

Township of Breitung Regular Monthly Meeting 08/25/2020 12:00PM-In Person & Via Teleconference

Present:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert (phone in), Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson
Public: Steve Burgess-Fire Dept., Stephanie Ukkola (phone in)-Timberjay, Polly McDonald, Nancy Tekautz, John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering

Call to Order @ 12 noon by Chairman Tomsich, Roll call taken

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 accept the Meeting Minutes from 07/21/2020 and 08/05/2020

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- Dan Mobilia Seaplane Base-Noted, no action
- Lee Peterson-Tower Ambulance-Noted, no action
- Peter Danakis-Issue at rental cabin-Noted, no action taken as letter was sent to St. Louis County
- Ely Hospital-Request Letter of Support
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to send a letter of support
2nd by Chairman Tomsich
Motion passed 3-0
- DNR Pilt Money Received-Noted
- Town Aid Received from Department of Revenue-Noted

Public Input:

- 2019 Taconite Production Aid came in \$21,451.00
- Barricades on Puncher Point out farther on the weekends, then pushed back during the week, will notify Breitung Police of the Safety Issue and ask them to talk to residents

Reports:

- Police Report-Included in Public Packet
- Fire Report-Included in Public Packet
- Road and Bridge-none
- McKinley Park-none

- Recreation-noted below, turned in a job description for a recreation person part time to fill the need of recently departed employee. Will need volunteers as well
- Wastewater Board-Continue to look for money for I&I and improvement project. Hope there is a special session to pass the Bonding Bill. Received \$250,000 from IRRR. Looking to the Army Corp of Engineers for assistance, and Senator Tina Smith, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and Congressman Pete Stauber sent letters to the Corp in Support of the project. Consensus to send letters of thanks to both Senators and Congressman from Breitung Township Board for their support of this project.

Old Business:

- Resolution 2020-#12 authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of a \$465,000 general obligation certificate of indebtedness, series 2020A
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pass Resolution 2020-#12
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Loan Agreement
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to sign the loan agreement as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert,
Motion passed 3-0
- Projects-Sarah from JPJ working on cost estimate on the Bike Trails, still working on heat to booster pump, no update on Mesabi Bit. Punch List, Lake Vermilion Park Drive (State Park) mostly complete, parking blocks completed and placed in front of Town Hall.
- Part Time Maintenance Job Descriptions and applications-Current Union contract does not include a maintenance assistant. Will go to union representative to prepare before the September 9th contract negotiation. Need to check on what type of license job would require. Probably at a minimum a Class B. Recreation duties-hoping to get a high school kid. Should be separated from Maintenance Position. Hoping to get volunteers for rink and baseball. Rink assistance is a little more difficult to get help. Baseball we can get reimbursed in the summer.
- Cares Fund-Clerk Sundahl continues to go through receipts from March of 2020 to move to Cares Fund. Clerk Sundahl and Treasurer Gornick to attend another training 08/26/2020 for updates.
- Data Requests-Police Department has been getting several requests for reports, some cannot be given due to ongoing investigation, or juveniles involved. Marshall Helmberger questioning fifty cent charge and just would like to inspect pages due to the pandemic. Breitung Township will follow the law and charge twenty five cents a page per request.

New Business:

- Pay Bills
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

Motion made to pay Mesabi Bit invoice as presented in the amount of \$43,281.24

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay JPJ Invoice in the amount of \$3670.46

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Sealed bids for Fire Truck

Received 2 sealed bids for 1991 Chevy 1 Ton Pick Up Truck

Charles Winger for \$555.55

Dan Wiirre for \$1601.00

Supervisor Tekautz made a motion to accept bid from Dan Wiirre for \$1601.00

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

- Use of Gravel Pit by Prospector ATV Club to improve trails-gravel pit by McKinley Park is

mostly sand, ATV Club is looking for 30-50 yards of reclaimed product at Soudan Pit

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz for the Prospector ATV Club to coordinate with

Public Works Department to use 30-50 yards of reclaimed product to improve the trail

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

- Deputy Clerk Pay-Clerk Sundahl presented average pay for Deputy Clerk

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to pay Deputy Clerk \$18.00/hr for clerk training and time

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Next Special Town Board Meeting: Open-Closed for LU 49 Contract Negotiations Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at 5pm

Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 @ 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