

**Lenci Punch List**

Double Doors

- Can see light under, needs adjustment

Roof Addition

- Ice Buildup-will watch next winter

Garage Vent

- Done, but not done well

Cement sealing on sidewalks

- Will work with Mesabi Bit when they come back to do final blacktop
- Concrete may have froze after pour. Lenci just poured on the stoop.
- John Jamnick to contact Mesabi about this issue. There was minimal salt used in this area, shouldn't be peeling

Cameras not working

- Dianna working with Roger
- May need another NVR (recorder), may need another IP address
- Need to schedule training
- Need software
- Need to work with CTC for an alternate solution to recorder/IP address

Town Hall Final blacktop

- John Jamnick to contact Mesabi Bit

Items Completed

Coat Hanger loose-complete as of 06/09/2020

Electric Panel not labeled-complete as of 06/09/2020

Motion Sensor in Fire Hall-Fire & Rescue to hire someone on their own

Motion Sensor in Show stays on-complete as of 06/09/2020

Motion Sensor in Hallway & Bathroom-complete as of 06/09/2020

Handicap door Opener (works hard)-complete as of 06/09/2020

Hand Rail near Post Office-fixed and complete as of 06/09/2020

## **Road & Bridge Projects**

Culvert-Birch & South St-Lower, remove and replace 38" Culvert, saw cut blacktop 6-8", replace blacktop. Estimate from CWDirtworks-\$3000 (excludes blacktop)

- Update (06/09/20)-Installed, awaiting aprons, will blacktop afterwards

## Manhole-South St

Raise Manhole, Excavate, add risers to achieve desired height, landscape.

No price at this time, needs an extension, will be difficult to find in the winter if not completed.

- Update (06/09/20)-Awaiting cost on the riser

Grade dirt roads with Class 5-Class 5 Pile getting low, look at prioritizing roads, Estimate from CWDirtworks-\$90/hr tandem, \$80/hr single axle, \$60/hr for an operator

- Update (06/09/2020)-Put off for now, may just do this ourselves. Dump truck currently down and getting hinges repaired

## Sanitary Sewer Castings-(Mineview St)

- Update (06/09/2020)-No price at this time

Sanitary Sewer Casting-Bike Trail & Ballfield-Meet with John Jamnick to see if we can remove

- Update (06/09/2020)-Met with JPJ Engineering, ok to remove. Need to install a factory cast, take cone out, and waterproof. Currently awaiting a bid

Water Leak-George Wick old home-Contact new homeowner, do exploratory dig, and if it's homeowner's responsibility, will need to let them know.

- Update (06/09/2020)-Work completed, 2 leaks, work done from the main to curb stop and insulated. Waterline pulled out of main. Currently will need detailed bill from CW Dirtworks, and will need to put inventory of material used to be able to charge homeowner. Tom working with the county in maintaining. No blacktop until spring of next year.

Change Hydrant-Birch & South St-Water bubbling up, estimate from CWDirtworks \$3000 w/township purchasing hydrant

- Update (06/09/2020)-Work to be begin next week

Main & Poplar Alley-Lots of potholes, need 60-80 yards, will use recycle material

- Update (06/09/2020)-Keep on the list

Bike Trail-Ponds to McKinley Park-Need to discuss with John Jamnick, IRRRB has grants available, spot needs to be repaired

- Update (06/09/2020)-request for an estimate to remove and replace

Police Building-Needs Repair around back-Possible use of taconite tailings, blacktop, Class 5.

- Update (06/09/2020)-Request for estimate and suggestions of material

## Hockey Boards

- Update (06/09/2020) Keep on the list, check temporary lights

### McKinley Park-Benches

- Update (06/09/2020)-Received a quote on tables/bench. Will work with Park Managers for what is needed. Manager to fix some older tables and make them handicap accessible

Dust Control-received low bids from St Louis County. All roads need to be grated within a few weeks, need gravel to Mallard Dr, and also Stuntz Bay area. Have dust control scheduled to come out end of June

State Park Road-Request made for JPJ Engineering to contact Mesabi Bit to begin work again, as it was suspended last fall.

Heat to Booster Pump-Request made for JPJ Engineering to get an estimate

West Church St Sewer Project-Payment

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept change order as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to make final payment as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

CWDirtworks is currently keeping equipment in the pit

### Items Completed:

Water Leak-Old Petcha Trailer Lot

- Complete as of 06/09/20-No leak detected, appears to be groundwater

Trail Clearing-Near Stuntz Bay-Removed, put on in error

Backstop

- Complete as of 06/09/2020

### New Business

CDBG-CV Funding Application

No action taken

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday 06/23/2020 at 12noon

### Adjourn:

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to adjourn the meeting  
2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township



## TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

May-20

GENERAL	2,620.15
ROAD & BRIDGE	(7,848.70)
FIRE	9,580.08
PARK	22,808.64
RECREATION	1,902.58
POLICE	2,049.62
PROJECTS	1,274.21
WATER DEPT	42,013.89
TOTALS	74,400.47

**From:** Venne, Jeri (IRR) <jeri.venne@state.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:16 PM  
**Cc:** Ridlon, Whitney (IRR); Venne, Jeri (IRR); Sundvall, Scott (IRR)  
**Subject:** The Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program is now accepting applications

