

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Board Meeting 10/28/21

Breitung Community Center 12noon

- Call the meeting to order
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 09/23/21-Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of September 2021 Treasurers Report
 - Checks Written 45837-45909
 - Total Disbursements \$147,841.32
 - Fund Balance \$478,351.45
 - Voided Checks-None
- Correspondence

MN State Demographics-Census
St. Louis-Increase for Solid Waste
Johnson, Killen & Seiler-Letter of Thanks
Iron Range Historical Society-Looking for photos & documents
Habitat for Humanity-Newsletter

Medicare Open Enrollment
Northwoods Partners-Thank You for Donation
Lee Peterson-Ambulance Service
DEED Covid Relief Grants
CDBG Grant Schedule

- Public Input

Reports:

- Police-None
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge
- McKinley Park
- Recreation
 - Donation of Hockey Boards
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Old Business

- Update on Police Department
 - New Chief
 - City of Tower Contract
 - Police Vehicle
- Township Operations
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement
 - Project Update
- McKinley Park Trail
 - City of Tower
- Tower Trail Committee Update
- Recreation Committee Meeting
 - Purchase of peewee rink

New Business

- Pay Bills as Presented
- Transfer of Funds from Police Department
- Vacating Township Property on Puncher Point
- DNR Trails-Thompson Farm Road
- Resolution 2021-24 Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place
- Resolution 2021-25 Resolution Accepting Donations
- FY22 Projects-Preliminary Costs
- JPJ Pay Estimate of \$101,100.18 to 2EZ, Inc
- Ambulance Agreement with the City of Tower

Next Regular Meeting Date-December 2nd, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 09-23-2021 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, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Public: Tom Gorsma Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Burgess Fire Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay (arrived 12:03pm, left @ 1:22pm), Jessica Hannine-Tower News (arrived @ 12:20pm), Valeda McDonald

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

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Minutes from the 09-08-21 Special Board Meeting Minutes

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

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

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- Vehicle complaint on Main St by resident-Blight Letter sent
- Multiple complaints of flag on Main St-Supervisor Tekautz to speak with the owner this upcoming Saturday.

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-no written report.
- Fire-see written report with addition that the Fire Fighter classes have been canceled due to Covid-19

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Road and Bridge-Busy, getting ready for sewer project-have been replacing water meters. Busy with Building Maintenance, grading and add gravel to roads and getting ready for snow season
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept report as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- McKinley Park- Will be closing in one week
- Recreation
 - Donation of Hockey Boards-Supervisor Dostert to call Benny Johnson to see if he would like any hockey boards, Clerk Sundahl to find out appropriate protocol for putting up for auction since boards were donated to the township.
- Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept report as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Wastewater Board-Board met last week, continue waiting on the State bonding bill. Met w/SEH Engineering in regards to filtration, updated schedule. Next meeting will be to decide if they will move forward with the project. Applying for IRR monies in December and will discuss rezoning request. Approved the 2022 budget. There will be a change in charges to the City of Tower and Township of Breitung based on a fixed and variable charge system.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept report as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Ambulance Commission-No meeting since last report

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department-Background check on candidate was uneventful, Clerk Sundahl to meet with Joe Morin next Wednesday am, Clerk Sundahl to call candidate and check availability
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to make an offer of employment to Daniel Reing subject to the passing of a physical, psych evaluation and any Post Board Requirements
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Township Operations-Will keep on agenda in case any new updates arise in regards to Covid-19. Nothing to update at this time.
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement
 - Project Update-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma has been in contact with 2EZ to see when they may be arriving in Soudan to begin project. Will concentrate on 4th Avenue specifically to ensure completion of blacktop before winter.

