

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 07-22-2021 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Community Room

Present In Person:

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

Public: Tom Gorsma Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Burgess Fire Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Steve Altenberg-Tower News

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

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Minutes from the 07-13-21 Special Board Meeting Minutes

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the June Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- Frandsen Bank-so noted
- Stuntz Bay Thank You-so noted
- Congressional Spending for TH 169-so noted
- Vermilion Lake Association Annual Meeting-so noted
- Echo Point Concern about B&B's-Supervisor Dostert will contact the Lodging Tax Board and contact St. Louis County in regards to any septic issues. Stated there are possibly 5 B&B's on Echo Point with increased traffic and cars.
- Northwoods Partners-Clerk Sundahl to gather more information on how they might help our community
- Thank You for the Community Picnic from the Anderson family-so noted put up in Clerk's Office. Also wanted to thank Tom and Keith for their help with the Community Picnic and Old Settlers.

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-no report
- Fire-see written report
- Road and Bridge-Starting to gear up for winter activities, patching and brushing. Baseball games wrapping up. There have been lots of positive comments about the Soudan Baseball Field. Will continue to monitor the water level and need to lower docks due to drought.
- McKinley Park-Continues to be full; waiting on quote for electrical work for campsites to reduce load on 1 circuit that has numerous campers on it. Hopefully a fall project. Also waiting for a bid for yearly electrical preventative maintenance.
- Recreation-No Report
- Donation of Hockey Boards-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma left a message 2ce with the City of Virginia, with no success or call back. Has spoken to Lynne Voss, will take some.
- Wastewater Board
 - Awaiting word on Congressional Spending for Filtration.
 - JPJ has submitted the pre application(s) through the WWB to IRRR for sewer line manholes from Lift Stations and Ponds which were accepted. Ready to file application with IRRR. Ad put in paper in regards to low water/discoloration
- Ambulance Commission-Meeting to be held in August

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department
 - Interview Committee-Discussion between the Board that it is better to hold initial interviews with a committee instead of at an Open Board Meeting. Motion by Chairman Tomsich to have an Interview Committee for initial interviews. Supervisor Tekautz, Clerk Sundahl, Fire Chief Steve Burgess and Sheriff's Deputy Trevor Banks will be on the committee.
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Supervisor Tekautz abstain
Motion passed 2-0
- Blight
 - Letters sent to 5 residents on Tuesday July 20th, 2021. Clerk Sundahl to check registered mail to see when delivered to start the countdown of 10 days for residence to be in compliance.
 - RV parked at 34 Church St. According to Section 6.3, St Louis County Ordinance, a permit is needed. Chairman Tomsich will contact St. Louis County Planning and Zoning in regards to a permit at the above address.
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement
 - Project Update-Chairman Tomsich spoke to Frandsen Bank, and the Township is eligible to get a commercial loan for the GAP funding of approximately \$200,000 at an interest rate in the high 3%'s. By the end of the project the township should

owe nothing. It was suggested by the Breitung Water Board that while digging up 4th Avenue, the water line should be looked at and assessed. JPJ noted that R&B will be at pre-construction meeting to meet with contractor to discuss possibilities of R&B doing some work depending on their schedule.

➤ Bid Approval for Sanitary Sewer Improvement

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the low bid from 2EZ Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavation in the amount of \$435,780.00

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Gravel on the Junction Road-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma suggests to add gravel on the Junction Rd from the curb by the lift station to the curb at the water tower. The project needs 600-700 yards of gravel, would take approximately 1-2 days working with Winger at a cost of \$3500.00

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to have the gravel work done on the Junction Road

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Rink Project Update

➤ Replacement of Hockey Boards-DNR has an outdoor recreation grant available that will open in the fall. This grant would pay for maintenance and upgrades to the Hockey Rink. The grant application would be due by the end of March 2022, and funds would be available June or July of 2022. Would have to get through one more year with current hockey boards

➤ Stephanie Ukkola mentioned doing something with the soccer field as well that could tie into the outdoor recreation grant. Could possibly expand playground equipment for younger children, dashers for the rink, horseshoes, and entrance sign plantings. Stephanie Ukkola has agreed to head up a committee of 5 people. JPJ Engineering can assist with a Park Plan and cost factor for landscaping. This grant would tie in with levy funds in 2022.

- McKinley Park Trail-Cost is at \$350,000. Receiving \$150,00 from DNR grant, will ask for \$162,500 from IRRR, and \$37,500 to be covered from Revenue from McKinley Park.

➤ Approval for Pre-App to IRRR

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz for Chairman Tomsich to submit pre-application to the IRRR for \$162,500 in grant money for the McKinley Park Trail Project.

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Pay bills as presented

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Fire Department
 - Volunteer Membership Application- Applicant interviewed and approved at last Fire Dept. Meeting
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve volunteer membership pending background check and passing of a physical
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
 - PERA-Summary of Service Pension Level for Fire Department-so noted
- Water & Sewer-Resident Mary Batinich asked to be on the agenda in regards to adding water and sewer to her small garage on Center St. Resident not at meeting, will defer until resident able to attend Board Meeting.
- Call for Bids-Propane-2-year contract with Edwards Oil will be up soon. Clerk Sunsdahl to get an estimate of gallons used at next regular board meeting.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to call for bids for a 2-year contract for propane to be opened at the Regular Board Meeting in August.
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- City of Ely-Rental of Police Vehicle-City of Ely has sent a letter to the Board requesting the availability of the Breitung Police vehicle should it be needed. One of their vehicles blew an engine and it will be a few months before they receive their new vehicle.
Motion by Chairman Tomsich to allow the City of Ely to rent the township police vehicle, per their proposal, subject to approval from insurance company, and add in the contract, vehicle to be used no more than 1000 miles a month, not to exceed 3000 miles in the 3-month period.
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Forfeiture Vehicle-Breitung Township currently owns a 2003 GMC Envoy, VIN #XXX3872, License Plate # 294 WLG with the last registration in 2018 with unknown mileage.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to call for bids on the forfeiture Vehicle “as is” to be opened at the Regular Board Meeting in August
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Possible Water Ban/Restriction for residents of Soudan-Matt Tuchel let the Board know that at this point the water level is ok, but unsure if we will be in the same position in a month with no rain. Water flows are currently higher than last month 79k/day for the month of June and 113k/day for the month of July. Draw downs are at 34’ pushing an all time low. There is a 2nd well but water is of low quality.
Motion by Chairman Tomsich to have Clerk Sunsdahl work with Matt Tuchel on a Water Conservation Directive
2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Metro Sales Copier-current contract on copiers will be up in March, cheaper prices at this time.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve new contract with Metro Sales, the one in the office to add a stapler
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Trees on 4th Avenue-Current bid noted, no action taken. Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma to get more bids
- Resolution 2021-14 Resolution to accept ARPA funds
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2021-14 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Blight
 - Review of Ordinance-discussion to have Supervisors go through with red pens to see what they would like updated. Send to LMC for review as well as Township Attorney. Will discuss at next Regular Meeting.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to table discussion on blight till next meeting
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, August 26th, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:43pm
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township