## **The Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program is now accepting applications through July 6, 2020**

Cities, townships or tribal units of government located within the [Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation service area](#) are eligible to apply for a grant that serves as a lending program to businesses within that community. EDAs, HRAs, joint powers boards and community nonprofits are eligible to apply as a community's fiscal agent. Grant applications will be competitively evaluated, and awards to communities could range from \$50,000 to \$400,000. **Applications will be accepted now through July 6, 2020.**

Applicants are required to provide a 1:4 match per project. **Learn more about the Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program [here](#).**

**Applicants can access the grants management system (FLUXX) [here](#).**

*\*Businesses are not eligible applicants and must contact their local unit of government and/or see opportunity on the Business Relief Loan Program below.*

**You may contact Whitney Ridlon at [whitney.ridlon@state.mn.us](mailto:whitney.ridlon@state.mn.us) or (218)735-3004 with any questions.**

### **Taconite Area Business Relief Loan Program:**

Businesses located within the [Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation service area](#) are eligible to apply for 2% interest loans of up to \$40,000 to be used as working capital or any legal purposes. No repayment on the loans will be due for the first six months, followed by 60 payments of principal and interest. Eligible businesses must have been in operation for at least one year and operating on March 1, 2020. Applicants must intend to re-open if currently closed due to the pandemic. It is anticipated that this program could assist approximately 200 local businesses.


The Taconite Area Business Relief Loan Program is funded at \$5 million and will be **administered by The Entrepreneur Fund.**

Click [here](#) to view the loan guidelines.

For more information contact [The Entrepreneur Fund](#) at (218)623-5747 or agency contact Scott Sundvall at [scott.sundvall@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.sundvall@state.mn.us) or 218-735-3015.

**Jeri Venne | Grants Specialist | Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation**  
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OFFICE: (218) 735-3012 or 800-765-5043 ext. 3012 | FAX: 218-735-3053



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## Operation Round Up®

June 4, 2020

Congratulations! Your Operation Round Up® application received funding! The Operation Round Up® board met June 4 and reviewed thirty-three applications that were received this quarter (February 16 – May 15). Full or partial funding was awarded to thirty-one applicants. A check is enclosed in support of your project/grant application. We wish you great success and thank you for making our communities a great place to live. Please use the funds in a timely manner. We ask that provide a summary report to us explaining about the use and impact the funds had for the purpose outlined in your application.

The grants awarded at the June 2020 board meeting brings the total grants awarded more than \$2.5 million since inception of our ORU program in October 2004!

Operation Round Up® is a charitable program designed to provide financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations and community projects. Among Lake Country Power's 43,000-plus members, nearly 64 percent of all active electric accounts voluntarily participate in the program – their electric bills are “rounded up” to the nearest dollar each month. The extra change is pooled into a separate account, the Lake Country Power Electric Trust, which is used for charitable giving purposes.

The average annual donation is less than \$6 per member. The maximum annual contribution is less than \$12 per year – \$11.88, to be exact (99 cents for 12 months). Although the change comes in small amounts, when combined with other participating LCP co-op members, the potential impact makes a substantial difference in northern Minnesota's communities throughout our service area.

The Trust Board, comprised of nine LCP members, (one from each of LCP's director districts) volunteer their time and administer the Operation Round Up® program. They meet quarterly to review applications and award grant funds to various community organizations and projects throughout our service area. Quarterly application deadlines are February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. Applications and additional information about Operation Round Up® can be found on our website [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop).

Once again, we wish you great success with your project/program.



PLEASE DETACH AND RETAIN

No. 7613

Date: 06/05/2020

DATE	INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	NET
06/04/2020	JUNE 4 2020	Personal Protection Equipment Air Tank	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Vendor: 212 TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG		Totals: 2,500.00	2,500.00

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**Lake Country Power**

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative  
2810 Elida Drive • Grand Rapids, MN 55744



LCP TRUST CHECKING

No. 7613

17-17910

TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO. / 100\*\*\*\*\*

PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
ATTN: TIM TOMSICH, CHAIRMAN  
PO BOX 56  
SOUDAN MN 55782

VOID AFTER 120 DAYS

DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
06/05/2020	7613	\$*****2,500.00

*Mark A. Bell*

*Rosemarie Meisner*

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**From:** chairman@breitungtownship.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Dianna Sundahl; Jorgine  
**Subject:** Fwd: Minnesota Power Foundation Grant Award CRM:0005655

Look for this check to be coming, its for the air tank replacements for the fire dept.  
Tim

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Minnesota Power Foundation Grant Award CRM:0005655  
Date: 2020-06-10 11:01  
From: Aimee Curtis <[acurtis@positivelypowerful.org](mailto:acurtis@positivelypowerful.org)>  
To: Tim Tomsich <[chairman@breitungtownship.org](mailto:chairman@breitungtownship.org)>

Congratulations!

Your grant application for Breitung Fire and Rescue Personal Protection Equipment was selected to receive funding from Minnesota Power Foundation in the amount of \$4,000.00. It can take up to 30-days to receive funding in the mail.