New Business:

- Vehicle Bids-Received 2 (two)
First opened sealed bid was from Krystina Vilorio in the amount of \$200
Second opened sealed bid was from Seth Leino in the amount of \$615.78
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the high bid
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Pay bills as presented
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Teamsters LU 346 Letter of Understanding
Clerk Sunsdahl and Chairman Tomsich have been in communication with the LU to update language in the current Police contract that runs through 2022.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Letter of Understanding subject to changing sick leave earned and accumulated from days to hours
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Fire Department
 - New Computer-No update
 - Resolution 2021-19-Increase benefit level for Firefighters. Although motion passed last month, need a resolution passed
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve resolution 2021-19 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2021-20 Resolution Accepting Donations
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to approve resolution 2021-20 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2021-21 Resolution authorizing the township to make application to and accept funds from IRRR FY22 Downtown Streetscapes Program
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve resolution 2021-21 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2021-22 Resolution authorizing the Township to make application to and accept funds from IRRR FY22 Culture and Tourism Program
McKinley Park upgrades included in this grant, received a 2nd quote for electrical work.
Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma to contact the lowest bidder and let them know the situation and see what their schedule may look like
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve resolution 2021-22 as presented

- McKinley Park Trail
 - City of Tower-Maintenance Assistance for the McKinley Park Trail-Chairman Tomsich met with Mayor Orlyn Kringstad and presented enclosed worksheet for the past 10 years. Removed 1st year as it was under construction, and removed this year because it is not over yet. At the last City of Tower Meeting there was some discussion that they also do a portion of maintenance on the Mesabi Trail which is in Breitung Township, but not equal to the portion Breitung maintains on the McKinley Park Trail. The goal of the worksheet and bringing to the City of Tower is to come to an agreement for the Maintenance of the Trail and balance who does what. Looking for acknowledgement from the City of Tower on what their responsibility of the trail is and come to an agreement on maintenance moving forward.
 - Bike Trail Agreement-\$162,500 with IRRR
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the agreement
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Echo Point Complaint about Air B n B's-Supervisor Dostert spoke with St. Louis County with addresses and St. Louis County to administer any citations if there is any.
- Trail Committee Update-Next meeting is October 4th at 4pm at the Breitung Community Center, and surveys due at the end of September.
- Recreation Committee Meeting
 - Ideas that the committee has is in the public packet, and the committee knows that their ideas may have to be scaled back. The committee met with both an Architect and Landscaper from JPJ on ideas and a Master Plan. Some of the ideas included expanding the Warming Shack, path to basketball courts, better lighting on street/parking lot, painting lines in basketball courts (could not get paint this year). Disc golf was a popular idea, low cost. Will work with MN Power for lighting.
 - Purchase of Pee Wee Rink-Received \$1200 from the Tower Fireman's Relief Association and may give another \$300. Will work with LCP for \$1000 and asking \$500 from the Joint Recreation Board that will meet tomorrow. Original cost of rink was \$2800 but has since gone up. Clerk Sundahl and Stephanie Ukkola to work together next week to get an estimate from EZ Ice.
- Emergency Action Plan-Chairman Tomsich and Clerk Sundahl to work on updating the book with current information. Will then take to the City of Tower to see if working on a Joint Plan would benefit the communities.
- Big Truck Night-Will follow up and see if a cook is still needed. Supervisor Tekautz volunteered if there is not one.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2021-23 Resolution to authorize the township to rezone real property located in Breitung Township

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve resolution 2021-23 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- FY 22 Projects-Chairman Tomsich mentioned CDBG and IRRR grants due in December. Will look to camera, but Great Lakes can't be here until late October.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:26pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Sep-21

GENERAL	171,312.39
ROAD & BRIDGE	25,357.03
FIRE	42,649.57
PARK	66,373.60
RECREATION	13,203.70
POLICE	85,258.33
PROJECTS	3,895.30
WATER DEPT	70,301.53
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	478,351.45

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Dianna Sundahl, Clerk
Breitung Township
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Clerk:

The State Demographer is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for each of Minnesota's cities and townships. For years that end in zero, the State Demographic Center adopts the Federal Census counts as the official population estimates. Enclosed you will find a sheet containing the April 1, 2020, population and household counts provided by the U.S. Census Bureau for your jurisdiction.

