

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 04/08/2021-11:00am. 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, Renee Pearson-Deputy Clerk

Public: Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Jim Battin

Phone In: (1) Unidentified Caller

Call to Order @ 11:00am by Chairman Tomsich, Roll Call Taken

Old Business:

- **Police Department Business**

1. **Update on Joint Committee Meetings**-Committee has met 2 times so far, and the next meeting is Tuesday April 13th, 2021 at the Breitung Community Center. Committee continues to ask questions, gather data and information in order to make a recommendation to each perspective Board/Council
2. **Short Term Options-St. Louis County Patrol**-Chairman Tomsich reported he has been working with the City of Tower and St. Louis County for the months of April and May. Schedule has been given to St. Louis County. The community states they have definitely seen a Sheriff's presence locally. Consensus by the Board to have Clerk Sunsdahl send an email to The City of Tower to place schedule of their needs for June/July on their next agenda as well as a 50%-50% split of costs in the interim.
3. **Hiring a New Police Chief, Posting**-Discussion by the Board to have Clerk Sunsdahl work with the Police Post Board in regards to posting for a CLEO for 30 days, as it will take time to get applicants. This is to get ahead of the Hiring process if the Joint Police Committee makes the recommendation for our own Police Department.
Motion by Chairman Tomsich to post Chief of Police and Job Application with the Police Post Board, and run and add in the Mesabi paper X2, and the Duluth paper X2.
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
Clerk Sunsdahl to place the current Chief of Police Job Description and Job Application on the Township Website.
4. **Review of Mail**-So noted, 2 items needing a response. Clerk Sunsdahl will respond
5. **Review of Applications**-3 applications were given to the Board for review. Upon review all (3) applicants did not have the experience for a Chief Position, but will send correspondence to applicants to see if they would still be interested in working for the Township once a Chief is hired (if this is to be the case).
6. **Tower Squad and Equipment Distribution**-All items in the Tower Squad are the property of Breitung Township. If the long term decision is to "not" continue with a Police Department, the Tower Squad will have to go to the St. Louis County Radio Shop in Eveleth to have items removed. Jim Battin stated he will volunteer to take

the squad car down there if someone could pick him up. Will work with the City of Tower in case an extension is needed in returning items owned by the City as noted in the Termination Agreement with the City of Tower.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 11:50am

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township