It is important to remember to recognize Minnesota Power's contribution in any written or video materials resulting from this grant. Any photos you can provide for our publications and social media would be greatly appreciated. Photos can be send to me at: [acurtis@mnpower.com](mailto:acurtis@mnpower.com).

If you have any questions, please let me know! Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Aimee J Curtis  
Community Relations and Foundation Administrator | Minnesota Power  
[acurtis@mnpower.com](mailto:acurtis@mnpower.com) | [www.mnpower.com](http://www.mnpower.com)  
218-355-3169 | 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802



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TOWN OF BREITUNG  
C/O JORGINE GORNICK  
PO BOX 56  
SOUDAN, MN 55782-0056

June 09, 2020

Dear Lake Country Power Member,

Lake Country Power will be installing new electric meters in your service area soon. A meter technician will be visiting your location to remove our old electric meter in the next few weeks. The technician changing your electric meter will be identified with a Lake Country Power ID badge, as well as an identifying magnetic door sign that says "Contractor for Lake Country Power" on their vehicle.

Your power will be turned off for a few seconds when we change out your old electric meter with our new technology. We apologize in advance for the temporary power disruption.

Other than a temporary disruption of service, other changes won't be as visible, but will provide you with many benefits. The benefits of the new electric meters include:

- Outage verification capabilities and improved outage response
- Improved billing service with fewer estimated bills
- SmartHub meter sync capability showing hour-by-hour energy usage for each service location and account

The new technology is part of our effort to better serve you and provide convenient alternatives to your meter reading and billing services. We thank you for understanding while your electric service will be off for a few seconds when the meter is changed out.

If you have any questions about the new technology or have questions about the meter exchange, please visit our web site at [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop) or feel free to call us at 1-800-421-9959, weekdays 8:00 am to 4:30 pm for more information.

Sincerely,

Lake Country Power

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26039 Bear Ridge Drive  
Cohasset, MN 55721

4065 Highway 73  
Kettle River, MN 55757

8535 Park Ridge Drive  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

1-800-421-9959  
Building on the Power of Membership

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**From:** Lee Peterson <leepeterson2011@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** mike.ralston@greentownshipmn.com; Sue Drobac  
**Subject:** Re: Question to City Council concerning the 2019 Audit

Greenwood Town Board,

The question I asked yesterday of the Tower City Council, *"Is the City going to replenish the \$697,299 it owes to the TAAS Ambulance Fund"* was answered, in effect, during the video-conferenced City Council meeting last night. Mr. Ceglar, of the City's accounting firm, was present to answer questions and further explain the 2019 City Audit. The answer was not good for the Ambulance Service or for the member townships. And the answer is not simple, due to the overwhelming financial problems that the City has gotten itself into.

For example, the accountant was asked about the \$585,694 deficit in the Historic Harbor Project Fund. In reality, the bills for this project have actually been paid, but, in doing so, the money was taken from the Tower Area Ambulance Fund. He took us to a page of the 2019 Audit and suggested that the Harbor deficit on paper could be eliminated by doing the actual paper transfer from out of the Ambulance Fund. Other City funds are showing deficits also. The storefront renovation loan program has tens of thousands of dollars in delinquent loans. The City water and wastewater funds are in the red. Even the Ambulance Fund can't cover all of the problems. The harbor townhouse project is dead. Property taxes in Tower, already high, are going to go up. Utility rates are going to go up very significantly. It reminds me of the Tom Thumb story.

Last night the Council kicked the can down the road by forming a "work group" to study the deficit situation. In the end, the ambulance fund that was earned by the TAAS billing for ambulance runs will end up being next to nothing, if not nothing. Supposedly, the ambulance vehicle replacement subsidy fund, raised through payments by the TAAS township members, is safe from City transfers. This amount is separate from the \$697,299, and is not enough to pay for the new ambulance that was ordered over a year and a half ago. (that's another strange situation).

One thing I'd like to note is that the TAAS has certainly generated enough money, had it not been spent on unrelated City expenses, to more than pay for the new ambulance, which will cost around \$240,000. Townships need to look into this before they make any more ambulance subsidy payments.

Here is a link to the 2019 City of Tower Audit. Pages 16, 19, 20, 38, 39 and 40 are of interest to TAAS members.

<http://www.cityoftower.com/pdf/Tower%20Final%20Audit%20Report%202019.pdf>

Lee Peterson  
Greenwood Township resident

On 6/8/2020 9:30 AM, [mike.ralston@greentownshipmn.com](mailto:mike.ralston@greentownshipmn.com) wrote:

Thanks Lee  
I have been monitoring the discussions in tower as well  
Interesting to hear they will consider replenishing the funds  
It appeared earlier they were going to write it off  
Mike

**From:** Lee Peterson <leepeterson2011@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Sue Drobac <Clerk@greenwoodtownshipmn.com>; Mike Ralston, Greenwood Twp. <Mike.Ralston@greenwoodtownshipmn.com>  
**Subject:** Question to City Council concerning the 2019 Audit

Sue,

I'd sure appreciate that this be passed along as Correspondence. Going forward with TAAS issues, it is important to know where the ambulance fund stands, what's still missing and how it is or isn't being dealt with by the City. The City 2019 Audit presented last week is revealing.