These counts are being sent to you now for review. There is not a state appeal or challenge process for the federal census counts. However, the Census Bureau will be in contact with the highest elected official from every jurisdiction to provide information on the Count Question Resolution (CQR) program, which is provided to address processing or geographic placement/boundary issues that local areas may find.

The enclosed figures represent population and household counts obtained from the 2020 Census. The number of households corresponds to the number of occupied housing units. A household may be a single family, one person living alone, or any group of people who share the same living area. While we believe that the Census counts are usually accurate, we realize there may be occasional problems. For this reason, we value your comments. While we may not be able to change the counts, we would like to be aware of any issues or problems you are finding in the data, as these counts will form the base for our estimates for the next decade.

Please note that these counts:

- pertain to the Census reference date of April 1, 2020, not the present;
- have also been sent to your county auditor for review;
- can only be modified through the CQR process, which must be initiated by a jurisdiction's highest elected official or designee.

If you are satisfied with the counts, it is not necessary to contact us or provide any further information. If you wish to discuss these counts, comments and questions can be directed to Eric Guthrie at local.estimated@state.mn.us, or by phone at (651) 201-2474.

Thank you for taking time to review these data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Brower'.

Susan Brower
State Demographer

Enclosures

DATE: September 30, 2021
TO: Dianna Sundahl, Clerk
Breitung Township
FROM: **Susan Brower**
Minnesota State Demographer
SUBJECT: 2020 Census Population and Household Counts

Here are the April 1, 2020 counts from the U.S. Census Bureau:

Total Population: 530
Household Population: 530
Group Quarters Population: .

Total Housing Units: 569
Occupied Housing Units (Households): 265
Vacant Housing Units: 304

These data are provided as a courtesy by the State Demographic Center. The State Demographic Center cannot make any changes to these numbers. Questions about the accuracy or quality of these numbers should be directed to the Census Bureau.

If you have any questions or comments about using or interpreting these counts, the State Demographic Center is here to help. Please contact the State Demographic Center by mail at 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, phone (651) 201-2474 or send an e-mail to local.estimateds@state.mn.us.



Saint Louis County

Environmental Services Department

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David Fink
Interim Director

October 5, 2021

Brietung Township
Dianna Sundahl, Clerk
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding an increase to St. Louis County's municipal solid waste (MSW) tipping fee for 2022.

A review of current and future program costs indicated that a MSW tipping fee increase is needed to keep the County's waste management program financially sound.

The Environmental Services Department recommended a \$0.50 per bag increase to the tip fee on MSW bringing the 2022 MSW tipping fee to \$2.00 per bag. The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and approved of this recommendation.

All Solid Waste Disposal punch cards purchased prior to January 1, 2022 will continue to be honored. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at finkd2@stlouiscountymn.gov, (218) 749-9703 or toll free at 1-800-450-9278.

Sincerely,

David Fink
Interim Director

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Enclosures

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department
2022 Solid Waste Tipping Fees

¹Solid Waste Management Area (SWMA) Rates - Effective 01/01/2022

For more information, call the Environmental Services Department at 1-800-450-9278 or 1-218-749-9703

