

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 09-08-2021 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

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

Public: Tom Gorsma Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Tuchel Assistant Fire Chief, Stephanie Ukkola- Timberjay,

Call to Order @ 12:01pm by Chairman Tomsich, Roll Call taken

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Minutes from the 08-26-21 Regular Board Meeting

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department-Supervisor Tekautz and Clerk Sundahl met with Joe Morin and Dave Setterberg from the Tower City Council and did some more cost analysis, and came up with some numbers to bring back to the City of Tower. The City of Tower's next meeting is in on September 13th, 2021. Clerk Sundahl received the background check on potential candidate Daniel Reing, but has not made available to the supervisors due to the fact it just arrived. Clerk Sundahl to make contact with a Union Representative to see what may need to be updated in the contract. Discussion about monies in the police forfeiture fund will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement-Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gorsma went with the contractors and drove down 4th Avenue in regards to new sewer laterals for residents. The Water Board made the decision at their last Board meeting to assist residents that need it with \$2400 toward new sewer laterals. \$150 would be added to the residents' quarterly bill to pay back the funds. Treasurer Gornick is working with the program company to add this ability to the Software. September 20th is the estimated date to break ground on the project. Final grant applications due November and December. Currently have the money to camera, Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma would like to do Church St., but will look at previous records to see where it may need it. Will call Great Lakes Pipe Service. Looking at future sewer projects-camera and cleaning.
- Emergency Action Plan-Chairman Tomsich mentioned that there are templates in the Townships current Emergency Action Plan, and he will work on updating names and numbers. Matt Tuchel mentioned that Jesse Anderson, Gabe Meehan, and Bob Dale would be good resources as they have done some of this work in the past.

- Recreation Committee Update-Stephanie Ukkola will be attending the Tower Fire Relief Association Meeting tonight to ask for \$1500 towards the purchase of a new peewee rink. This coming Friday the 10th, the committee is meeting with a landscaper to discuss possibilities. Stephanie spoke with Nancy Larson (grant writer for the City of Tower) and discussed the different grant opportunities that may be available. \$35,000 DNR grant, \$30,000 IRRR, \$5,000 MP&L, and possibly a match of \$5,000 from Breitung Township.
- McKinley Park Updates-2 quotes received from Amptek. 1 quote for Spring Maintenance in 2022 at a cost of \$1,880 and 1 quote for upgrades to 11 of the pedestals in the campground at a cost of \$19,795. Many items need updating at the campgrounds (dock, playground, electrical) Chairman Tomsich mentioned applying for the DNR Outdoor Recreation grant in March that may be able to assist with some of these costs. Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept the bid/quote from Amptek for the Spring Maintenance in 2022
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
No action taken on the bid/quote for the upgrade of 11 pedestals at the park.
- 4th Avenue Trees-Supervisor Dostert and Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma spoke with both residents where trees encroach and both have agreed to let contractor on their property. Supervisor Dostert would like to take lumber, and asked if this will lower cost. Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the lower bid of \$2600 from Calgaro & Sons to cut down and remove 2 trees
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

New Business

- Big Truck Night-Consensus by the Board to have Big Truck Nights at the Skating Rink/Park. Clerk Sundahl to work with Mary Larson from ISD 2142. First choice of dates is Thursday September 23rd from 4pm-6pm and the 2nd choice being Thursday September 30th from 4pm-6pm.
- Fire Department
 - PERA-2 different cost analyses were presented to the Board to increase the Fire Department pension to \$2200, \$2400 or \$2500 per year. The first with a \$0 voluntary contribution from the Township and the second with a \$15,000 voluntary contribution to the PERA account. Currently there is over \$33k in the reserve account that is earning little interest. Discussion was that it would be beneficial to the account to earn a higher interest if contributing \$15k to the PERA account
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve increasing the Firefighter pension to \$2,500 a year with a voluntary one-time contribution of \$15,000 to PERA
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
 - Fire Fighter Classes

Matt Tuchel spoke in regards to the Fire Fighter classes being presented and how this would benefit our new fire fighters and anyone needing training. Other fire fighters from the area would be coming to this as well. No conflicts on the Township Calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept and add the Fire Fighter classes to the Community Center calendar

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Culture and Tourism Grants-IRRR grants are now open. Chairman Tomsich spoke about adding some park items to the grant pre app. Spoke about getting the Siren fixed as well and asking Jim @ Amptek for a quote as well as Range Repair.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to have Chairman Tomsich put in the pre application for the grant

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:00pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township