Lee

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:**Re: Question to City Council concerning the 2019 Audit  
**Date:**Mon, 8 Jun 2020 07:49:39 -0500  
**From:**Lee Peterson <leepeterson2011@hotmail.com>  
**To:**clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com  
**CC:**'David Setterberg' <David.Setterberg@cityoftower.com>, Orlyn Kringstad <orlyn@cityoftower.com>

Yes, for one thing, the \$926,151 balance sure calls into question even the need for an ambulance subsidy contribution from the townships. Lots to sort out.

Lee

On 6/8/2020 7:40 AM, clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com wrote:

Lee,

Thanks for your inquiry.

This is a long outstanding question built up over years. Tonight's agenda item, 6.4.1 Audit Action Items, Deficit Fund Balances, is a place for the City can begin a constructive conversation about this overdue issue.

Victoria Ranua  
Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Tower  
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602 Main Street  
Tower, MN 55790  
W: 218-753-4070  
C: 218-404-4466

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lee Peterson <leepeterson2011@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 7:27 AM  
**To:** clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com  
**Cc:** David Setterberg <David.Setterberg@cityoftower.com>



Subject: Question to City Council concerning the 2019 Audit

6-8-2020

City Council,

At last week's Council "Audit" meeting, members of the public were invited to submit written questions about the 2019 Audit to the Council.

I know that I speak for many people when I ask the following question:

On page 19 of the Audit, the Ambulance fund shows a balance of \$926,151.  
Most of that balance is actually missing from the Ambulance Fund.

On the page 16 "BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS", it is shown under the Ambulance Fund column that \$697,299 is "Due from other funds". (this Ambulance Fund money was transferred out by the City to fund other expenses in the City, not even remotely related to the Tower Area Ambulance Service).

Is the City going to replenish the \$697,299 it owes to the TAAS Ambulance Fund?

Lee Peterson

Greenwood Township resident

**From:** Luke Soderling <luke@biwabiktownship.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:51 PM  
**To:** beattytwp@gmail.com; vermilionlaketownclerk@gmail.com; eaglesnesttwp@citlink.net; clerk@breitungtownship.org; clerk@greentownshipmn.com; jsuihk@hotmail.com; sandytownshipstlmn@gmail.com; Jodi\_backman@yahoo.com; colvintownhall@frontier.com; townofwhite@yahoo.com; clintontownshipmn@gmail.com; clerk@biwabiktownship.com; Townofwuori@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Broadband internet survey

Hello fellow township servants.

I'm Luke Soderling, Chairman of Biwabik Township.

For the last 8 months or so I've been working with the LTE broadband coalition. We have been working to make a feasibility study to use to lure in internet providers. You are being emailed today because your township is within the area we are working on.

You may have seen the speed test link that's been going around the last few weeks. That was a very important first step and now we are on to phase two. For this we greatly need your help. Below I included a link to a survey. This is very important to get out to our residents. We need to hear from as many people as possible so we can get as much info as we can to the internet providers. There has never been a more organized large scale push to improve our internet in this area, and I'm asking you to help share this with people in your community. Please share the link on your social media, website, postings on hall doors, etc.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BLFJMN>

I'm very excited to see the progress this committee has made so far and am optimistic that we will see great results from this effort.

Thanks again, and stay safe,

Luke Soderling



# Saint Louis County

## Environmental Services Department

Virginia Government Services Center • 201 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West • Virginia, MN 55792  
Phone: (218) 749-9703 or 1-800-450-9278 • Fax: (218) 749-0650 • [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov)

**Mark St. Lawrence**

Director

May 28, 2020

Brietung Township  
Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

RE: No Change Proposed 2021 MSW Disposal Fee

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on May 7, 2020, the St. Louis County Solid Waste & Septic Subcommittee supported Environmental Services' recommendation to not increase the solid waste disposal fee for mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) for 2021. The current solid waste disposal fee for MSW consists of a \$52.50/ton tipping fee plus a \$7.50/ton MN Statute 115A.919 Subdivision 1 (115A.919 Subd. 1) Tax Exempt Fee, with the \$52.50/ton tipping fee subject to the 17% MN Solid Waste Management Tax.

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will consider the recommendation at their 2021 Fee Schedule Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact me at (218) 749-0647, toll free at 800-450-9278 or email me at [stlawrencem@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:stlawrencem@stlouiscountymn.gov).

Sincerely,

Mark St. Lawrence  
Director, St. Louis County Environmental Services Department

MSL/dh

300 Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Telephone: 651-201-2473  
TTY: 651-297-4357



Dianna Sundahl, Clerk  
Breitung Township  
PO Box 28  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Clerk:

The State Demographer is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for each of Minnesota's cities and townships. Enclosed you will find a sheet containing the April 1, 2019, population and household estimates for your jurisdiction.

These estimates are being sent to you now for review and comment. It's important that our estimates are accurate, as they are used to distribute state aid to cities and townships. If you have questions about how our estimates impact a specific program, please contact the state agency responsible for that program.