Waste Code	² 2022		Description	⁴ Non MSW		⁵ County	Total Cost w/state tax & County surcharge
	Fees	Units		Tax Demo LF	SWM Tax MSW LF 17%	Surcharge	
001	\$1.52	per bag/can	MSW (1-6 bags; per 32 gal bag)		\$0.26/bag	\$0.22	\$2.00/bag
002	\$52.50	per ton	MSW		\$8.93/ton	\$7.50	\$68.93/ton
004	\$6.72	per yd ³	MSW - loose waste		\$1.14/yd ³	\$1.09	\$8.95/yd ³
005	\$17.92	per yd ³	³ MSW -compacted waste		\$3.05/yd ³	\$2.88	\$23.85/yd ³
006	\$46.00	per ton	⁴ Demolition (to demo LF)	\$2.00/ton			\$48.00/ton
008	\$13.60	per yd ³	⁴ Demolition (to demo LF)	\$0.60/yd ³			\$14.20/yd ³
009	\$30.00	per ton	Municipal Utility Ash (0-7500 tons per customer)		\$5.70/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$35.95/ton
119	\$30.00	per yd ³	Municipal Utility Ash (0-7500 yd ³ per customer)		\$5.70/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$35.95/yd ³
109	\$40.00	per ton	Municipal Utility Ash (more than 7500 tons per customer)		\$6.80/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$47.05/ton
129	\$40.00	per yd ³	Municipal Utility Ash (more than 7500 yd ³ per customer)		\$6.80/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$47.05/yd ³
010	\$0.00	per unit	Appliances (limit 2 per load - vouchers needed for more than 2)				\$0.00/ea
011	\$9.00	per unit	Appliances (in excess of 2 per load without voucher)				\$9.00/ea
014	\$0.00	per unit	Tires up to 24" (8 per Day with or without rims - non-commercial generated only)				\$0.00/ea
016	\$1.50	per unit	Tires up to 24" (in excess of 8 per Day with or without rims - non-commercial generated only)				\$1.50/ea
018	\$6.00	per unit	Tires up to 24" - Commercial Generated				\$6.00/ea
121	\$115.00	per ton	Tires up to 24" (in excess of 10 per load with or without rims) Residential				\$115.00/ton
122	\$300.00	per ton	Tires up to 24" (in excess of 10 per load with or without rims) Commercial				\$300.00/ton
033	\$185.00	per ton	Off-road tires up to 600# ea (max 6 tires per year)				\$185.00/ton
020	\$0.00	per unit	Yard Waste (leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, etc)				\$0.00/ea
021	\$15.00	per ton	Brush, Branches, Trees - Residential				\$15.00/ton
022	\$3.00	per yd ³	Brush, Branches, Trees - Residential				\$3.00/yd ³
101	\$50.00	per ton	Brush, Branches, Trees - Commercial/Governmental				\$50.00/ton
102	\$12.50	per yd ³	Brush, Branches, Trees - Commercial/Governmental				\$12.50/yd ³
023	\$0.00	per unit	Automobile Batteries				\$0.00/ea
024	\$0.00	per gallon	Used Motor Oil				\$0.00/gal
025	\$0.00	per ton	Scrap Metal				\$0.00/ton
062	\$0.00	per gallon	Used Antifreeze				\$0.00/gal
078	\$1.28	per bag	Light Industrial Waste (per 32 gal bag)		\$0.22/bag		\$1.50/bag
026	\$48.00	per ton	Industrial Waste (mixed)		\$8.16/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$56.41/ton
076	\$24.00	per yd ³	Industrial Waste (mixed)		\$4.08/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$28.33/yd ³
027	\$22.00	per ton	Heavy Industrial Waste (casting sand, etc)		\$3.74/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$25.99/ton
077	\$22.00	per yd ³	Heavy Industrial Waste (casting sand, etc)		\$3.74/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$25.99/yd ³
039	\$15.00	per ton	Beneficial Use Material		\$2.55/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$17.80/ton
028	\$62.00	per yd ³	Asbestos		\$10.54/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$72.79/yd ³
034	\$0.00	per unit	Fluorescent Bulbs (4' tubes or CFL only - limit 6 per load - residential only)				\$0.00/ea
035	\$0.75	per unit	Fluorescent Bulbs (4' tubes or CFL in excess of 6 per load from residential sources only and for all tubes from commercial sources)				\$0.75/ea
036	\$0.00	per unit	Automobile Oil Filters (limit 6 per Day)				\$0.00/ea
037	\$1.50	per unit	Automobile Oil Filters (in excess of 6 per Day)				\$1.50/ea
030	\$13.50	per unit	Mattresses/Box Springs				\$13.50/ea
031	\$375.00	per ton	Mattresses/Box Springs				\$375.00/ton
110	\$3.00	per unit	*Video Display Device 19" or less (monitors, TV's, laptops) Residential sources only				\$3.00/ea
111	\$6.00	per unit	*Video Display Device over 19" (monitors, TV's, laptops) Residential sources only				\$6.00/ea
116	\$75.00	per hour	Labor for Removal of unacceptable and restricted wastes from load				\$75.00/hr
125	\$22.00	per ton	Petroleum Contaminated Soil		\$3.74/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$25.99/ton

** Minimum \$7.50 charge for use of scale at Regional Landfill and Transfer Stations

¹ MSWM tipping fee rates apply to all waste generated in St. Louis County except that portion of the County served by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD).

