

# **Township of Breitung Special Meeting 11/24/2020 5:00PM-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 Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Dan Nylund-Police Chief, Susie Chiabotti-McKinley Park

## **Phone In:**

Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay Newspaper, Renee Pearson-Deputy Clerk

Call to Order @ 5:00pm by Chairman Tomsich, Roll call taken

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Meeting Minutes from 10/27/2020 as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

## **Approval of Treasurers Report:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the October Treasurers Report as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

## **Correspondence:**

- Roger's Online-Work will be performed remotely, onsite repair in emergency only

**Public Input:** None

## **Reports:**

- Police Report-Included in Public Packet
- Fire Report-Included in Public Packet
- Road and Bridge-Included in Public Packet

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to waive the Air Brake Endorsement for new employee from 01/01/21 to 04/19/21, not to affect increase in pay after 60 day probation due to the inability to get local appointment for testing.

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

Motion Passed 3-0

- McKinley Park-Included in Public Packet, Park Manager stated that the first month of opening was only long term campers, June 1<sup>st</sup> when it opened up, worked out well, campers considerate, helpful and followed guidelines. New credit Card Machine that was installed was a plus and worked out well for all-no complaints. Saved a significant amount of money in fees this summer. Thanked Breitung Township for all their help in keeping up and adding to the park. Nice to see Police presence throughout the summer.
- Recreation-New base work completed, few interest in rink attendants
- Wastewater Board-Chairman Tomsich submitted 3 documents that represent inflow and infiltration for both the City of Tower and Breitung Township. Ponds are near capacity. Based on charts Wastewater flow continues to increase, water usage has gone

down, and the variance in Waste Treatment vs Water Usage remains on an upward trend, and the reason the township is seeking grant funds.

### **Old Business:**

- Projects
  - Paving of the County Road complete
  - McKinley Park Docks-Permits submitted
  - Sanitary Sewer Castings (Mineview St) complete
  - Sanitary Sewer Castings needs fixing next spring
  - Bike Trail-remains on list for cost estimate
  - Hockey Rink is complete except Supervisor Dostert will call to donate remaining plastic boards
  - Tile in Post Office-called Lenci to come look at, will get tiles and rug
  - Gutter behind Post Office-still waiting on another estimate. Supervisor Tekautz spoke with Kultala Construction, and rough estimate cheaper to build a new roof over the door. It was thought by all that gutters wouldn't fix the problem. Motion made by Chairman Tomsich to have Kultala Construction build a roof over the Post Office Door  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion Passed 3-0
  - Lighting in the Fire Hall-Sparkbusters to do the work at a cost of \$1050, ARI to pay half, Supervisor Tekautz to call to confirm payment of work to contractor or the township
  - Reseeding-will look at next spring
  - Grate on Culver to be done by Public Works
  - Camera's-Continue to work with Roger's online, and Hunt Electric to come repair camera that is not working
  - Black Out Shade in Post Office-complete
- Ordinance 2014-15 Regulating the Discharge of Firearms -Suggested that Supervisors and Police Chief look over and come back with suggestions to modify for youth hunt and muzzle loading.

### **New Business:**

- Pay Bills

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented  
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- McKinley Park Rates-After much discussion, the need to increase rates was thought to be needed due to the amount of work and upkeep that the township continues to do at McKinley Park, and will continue to do. 2019 and 2020 rates remained the same. Daily and Weekly Electric and Non Electric rates to remain the same for 2021.  
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to increase the McKinley Park Rates as follows:
  - Monthly Electric from \$950 to \$975
  - Monthly Non-Electric from \$625 to \$650
  - Seasonal from \$2800 to \$3000
  - Winter Storage from \$500 to \$600
  - Boat Launch from \$8 to \$10

- Seasonal Launch from \$60-\$70

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

Motion passed 3-0

- IRRR Grant Application/Resolution 2020 #15-According to the Project Narrative included in the public packet, the estimated project cost to 4.5 constructions projects will be approximately \$676,000.000 for infrastructure improvements that will update utilities to the Township of Breitung (Soudan area). Grant Application to IRRR is \$250,000  
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert pass Resolution 2020-#15 to make application to and accept funds from IRRRB for infrastructure project(s).

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

Motion Passed 3-0

- CDBG Grant Application/Resolution 2020-#16-According to the Project Narrative included in the public packet, the estimated project cost to 4.5 constructions projects will be approximately \$676,000.000 for infrastructure improvements that will update utilities to the Township of Breitung (Soudan area). Grant Application to CDBG is \$150,000

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz pass Resolution 2020-#16 to make application to and accept funds from CDBG for infrastructure project(s).

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

Motion Passed 3-0

- Township Operations-Supervisor Dostert presented “Safe Skating Rink” that is included in public packet, there was much discussion, but no decision made on the skating rink opening at this time due to the current governor’s executive order 20-99. More discussion at the next board meeting.

- Reconciliation of Blacktop Project-Cost of parking lot and new driveway improvements per pay request addendum was \$32,754.16. 60% of the cost benefits the Township property (\$19,652.50). 40% of the cost benefits Vermilion Housing (\$13,101.66). Cost savings to the Township for Vermilion Housing allowing the Township to move into the Community Room during Town Hall renovation was \$11,882.31. This leaves a balance due for Vermilion Housing to pay the Township of \$1,219.35

Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to bill Vermilion Housing for \$1,219.35 for their portion of the blacktop project.

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

Chairman Tomsich abstained from voting

Motion passed 2-0

- Demolition of Buildings in Soudan-Discussion of an Ordinance in regards to homeowners removing the foundation when a building is demolished in Soudan, not just buried. Also discussion of including water and sewer to be stubbed above ground 6” when a home is demolished. Discussion of when there is a vacant lot that primary power cannot be used from a generator, as this creates too much noise. Electricity would need to run from power pole. Discussion of placing a camera down the sewer line before a home goes up for sale. Clerk Sundahl to look into various ordinances in regards to this.

**Next Regular Town Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020 @ 12 noon-**Canceled**  
Consensus by the Town Board to hold a Special Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Noon

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:40pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township