The enclosed figures represent estimated population and household changes since the 2010 Census. The number of households corresponds to the number of occupied housing units. A household may be a single family, one person living alone, or any group of people who share the same living area. While we believe that our estimates are usually accurate, we realize there may be occasional problems. For this reason, we value your comments. We may not be aware of such changes as housing demolitions, the gain or loss of group quarters (like college dormitories, nursing homes, etc.), construction of public housing and the gain or loss of mobile homes.

Please note that our estimates:

- pertain to one year ago, not the present;
- have also been sent to your county auditor for review;
- are subject to change and are not considered final until they are released to the Minnesota Department of Revenue in July.

If you are satisfied with our estimates, it is not necessary to contact us or provide any further information. If you wish to challenge our estimates, please send us the appropriate data described in the enclosed challenge guide by **June 24, 2020**. Questions or comments should be directed to James Hibbs by email or at the address listed on the letterhead. **Since we are working away from the office during the pandemic, the best way to reach us is by e-mail at [local.estimatedata@state.mn.us](mailto:local.estimatedata@state.mn.us).** You may also try to reach us by phone at (651) 201-2473. You will be asked to leave a message on our voice mail system.

Thank you for taking time to review these estimates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Brower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Brower  
State Demographer

Enclosures

**DATE:** June 1, 2020  
**TO:** Dianna Sundahl, Clerk  
Breitung Township  
**FROM:** **Susan Brower**  
Minnesota State Demographer  
**SUBJECT:** 2019 Population and Household Estimates

Your April 1, 2019 population estimate is 575.

Your April 1, 2019 household estimate is 276.

If you have any questions or comments about these estimates, please contact the State Demographic Center, 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN. 55155, phone (651) 201-2473 or send an e-mail to [local.estimatedata@state.mn.us](mailto:local.estimatedata@state.mn.us). All challenges must be submitted in writing. Please refer to the enclosed sheet for details.



Cohasset Service Center  
26039 Bear Ridge Drive  
Cohasset, MN 55721

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TOWN OF BREITUNG  
C/O JORGINE GORNICK  
PO BOX 56  
SOUDAN MN 55782-0056

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C-26 P-33



## Notice of Capital Credit Allocation

**Year: 2019**

**Member Number: 1578200**

**Total Capital Credit Allocation: \$499.50**

**Division of Allocation total: Lake Country Power - \$294.96  
Great River Energy - \$204.54**

### **THIS IS NOT A BILLING: DO NOT PAY**

We are pleased to inform you that your share of Lake Country Power's margin for 2019 is \$499.50. You may not apply any part of this allocation to your electric bill or as payment for any other cooperative related service.

General Retirements are paid only upon the approval of the Lake Country Power Board of Directors.

Should you discontinue service with Lake Country Power and/or change your current mailing address, you should notify LCP as future correspondences relative to capital credits will require a current mailing address.

Thank you for your continued commitment and loyalty to your electric cooperative. Please refer to the back side of this notice for an explanation of capital credits or visit our website at [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop).

**Your un-retired Capital Credits to date are \$13,995.93**

**Please look on the back for more detailed capital credit information.**



Cohasset Service Center  
26039 Bear Ridge Drive  
Cohasset, MN 55721

Mountain Iron Service Center  
8535 Park Ridge Drive  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Kettle River Service Center  
4065 Hwy 73  
Kettle River, MN 55757

1-800-421-9959  
Energy that Powers Our Lives  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## **Capital Credits**

It pays to be a Lake Country Power member. Earning and receiving capital credits is one of the membership advantages to receiving electric services from Lake Country Power. Because Lake Country Power is a not-for-profit cooperative, all margins are allocated back to member-owners in the form of capital credits.

### **How do Capital Credits work?**

There are capital credit allocations and also capital credit retirements. Each is different. Understanding both will help you know how this co-op benefit can work for you.

**1. Allocation:** Each year, you are "allocated" your portion of the previous year's margin based on the amount of electricity you purchased from Lake Country Power in relation to the total amount of electricity purchased by all members during the year.

Once a year you may receive notification of an allocation. The notification you are receiving today is an informational notice to let you know about your share of capital credits that will eventually be paid to you when a general retirement is issued by the Board of Directors. An allocation represents your share of ownership in your member-owned cooperative.

**2. Retirement:** Capital Credits accumulate over time in an account in your name, and are refunded periodically to you upon action by the Board of Directors. Eventually, after a number of years, capital credits are "retired" or paid back to members or former members to whom they were originally allocated. General retirements are issued if the financial condition of the cooperative will not be impaired.

The decisions surrounding the retirement of Capital Credits are taken into consideration by the Board of Directors as they work toward keeping rates as low as possible when the cost of fuel, materials and wholesale power continue to escalate.

If you have additional questions, please contact our office at 1-800-421-9959.



# Breitung 2019 Drinking Water Report

## Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 52 to 62 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian and Quaternary Water Table aquifers.

