

Tower Breitung Wastewater Board  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2021  
Wednesday @ 11:00 A.M.  
Tower Civic Center

The Regular Meeting of the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Greg Dostert.

Present: Dostert, Majerle, Tomsich, Setterberg

Also Present: Terri S. Joki-Martin, Matt Tuchel, John Jamnick (JPJ Engineering), Bob Pearson & Eric Norberg (Vermilion Solar Energy LLC)

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the agenda. All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Majerle and supported by Tomsich to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Public Input – None

Correspondences - None

**Treasurer's Report** – Devin stated that the 2020 Audit is complete. He will attend our next meeting to go over the audit if we would like him to. Terri will contact Devin to invite him to our June meeting. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the Treasurer's Report (April 2021) as presented. All yes, motion carried.

**Maintenance Report** – Matt contacted the DNR in reference to the sink hole along the railroad grade; the DNR stated they will not do anything about it. There is a beaver dam in the box culverts; Matt & Tom will dig it out. The Consumer Confidence Reports have been issued for both Soudan and Tower. A Mercury sample was taken and another will be taken in the Fall; this is a volunteer sample so it will not have to be reported. MN Rural Water recommends using alternate ponds during the summer/winter months. A Thank-You was received from Vermilion College in reference to a tour that Matt gave to the college students. There is a beaver dam ½ way between Johnson Bridge & the Bike Trail. It can either be blown out or dug out. Charlie Winger quoted a price of less than \$1,000 to get rid of it. There is another beaver dam on the back side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pond. Matt will get a quote from Charlie Winger to dig this out; it would not have to be done until Fall/Winter. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the maintenance report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

**Wastewater Force Main Project Funding** – John Jamnick presented an update on the funding. He stated that a Public Hearing for the project is required. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Majerle to hold the Public Hearing at our June 9, 2021 meeting. This notice will be published in both the Tower News and the Timberjay. All yes, motion carried. The IRRRB FY21 Infrastructure Grant Program application for funding needs to be submitted by June 1, 2021. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Majerle to have John Jamnick fill out the funding application with IRRRB for the Force Main. All yes, motion carried. John Jamnick will be preparing the resolution needed for this application.

**2022 Revenue Budget** – Dave Setterberg and Matt met to go over the average water usage for the last 10 years. This will be revisited next month when a final number is computed.

**Signatories on Checking Account** – Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to assign Greg Dostert, Sheldon Majerle, and Terri S. Joki-Martin as signatories on the checking account. All yes, motion carried.

**Force Main Manhole 7 Located Adjacent to the East 2 River** – This manhole is located behind Bob's Standard. Matt will obtain a quote from Winger for this replacement and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Potential Solar Project** – Eric Norberg and Bob Pearson from Vermilion Solar energy LLC gave a slideshow presentation on Solar Panels. They will prepare a term draft sheet and present it at our next meeting. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to have Mia Thibodeau from Fryberger Law Firm to look over the documents once we receive them. All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to pay all bills. All yes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 11 A.M. at the Tower Civic Center.

Motion made by Dostert to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri S. Joki-Martin  
Secretary