

## **Township of Breitung Regular Meeting 10/27/2020 12:00PM-In Person Meeting at the Town Hall & Via Teleconference**

### **Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Burgess-Fire Chief, Valeda McDonald

### **Phone In:**

**Public:** Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay Newspaper

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich, Roll call taken

### **Acceptance of Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Meeting Minutes from 10/08/2020 and 10/15/2020 as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Treasurers Report:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Treasurers Report as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Correspondence:**

- Eileen Petit-scrapbooks of John & Bernice Puncher of Eagles nest-Consensus of the Board to donate to the Historical Society
- EVFCU-Thank you for Essential Workers-noted
- Minnesota Power Foundation Grant-noted
- Fire and Police State Aid-noted
- County AIS Grant available for CD3 System-noted and passed on at this time
- Edwards Oil Monitored Delivery Program-Consensus of the Board to continue this at this time

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

- Police Report-Included in Public Packet
- Fire Report-Included in Public Packet
- Road and Bridge-see "Project" update

- McKinley Park-Final Expenses just submitted, pulling docks out, site visit with DNR 10/28/2020 for dock platforms. Set rates in November 2020.
- Recreation-Looking for rink help. Advertise in the paper
- Wastewater Board-Filtration not included in the recent MN State Bonding Bill. Received a PFA grant for 1.65M and 2.1M in a low interest loan. This will be on hold for now, will reapply for bond money next year as the City of Tower is not in a position to incur additional debt. Due to a Notice of Violation on manholes, a Corrective Action Plan was submitted and an estimate on cost of repairs came in at approximately \$410,000 for which grants can be written. CDBG asked to prioritize sewer projects for which 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, South St, and Sewer Main at Vermilion Park Inn are set as priorities

### **Old Business:**

- Projects-Paving of the County Rd in front of the Wick home and McKinley Park Dock Platforms remain a top priority. Still need blacktop at the Sanitary Sewer Casting Sites at Mineview and the Ballfield. Nothing new to report on the Bike Trail. The Hockey Field continues to be worked on, fabric and plastic to be done 10/28/2020. Tile in Post Office has not been addressed yet, and Privacy curtain still needs to be installed. OH door at the Police Station has been fixed.
- Transfer of Forfeiture Funds-Received word from the Township Attorney that use of the forfeiture funds to assist in covering some of the costs of the remodel project done to the Police Building is ok.  
Motion by Chairman Tomsich to transfer \$19,500 from the Forfeiture Fund to the Projects Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion Passed 3-0
- Maintenance Assistant-Keith Mattila has accepted the position and he will be starting work on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- Cares Fund-Received \$15,100.00 and that fund is now at 0 dollars. Money spent in accordance to guidelines provided.
- Donation of Hockey Boards-About 200 plastic hockey boards that the township would like to donate. Supervisor Dostert to call Boise Fort to see if they would like them back. Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma will call Mt. Iron and see if they would like them.
- Township Operations-Continue with the same, no changes

### **New Business**

- Pay Bills  
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented  
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- Fire Department Membership Application-Candidate interview and approved by the Fire Department, request Board to approve membership pending physical and background check.

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to approve candidate pending physical and background check

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Housekeeping-Current housekeeping staff will be out for an unknown period of time, have an interested party who will shadow and let the township know if she is interested. Will have interested party fill out in application if interested. Consensus by the Board.
- Estimate for lighting in the Fire Hall-Chairman Tomsich to go back and ask for clarification on the estimate. It is unclear the way it is presented. Supervisor Tekautz to talk to Architect in regards to billing.
- Estimate for Forms at the McKinley Park Dock Platform-Estimate now null and void, as the township just looking to do 1 dock platform, have C&C Winger re-estimate and ask Wright for an estimate for wire anchor plates
- Estimate for Gutters behind the Post Office-Board asked Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma to get another estimate from ABC Seamless out of Eveleth.
- Ordinance 2014-15 Regulating the Discharge of Firearms-Will review at a later date, and possibly amend the ordinance. Will get Police Chief Nylund's input for youth hunting and muzzle loading.

**Next Regular Town Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 @ 12 noon

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:53pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township