Breitung works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Matthew Tuchel, Water Supervisor, at (218) 780-2560 or [towersoudanwater@accessmn.com](mailto:towersoudanwater@accessmn.com) if you have questions about Breitung's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Breitung Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2019.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage [Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

## How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.



We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Definitions

- **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ).
- **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter ( $\text{mg/l}$ ).
- **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

## Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

### LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (11/13/17)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.27 ppb	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (11/13/17)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.24 ppm	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

### INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	0.07 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

**CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	57.1 ppb	29.00 - 67.90 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	51 ppb	37.00 - 62.00 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.04 ppm	0.01 - 0.06 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

**OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.4 ppm	0.53 - 1.80 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

**Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Learn More about Your Drinking Water

### Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Breitung is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Breitung is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
  - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>
  - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
  - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:  
[Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)  
[The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)
4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
  - Read about water treatment units:  
[Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html)  
[\(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html)

Learn more:

- Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)
- Visit [Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)
- Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit [Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER

PHONE: (218) 753-6660  
FAX: (218) 753-2407

41 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE • P.O. BOX 6  
SOUDAN MN 55782

DAN NYLUND  
CHIEF OF POLICE

May 2020

CALLS: 308

CITATIONS/FORMAL CHARGES: 8

MONTHLY MILEAGE: 2439 (TAHOE: 1667 EXPLORER: 772)

**SQUADS:** Current end of the month mileage for the Gold 2012 Chevy Tahoe (Tower) is **96,406**. Current end of the month mileage for the 2017 Ford Explorer is **28,225**.

**ADDITIONAL SHIFTS:** During the month of May the Breitung Police Department worked 0 extra TZD shifts.

**TRAINING:** Firearms Training- Dan, Jason, Jim, Keith, and Cody  
Firearms instructor recertification- Dan

**MISC:** Please continue to check with the CDC for Covid 19 updates. Also please see the attached letter we received this month.

## CALL SUMMARY

### CITATIONS/FORMAL CHARGES/ARRESTS:

- 3 Harassment- Referred to county attorney
- 1 Expired registration - Citation
- 1 No DL in possession - Citation
- 3 Speed - Citation



[facebook.com/breitungpolicedept](https://facebook.com/breitungpolicedept)



[@breitungpolice](https://twitter.com/breitungpolice)

This Bringing the Love ♥ cake has been  
dedicated and donated to the Breitung Police  
Dept by Jessica Joan and me, Susan Lane ♥

We'd like to thank you for your service during  
these uncertain times in our community ♥

We'd like to thank you for putting the needs of  
the public ahead of your own ♥

We'd like to thank you for your dedication, love  
and support of all the counties, towns, cities and  
communities that you serve ♥

Thank you for the many programs that you are  
a part of - for keeping us safe and providing peace  
of mind when there's so many questions ♥

Thank you for not giving Jessica Joan a ticket for not  
having 2 license plates - showing kindness and love -  
She's on a mission ♥

Breitung Police Dept - Bringing the Love ♥

**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**June Fire Dept Report**

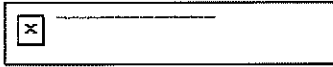
Regular monthly fire dept meeting was held on 6/10/20-this is first meeting held since March 2020-highlights we received new membership application, review and discussion of fire calls, reviewed repairs to Rescue #3, assigned members for monthly apparatus checks and equipment checks, acknowledged Minnesota Power grant award, discussion about 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Fire Dept and reviewed the membership list created, discussion and use of PPE for virus protection. SCBA and Rescue #3 training was conducted.

Since last regular meeting in March we responded to following emergency calls:

- 3/19 mutual aid with TFD for vehicle accident Hwy 169
- 4/30 mutual aid with GFD for auto fire alarm
- 5/7 mutual aid with GFD for gas leak
- 5/9 mutual aid with GFD for structure fire
- 5/18 wild land fire in Breitung Township
- 5/21 wild land fire in unorganized township
- 6/3 mutual aid with GFD for wild land fire
- 6/6 mutual aid with GFD for structure fire



**From:** Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:12 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** Advocacy alert: Email your Senator today on township transportation funding



## Legislative Update & Advocacy Alert

June 16, 2020

Dear Township Official:

The State Senate recently announced full floor vote on the Senate's "Capital Investment" bonding bill for today - Tuesday, June 16.

One of the provisions currently existing in the bill is \$8 million for additional transportation funding for a road grant program *specifically for townships*. Townships maintain approximately 39% of all Minnesota's roads (over 55,000 miles) and are our largest budget expense.

**Please email your Senator [today through MAT's Advocacy Website here](#), and urge them to support this bonding bill that contains MAT's proposal for township transportation funding. It is easy with our pre-written, customizable letter.**

This is a critical and timely issue for townships - and your voice to your legislator will make a difference. Thank you!

Sincerely,



David W. Hann  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Association of Townships

P.S. Please take a minute to **[visit MAT's advocacy website here](#)** and email your state legislators. It takes two clicks - and is very helpful to our team's advocacy efforts.