² Tipping fees must be paid by personal or business check, solid waste coupon, pre-paid disposal card, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or Union Pay credit card.

³ This waste category will be used only when the weigh scale is inoperative.

⁴ The NMSWM Tax Demo LF is charged for all demolition material delivered to all weigh scale sites and the County 77, French, Kabetogama, Portage, and Soudan Canister Sites.

⁵ The County Surcharge Fee refers to Minnesota State Statute §115A.919 County Fee Authority.

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department 2022 Solid Waste Tipping Fees

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	Fees	Units		Tax Demo LF	SWM Tax MSW LF 17%		
040	\$3.66	per bag/can	MSW (1-6 bags; per 32 gal bag)		\$0.62/bag	\$0.22	\$4.50/bag
041	\$131.07	per ton	MSW		\$22.28/ton	\$32.48	\$185.83/ton
042	\$21.45	per yd ³	MSW - loose waste		\$3.65/yd ³	\$4.68	\$29.78/yd ³
043	\$57.28	per yd ³	³ MSW -compacted waste		\$9.74/yd ³	\$13.26	\$80.28/yd ³
044	\$84.00	per ton	⁴ Demolition	\$2.00/ton			\$86.00/ton
045	\$27.60	per yd ³	⁴ Demolition	\$0.60/yd ³			\$28.20/yd ³
046	\$15.00	per unit	Appliances				\$15.00/ea
079	\$60.00	per ton	Municipal Utility Ash (0-7500 tons per customer)		\$10.20/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$70.45/ton
139	\$60.00	per yd ³	Municipal Utility Ash (0-7500 yd ³ per customer)		\$10.20/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$70.45/yd ³
179	\$75.00	per ton	Municipal Utility Ash (more than 7500 tn per customer)		\$12.75/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$88.00/ton
149	\$75.00	per yd ³	Municipal Utility Ash (more than 7500 yd ³ per customer)		\$12.75/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$88.00/yd ³
047	\$4.50	per unit	Tires up to 24" (with or without rims) - Residential Generated Only				\$4.50/ea
049	\$18.00	per unit	Tires up to 24" (with or without rims) - Commercial Generated				\$18.00/ea
061	\$371.25	per ton	Off-road tires up to 600# ea (max 6 tires per year)				\$371.25/ton
051	\$0.00	per unit	Yard Waste (leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, etc)				\$0.00/ea
052	\$48.00	per ton	Brush, Branches, Trees				\$48.00/ton
053	\$24.00	per yd ³	Brush, Branches, Trees				\$24.00/yd ³
104	\$96.00	per ton	Brush, Branches, Trees - per ton (Commercial/Governmental)				\$96.00/ton
105	\$48.00	per yd ³	Brush, Branches, Trees - per yd ³ (Commercial/Governmental)				\$48.00/yd ³
054	\$1.50	per unit	Automobile Batteries				\$1.50/ea
055	\$0.00	per gallon	Used Motor Oil				\$0.00/gal
056	\$0.00	per ton	Scrap Metal				\$0.00/ton
057	\$144.00	per ton	Industrial Waste (mixed)		\$24.48/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$168.73/ton
063	\$72.00	per yd ³	Industrial Waste (mixed)		\$12.24/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$84.49/yd ³
058	\$48.00	per ton	Heavy Industrial Waste (casting sand, etc)		\$8.16/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$56.41/ton
064	\$48.00	per yd ³	Heavy Industrial Waste (casting sand, etc)		\$8.16/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$56.41/yd ³
059	\$139.50	per yd ³	Asbestos		\$23.72/yd ³	\$0.25/yd ³	\$163.47/yd ³
065	\$3.00	per unit	Fluorescent Bulbs (4' tubes or CFL residential only)				\$3.00/ea
067	\$3.00	per unit	Automobile Oil Filters				\$3.00/ea
140	\$24.00	per unit	Mattresses/Box Springs				\$24.00/ea
141	\$725.00	per ton	Mattresses/Box Springs				\$725.00/ton
112	\$18.00	per unit	*Video Display Device 19" or less (monitors, TV's, laptops)				\$18.00/ea
113	\$27.00	per unit	*Video Display Device over 19" (monitors, TV's, laptops)				\$27.00/ea
123	\$112.50	per hr	Cleanup fee for contaminated loads/per hour				\$112.50/hr
126	\$48.00	per ton	Petroleum Contaminated Soil		\$8.16/ton	\$0.25/ton	\$56.41/ton

