

Joint Special Board Meeting - Township of Breitung-City of Tower 03/17/2021-5:30PM. In Person Meeting at Tower Civic Center and via audio/video conference via GoTo Meeting

Present In Person:

Breitung Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Tower Board Members: Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, Councilor Sheldon Majerle, Councilor Joe Morin, Councilor David Setterberg, Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Ranua

Public: Jim Battin, Marit Kringstad, Marshall Helmberger-Timberjay, Jayne Sundeen, Stephanie Ukkola

Phone In: Councilor Kevin Norby, Lee Peterson, and unidentified e-attendees

Clerk/Treasurer started e-recording at 5:30pm

Mayor Kringstad called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Councilor Morin to accept the agenda

2nd by Councilor Setterberg

Motion passed unanimously for the City of Tower and Breitung Township

Joint Business:

- Police Coverage-Short Term

Breitung Chairman Tomsich described that Breitung had contracted with St. Louis County for patrol coverage for March 2021. It was stated that the further out the Township and City can give the Sheriff a list of requests/days needing coverage for officers to sign up for overtime, the better our chances may be. There are already lists for other communities and needs

- Police Coverage-Long Term

Tower Mayor Kringstad made a motion to continue in partnership with Breitung in supporting a community-based Police Department, administered by Breitung Township, with the following provisions taken into consideration: a representative of Breitung Township Board and the City of Tower City Council, together with the Clerk of each entity to discuss and recommend equitable expense sharing, sharing of liability which has been a concern to Breitung Township, and that the current contract be modified as necessary to fulfil the balance of our current contract which ends December 31, 2022. Meanwhile, various other options are to be reviewed for possible revision beginning in January 2023. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Tower Councilor Setterberg made a motion to establish a committee to work through each [future Police coverage] option with representatives from both Breitung and Tower and potentially interested citizens to report back to Tower and Breitung.

2nd by Tower Counselor Morin

Motion carried unanimously by Tower City Council

Tower City Council will appoint representatives at its Monday, March 22, 2021
Council Meeting

Breitung Chair Tomsich made a motion to mutually agree to terminate the contract [Law
Enforcement Service Agreement] effective March 31, 2021.

2nd by Breitung Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0 for Breitung Township

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[Law Enforcement Service Agreement] effective March 31, 2021.

2nd by Tower Supervisor Morin

Motion carried unanimously by Tower City Council

Breitung Supervisor Dostert made a motion to establish a committee to meet with
Tower representatives in regards to future Police coverage options

Seconded by Breitung Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0 for Breitung Township

Breitung Township will discuss representatives at its Tuesday March 23rd 2021
Board Meeting

Adjourn for Breitung Township:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:37pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0 for Breitung Township

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township