**Minnesota Association of Townships**  
**[www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org)**

**CONTACT US**

# Town Hall-Lenci Punch List

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Mike Petrich Phone # 218-969-7467

## Double Doors

- Can see light under, needs adjustment

## Roof Addition

- Ice Buildup-will watch next winter

## Garage Vent

- Done, but not done well

## Cement sealing on sidewalks

- Will work with Mesabi Bit when they come back to do final blacktop
- Concrete may have froze after pour. Lenci just poured on the stoop.
- John Jamnick to contact Mesabi about this issue. There was minimal salt used in this area, shouldn't be peeling

## Cameras not working

- Dianna working with Roger
- May need another NVR (recorder), may need another IP address
- Need to schedule training
- Need software
- Need to work with CTC for an alternate solution to recorder/IP address

## Town Hall Final blacktop

- John Jamnick to contact Mesabi Bit

## Completed

Coat Hanger loose-complete as of 06/09/2020

Electric Panel not labeled-complete as of 06/09/2020

Motion Sensor in Fire Hall-Fire & Rescue to hire someone on their own

Motion Sensor in Show stays on-complete as of 06/09/2020

Motion Sensor in Hallway & Bathroom-complete as of 06/09/2020

Handicap door Opener (works hard)-complete as of 06/09/2020

Hand Rail near Post Office-fixed and complete as of 06/09/2020

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
TOWN HALL SITE IMPROVEMENTS  
Project No. 17-387

“PRELIMINARY PARTIAL PUNCH LIST”

Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.  
Date: June 17, 2020

1. Birdbath near a catch basin
2. Wear layer needs to be put on
3. Drainage form the back of the west side of city hall needs to have a fabric and rock
4. Drainage form the back of the east side of city hall needs to have a trench and pipe
5. Stripping
6. Grate of culvert on east side of driveway
7. Reseal concrete

Note: This may not be a complete list of Punch List items to be addressed and does not relieve the Contractor of fulfilling all requirements of the Contract Documents.

## Road & Bridge Projects

List is not in order of importance

Culvert-Birch & South St-Lower, remove and replace 38" Culvert, saw cut blacktop 6-8", replace blacktop. Estimate from CWDirtworks-\$3000 (excludes blacktop)

- Update (06/09/20)-Installed, awaiting aprons, will blacktop afterwards

Manhole-South St

Raise Manhole, Excavate, add risers to achieve desired height, landscape.

No price at this time, needs an extension, will be difficult to find in the winter if not completed.

- Update (06/09/20)-Awaiting cost on the riser

Grade dirt roads with Class 5-Class 5 Pile getting low, look at prioritizing roads, Estimate from CWDirtworks-\$90/hr tandem, \$80/hr single axle, \$60/hr for an operator

- Update (06/09/2020)-Put off for now, may just do this ourselves. Dump truck currently down and getting hinges repaired

Sanitary Sewer Castings-(Mineview St)

- Update (06/09/2020)-No price at this time

Sanitary Sewer Casting-Bike Trail & Ballfield-Meet with John Jamnick to see if we can remove

- Update (06/09/2020)-Met with JPJ Engineering, ok to remove. Need to install a factory cast, take cone out, and waterproof. Currently awaiting a bid

Water Leak-George Wick old home-Contact new homeowner, do exploratory dig, and if it's homeowner's responsibility, will need to let them know.

- Update (06/09/2020)-Work completed, 2 leaks, work done from the main to curb stop and insulated. Waterline pulled out of main. Currently will need detailed bill from CW Dirtworks, and will need to put inventory of material used to be able to charge homeowner. Tom working with the county in maintaining. No blacktop until spring of next year.

Change Hydrant-Birch & South St-Water bubbling up, estimate from CWDirtworks \$3000 w/township purchasing hydrant

- Update (06/09/2020)-Work to be begin next week

Main & Poplar Alley-Lots of potholes, need 60-80 yards, will use recycle material

- Update (06/09/2020)-Keep on the list

Bike Trail-Ponds to McKinley Park-Need to discuss with John Jamnick, IRRRB has grants available, spot needs to be repaired

- Update (06/09/2020)-request for an estimate to remove and replace

Police Building-Needs Repair around back-Possible use of taconite tailings, blacktop (?), Class 5.

- Update (06/09/2020)-Request for estimate and suggestions of material

Hockey Boards

- Update (06/09/2020) Keep on the list, check temporary lights

McKinley Park-Benches

- Update (06/09/2020)-Received a quote on tables/bench. Will work with Park Managers for what is needed. Jerry to fix some older tables and make them handicap accessible \$5593 - 6 tables, 1 bench

Dust Control-see attachment for bids, all roads need to be grated within a few weeks, need gravel to Mallard Dr, and also Stuntz Bay area. Have scheduled to come out end of June

State Park Road-Request made for JPJ Engineering to contact Mesabi Bit to begin work again, as it was suspended last fall.

Heat to Booster Pump-Request made for JPJ Engineering to get an estimate

CWDirtworks is currently keeping equipment in the pit

### **Completed:**

Water Leak-Old Petcha Trailer Lot-Complete as of 06/09/20-No leak detected, appears to be groundwater

Trail Clearing-Near Stuntz Bay-Removed, put on in error

Backstop-Complete as of 06/09/2020

West Church St Sewer Project-Final Payment-Complete as of 06/09/2020

**Polly McDonald**

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**From:** towersoudanwater@accessmn.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:57 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** FW: Estimate from Custom Theaters of Ely  
**Attachments:** Est\_3722\_from\_Custom\_Theaters\_Inc.\_5316.pdf