**** Minimum \$7.50 charge for use of scale at Regional Landfill and Transfer Stations**

¹ Out-of-SWMA solid waste is generated in another county, the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), or other areas not under the jurisdiction of the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department. Out-of-SWMA residents are required to pay a higher tipping fee than SWMA residents because these individuals do not pay the solid waste operations fee charged to St. Louis County Solid Waste Management Area residents and businesses. There will be no free disposal for out-of-county appliances, fluorescent bulbs, oil filters, tires or video display devices. MSW generated by tourists and seasonal residents in the SWMA is not out-of-SWMA waste.

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A TRADITION OF TRUST

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October 13, 2021

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our statement of account through September 30, 2021.

As our cash fiscal year draws to a close in November, I would appreciate your efforts to make full payment on or before November 30.

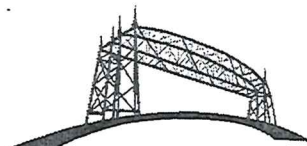
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in us, and we look forward to helping you with future legal work.

Yours very truly,

e/ Robert C. Pearson

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From: Iron Range Historical Society <ironrangehistoc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:39 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Breitung Township History

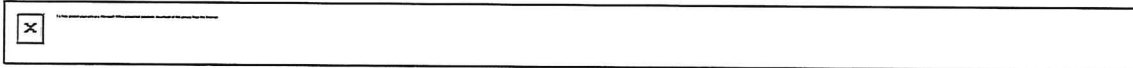
Hello - my name is Janet Eichholz and I am a Board Member at the Iron Range Historical Society in McKinley. The Iron Range Historical Society 's goals are to Preserve, Collect and Share historical information about the Iron Range and surrounding areas. Our latest project is to gather historical information/documentation/stories from St. Louis County Townships. Currently we have few photos and documents regarding BreitungTownship and are looking for any other family stories, church stories, Breitung history etc. We would be interested in buying, making copies of any source materials or have them donated to our organization. If your organization or other community entities (i.e. churches, schools, clubs, families etc.) would be willing to share these resources, please contact me at this email or phone number. Please forward this email to anyone who may be interested.

Thank you very much - Janet Eichholz
Iron Range Historical Society
5454 Grand Avenue
McKinley, Minnesota 55741-2010
218.749.3150

Website:ironrangehistoricalsociety.org

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From: Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging <aaaainfo@ardc.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 2:01 PM
To:
Subject: Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15!



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Lisa Porthan, Executive Director

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support our areas seniors.
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Thank you for supporting
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Bless you! Lisa

From: Lee Peterson <leepeterson2011@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 12:49 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Tower Area Ambulance Service issues
Attachments: TAAS Audit questions & answer editorials, 9-21.pdf

Everyone wants a strong, reliable ambulance service. That requires some oversight and reality.

I have attached what I consider to be a nonsensical Sept. 3, 2021 *Timberjay Editorial* concerning the 2020 City Audit as it pertains to the Tower Area Ambulance Service and then my response presented in the Sept. 10, 2021 *Timberjay*.

