

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05-27-2021 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Community Center & Via Teleconference**

### **Present In Person:**

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

**Public:** Tom Gorsma Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Burgess Fire Chief, Stephanie Ukkola  
Timberjay

**Absent:** Clerk Dianna Sundahl

### **Phone In:**

Technical Difficulties, no one detected on the line, hung up at 12:00pm

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

### **Acceptance of Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from 04/22/21 and  
05/18/21 as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

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

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Treasurers Report as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Correspondence:**

Folder placed on table for Board to review

- University of MN-Clerk to contact, U of M does not lease the building any longer
- Clerk can attend CTC meeting if time permits

### **Public Input:**

None

### **Reports:**

- Police-no report
- Fire-written report
- Road and Bridge-Busy with numerous projects, Summer residents are returning and asking for water turn on, seeding grass, extra work being done at the ballfield (cleaning and painting), Youth employees working out well. Resident picked up and bagged garbage on the Junction Road-would like to thank the individual. Rest Stop to be

painted and cleaned next week before opening. Great Lakes Pipes cleaning, and videotaping sewer lines last week.

- McKinley Park-Opening weekend was full, totally booked for the summer with numerous calls each day. Dock repairs completed.
- Recreation
  - Donation of Hockey Boards-No one has heard from Sara Carling about taking hockey boards, Clerk Sundahl to follow up. Tom Gorsma will follow up with the City of Virginia if Sara Carling doesn't take them.
  - Joint Recreation Board-Supervisor Dostert unable to attend
  - Babe Ruth Teams, Coach Pitch and T Ball will be using the Soudan field this summer
- Wastewater Board
  - Awaiting State Bonding Bill to pass, JPJ to move forward with manhole replacement project from the City of Tower to the Ponds. Construction to be completed by end of year.
  - Manhole by the river needs to be replaced, to be discussed at next meeting
  - IRRR sent out link for funding opportunity for community infrastructure/facility projects. JPJ has submitted the application(s) through the WWB for the sewer mains and funding gap on water filtration system.

### **Old Business:**

- Township Operations
  - Community Picnic-Discussion on Covid-19 restrictions being lifted by the Governor- the Township Board supported having the Community Picnic this year. Motion by Supervisor Dostert to hold the Community on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Pavilion  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion Passed 3-0
  - Office and Buildings-Discussion that all Township Buildings to open the first week of June. Township Office hours (Clerk) 8:00am-12:00pm (Treasurer) 12:00pm-4:00pm. Rest Area to be open after cleaned and painted. Portable Restrooms to be sent back when completed.  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to open up Township Office and Buildings the first week of June as per CDC guidelines  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
  
- Update on Police Department

Board discussion on having a local presence, continue to await committee recommendations, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department fulfilling some of the shifts requested from the Township/City of Tower

- Committee Meetings-Continue to meet, meeting notes in public packet
- Applications and Postings for CLEO-have received 2 applications for Chief and one for an officer
- Records Retention-Clerk continues to gather information

- Ordinance 2016-15A-Amendment to Ordinance No 2016-15 Outdoor Woodburning Furnaces

Draft presented to the Board after previous board meeting discussion

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Ordinance 2016-15A

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve publishing a summary of the Ordinance

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Proposed Sale of Tax Forfeited Land-No action taken by the Board

#### **New Business:**

- Pay bills as presented

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Fire Department-Chief Steve Burgess

- Quote from Alex Air Apparatus

Current camera purchased in 2008 using a grant from the company "500 for Life" which is no longer in business. Department can trade in camera's but chargers are not compatible. A new camera has a more simple operation, multi-dimensional with larger screen and more options. The camera is used often for salvage and overhaul rescue.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to purchase a new camera and charger per quote from Alex Air Apparatus in the amount of \$5495

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

Motion passed 3-0

- New Job Descriptions-Fire Chief Burgess changed language in the job descriptions under Education and Experience. Changed 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point from 5 years to 3 years no matter date of hire.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the changes presented by Chief Burgess

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Gravel-Discussion in regards to crushing gravel. Luestek charges \$14,000 for set up, teardown, magnet and crusher. Tom Gorsma suggested contacting Nemanich for pricing information, Supervisor Tekautz to speak with Nemanich.
- Blight-Supervisor Tekautz and Supervisor Dostert will go through town to look at any blight issues and give findings to Clerk Sundahl. Will review Ordinance in regards to licensed or unlicensed vehicles in yards.
- Resolution 2021-13 General Records Retention Schedule  
Schedule of Records Retention Schedule included in packet  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2021-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
- 2021 Deer Hunt  
Deer Hunt Application available from the Deputy Clerk Treasurer in the City of Tower. Chairman Tomsich to talk with Tom Rusch at the DNR to exclude the exterior of Co. Road 697 within Breitung Township.
- 2020 Breitung Drinking Water- Report available on the Breitung Township Website
- Speeders (4 wheelers, dirt bikes, etc)  
Chairman Tomsich spoke with Jon Skelton and the Sheriff's Department about the number of speeders going through Soudan Proper at this time. Jon suggested at this time to call 911 and it will be treated as a low priority call. If caller can get name or license plate information this would be helpful. Additional "No Motorized Vehicle" signage to go on the bike trails.

**Special Board Meeting:** Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:30pm to discuss Waste Water Projects, Sewer Projects and Road and Bridge Projects

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:18pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Renee Pearson  
Deputy Clerk, Breitung Township