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [info@customtheatersofely.com](mailto:info@customtheatersofely.com) <[info@customtheatersofely.com](mailto:info@customtheatersofely.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** [supervisor2@breitungtownship.org](mailto:supervisor2@breitungtownship.org)  
**Cc:** [towersoudanwater@accessmn.com](mailto:towersoudanwater@accessmn.com)  
**Subject:** Estimate from Custom Theaters of Ely

Hey Dusty, Matt  
here is the estimate for the shades and deflectors, the swatch is on the way.  
Matt you are right I did do a double shade for the door so that you may leave 1 side up if you want to.  
have a great weekend

Custom Theaters of Ely

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## Estimate

Date	Estimate #
12/23/2019	3692

Name / Address
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

		Account #	Project	
Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
INSTACC #...	Electro Shade1/2ES.2, 140-120 0807YREG08IRJFWNN506.IQ2.S2NB Large 3 Bay Window	1	3,138.00	3,138.00T
INSTACC #...	Electro Shade1/2ES.2 79.5 65 0807YREG02IRWMEFWNN506.IQ2.S2NN Post Office	1	1,793.00	1,793.00T
INSTACC #...	Electro Shade1/2ES.2 47.5 88 0807YREG02IRCFWNN506.IQ2.S2NS Small Entrance door Light	1	1,680.00	1,680.00T
INSTACC #...	Electro Shade1/2ES.2 49.25 120 0807YREG02IRWMEFWNN506.IQ2.S2NS Large Double Entrance Door	2	1,678.00	3,356.00T
LABOR	Complete wiring of keypads and installation of motorized shades  Price does not include any electrical wiring  Customers electrician to add 120V JB and wire Shades in JB	1	1,540.00	1,540.00
		Subtotal \$11,507.00		
		Sales Tax (0.0%) \$0.00		
		Total \$11,507.00		

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Estimate

Date	Estimate #
12/23/2019	3693

Name / Address
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Account #	Project

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
INSTACC #...	Mecho Shade1/2ES.2, 140-120 0807 Large 3 Bay Window	1	1,387.44	1,387.44T
INSTACC #...	Mecho Shade1/2ES.2 79.5 65 0807 Post Office	1	743.00	743.00T
INSTACC #...	Mecho Shade1/2ES.2 47.5 88 0807 Small Entrance door Light	1	1,012.00	1,012.00T
INSTACC #...	Mecho Shade1/2ES.2 49.25 120 0807 Large Double Entrance Door	2	1,008.00	2,016.00T
LABOR	Complete installation of shades	1	1,150.00	1,150.00

Thank you for your business.

**Subtotal** \$6,308.44

**Sales Tax (0.0%)** \$0.00

**Total** \$6,308.44

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Polly McDonald**

**From:** chairman@breitungtownship.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:31 PM  
**To:** Jorgine; Polly McDonald (clerk@breitungtownship.org)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Breitung Township window treatments

Here is the estimate

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Breitung Township window treatments  
**Date:** 2020-01-13 22:05  
**From:** Julie Gronholm <julie@offisource.net>  
**To:** "chairman@breitungtownship.org" <chairman@breitungtownship.org>  
**Cc:** "aaron@akinstall.com" <aaron@akinstall.com>

Hello,

Following is the pricing for Window Treatments at BREITUNG TOWNSHIP OFFICES & POST OFFICE, as discussed with Aaron McCarty.

BASE BID

Provide & install SWF Contract manual shades with fascia; 6 shades total

Fabric: Conceal blackout

Customer is responsible for moving the existing heat vents in front of the windows

\$3460

OPTION

Add 1 shade at Post Office

+\$310

Prices include materials, freight and installation. Tax is not included.

This quote is valid for 60 days.

Thank you for your consideration. Please advise if you would like to proceed or have any questions.

-jg

Julie Gronholm

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WBE WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

SBE SMALL BUSINESS

DBE CERTIFIED / MN-UCP

**From:** chairman@breitungtownship.org  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 6:18 PM  
**To:** Dianna Sunsdahl  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Question

Dianna:  
another item to add to the end of May meeting agenda Tim

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: Question  
**Date:** 2020-05-04 18:17  
**From:** [chairman@breitungtownship.org](mailto:chairman@breitungtownship.org)  
**To:** Debra Zasadni [REDACTED]

Debra:  
we can certainly look into it. We have a different service provider at the town hall vs frontier and now frontier is in financial trouble so it may take some time to get it done. Frontier has cable that runs along the bike trail and into the park.  
Thanks,  
Tim Tomsich  
Chair

On 2020-05-04 17:35, Debra Zasadni wrote:

> I was wondering if it is possible for the township to add internet to  
> the campground. With everything that is going on with distancing. Some  
> could work from the campground. This would be a wonderful add on to  
> this campground and to all future campers that come and stay. Please  
> consider this for updating the awesomeness this campground is. Thanks  
> for taking and reading my email.  
> Than you  
> Debra Zasadni  
> Seasonal Camper  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone



# July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Verifieds	3	4
5	6	7 TWP Bills/Payday	8 Fire Dept Mtg 6:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Balance Checkbooks	16	17	18
19	20	21 TWP Bills/Payroll	22	23	24	25
26	27 Water Meeting 9am	28 Regular Meeting 12N	29	30	31	