

Township of Breitung Monthly Meeting 07/21/2020 12:00PM-In Person & Via Teleconference

Present: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Absent: None

Public: Dan Nylund-Police, Steve Burgess-Fire Dept., Tom Gorsma-Maintenance, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay

Call to Order @ 12 noon by Chairman Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Agenda

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve minutes as presented for:

Regular Meeting 06/23/2020

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Treasurers Report:

Checks Written: 44411-44517

Total Disbursements: \$180,412.80

Fund Balance Total: \$201,107.55

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

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- League of MN Cities
- IRRR Grants Available
- MMUA Safety Training

Public Input: None

Reports:

- Police-On File, also mention of Puncher Point to patrol as resident was putting out signs on road again, police to patrol more on weekend and enact what was done last year
- Fire-On File
- Road and Bridge-Busy with day to day operations, will need 200 yards for McKinley Park Acres for first 600', and will check culvert at beginning of the road, Winger to do work
- McKinley Park-Damage to docks due to high winds will look at cost of doing repair vs replace. Wooden structure at playground needs repair
- Recreation-Tournament was busy. Damage to home plate, will order new home plate. Tom and Greg to discuss new boards

- Wastewater Board-Estimate from John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering for proposal to reduce Inflow & Infiltration is \$6400. A priority list will be put together and they will look for funding for both Tower-Breitung.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Midco agreement passed last meeting, Dianna will speak with legal counsel in regards to summary, posting and publication

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to print summary of Franchise Agreement in Tower News

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Lenci Punch List-Items remaining are: Roof Addition and ice build-up and cameras
- Road & Bridge Punch List-Items remaining are: Grade dirt roads with Class 5, McKinley Park Acres next, Sanitary Sewer Castings-Mineview and Bike Trail and Ballfield, Bike Trail, Hockey Boards, Benches @ Mckinley Park, Stop signs Junction Rd and Mallard Drive
- Hiking, Bike Trail-Tim spoke to IRRR, there is funding available for part of the total estimate of \$304,500. IRRR likes to see outside \$ as well, will need to phase project-repairs, constructions, suggested JPJ as grant writer, can also get funding from other sources. Tim will talk with the City of Tower and St Louis County. Would like to see one grant application.

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to hire JPJ Engineering to develop a project plan for reconstruction and redesign of the hiking/bike trail from Hoodoo Pt to existing end point of trail and the Ponds to McKinley Park to include funding sources.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Mesabi Punch List-Items remaining are: drainage on south side of City Hall, Grate on Culvert on South Side, reseal concrete, blacktop @ pit, Reseed, State Park Road, Parking Blocks and Seeding.
- Window Treatments-3 windows in Community Room & 1 in Post Office to be done. Price for window treatments is \$2540, samples are in the mail
- Internet at McKinley Park-internet in the office, no need to keep on the agenda
- Township Operations
 - a) Township Building will be open for business, Public Meetings, Water & Fire Meetings, but will be closed to the public until further notice.

- Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Aid Agreement-
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Agreement

2nd made by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Motion made by Chairman Tomsich to pay the City of Tower 1 lump sum of \$8700 for the Township of Breitung contribution rate

2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

- Presentation of Certificate of Appointment of Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson
- Blight-Supervisor Tekautz states that there are 6 residence for blight notices, will work with Clerk Sundahl on letters, as well as reviewing options/programs for painting homes-possibly through AEOA

New Business

- Pay Bills:
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion Passed 3-0
- Variance Application-no comments on variance application
- Loan due on Town Hall Improvements-Chairman Tomsich to talk to the bank because the Township has one more draw to make, do not pay at this time
- SCBA Grant-Breitung Fire and Rescue received full funding on SCBA gear for First Responders. Company will order for Fire and Rescue. Chief Burgess to send a thank you and pictures.
- Coronavirus Relief Fund Certification-sent application to MN Department of Revenue on 07/02/2020. Breitung Township should receive \$14,500 by August 1st. Stephanie Ukkola suggested to keep water on for people who have been shut off. Currently there are no residents with water shut off.
- Covid 19 Preparedness Plan:
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Plan with corrections to HR/Clerk
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion Passed 3-0
Clerk Sundahl to ensure all township employees receive a copy and sign. Will post in Town Hall
- Resolution #10-Accepting Funds from the Department of IRRR and Grant Contract
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to pass Resolution #10
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution #11-Election Judges
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pass Resolution #11 with corrections to add Jorgine Gornick and Dianna Sundahl

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

- Replacement of M100 Voting Machine with a cost of \$5500-\$5600. We are 1 of only 2 in the county using this old machine. Jorgine will work with St Louis County Auditor.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to replace M100 Voting Machine

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

- New State Park Road Speed Limit Change-After much discussion it was decided to keep the posted speed limit of 30mph instead of increasing. Clerk Sundahl to send a letter to Jim Essig-Manager of the State Park

Next Meeting (Special): Wednesday August 5th, 2020 at 12noon to discuss Punch List Projects and any other items that may come up. Consensus by all 3 Supervisors, Clerk will Post.

Regular Meeting: Tuesday August 25th, 2020 at 12 noon

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