If you read the annual Audit reports from the firm Walker, Giroux & Hahne, you will see that the auditing firm has repeatedly warned the City about their poor accounting methods and the fact that the ambulance fund has continually covered other, non ambulance related expenses that the City has incurred. The audits show that the two City funds that are solvent are the ambulance fund and the Hoodoo Point fund. The deficit funds include the Harbor fund (\$623,019), the water fund (\$14,325), the wastewater fund (\$38,643) and the airport fund (\$293,016). As of Dec. 31, 2020, the Audit shows that the Ambulance Fund is "Due From Other Funds" \$737,648. That's serious money.

So yes, the ambulance fund has been robbed over the years by the City, to the point of being nearly empty. I believe the auditing firm. On top of that, two years ago the City created a new non emergency hospital to hospital transfer business using TAAS ambulances. That new City business has driven up TAAS costs in several ways and it has not been profitable as was supposedly intended. The townships did not start this new business. Going forward, I believe that the City is going to lean on the townships for more money, possibly an operating subsidy, in addition to the voluntary ambulance replacement subsidy which is meant to partially fund new ambulance vehicles only.

I believe that if the City is going to stay in the new transfer business, then the City needs to cover the expenses of that business. The City needs to fund the purchase and maintenance of any ambulances used for that business. The townships didn't choose to go into that business. The voluntary ambulance subsidy that the townships provide needs to be restricted to aid the purchase of ambulances used in the 911 emergency service. That has been the intent of the Agreement from its beginning.

I also believe that before the townships even consider volunteering to contribute to an ambulance service operating subsidy, the missing fund money needs to be accounted for and replaced. I know that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) mentions this pay in their assessment, but until there is an explanation of the missing money and a rational TAAS business plan developed, the townships need to be very careful. It wasn't the townships that got the TAAS or the City of Tower into financial trouble, it has been the City's chronic over spending policies and the creation of the non emergency transfer business that has led to the financial problems.

Lee Peterson
Greenwood Township resident
753 5785

Editorial Sept. 3, 2021

Audit questions

Tower's auditors should explain their accounting of city funds

The release last week of the EMSRB's rural ambulance assessment for the Tower Area Ambulance Service, raises some interesting questions—some of which we'd like to see the city's long-time auditor, Walker, Giroux & Hahne, provide answers to.

For the past several years, the city's auditor has maintained a kind of running tally of what one city fund owes to another. Since, for years, the actual cash for these funds was all run through the same general fund checking account, it really wasn't possible to show where any dollar that paid a city bill actually came from.

So, at the end of the year, (as we understand it), the auditors would take a look at the apparent bottom line for each city fund, including the ambulance fund, and make some kind of adjustment accordingly. If the ambulance fund showed it made a profit, the auditors concluded that the excess revenues must have gone somewhere, so they would debit some other fund that had spent more than it took in as owing the ambulance fund. The most recent audit concluded that the ambulance fund was owed \$737,648 from other city funds, an amount that has accumulated over a number of years. A few folks have tried to make a political issue out of it, claiming that the city is "robbing" from the ambulance service. It might be a salient issue if it were possible to argue that the ambulance service was

lacking basic necessities, but that really isn't the case. The city council has generally been very willing to make investments in the ambulance service whenever it's been asked. In fact, as the EMSRB pointed out, the city is spending far more on its ambulance service than it should.

The bigger question, however, is whether or not the \$737,648 figure is a real number. Keep in mind, to our knowledge, the auditors can't identify any actual flow of dollars from one fund to another since all the money flowed through one bank account up until recently. Again, as we understand it, they relied on end-of-the-year "profits" or "deficits" to assign a presumed flow of money from one fund to another. Yet, what if the "profit" that shows up in one of the funds at the end of the year is the result of incomplete tracking or accounting of expenses? That may not be just hypothetical. Indeed, the financial consultant, who reviewed the Tower Area

Ambulance Service's finances for the EMSRB, notes that the service has not accounted for expenses in a typical business-like fashion in the past. Indeed, major expenses tracked by most businesses, such as depreciation, were never even accounted for by the TAAS.

The depreciation expense alone, as calculated by the EMSRB's financial consultant, comes to over \$72,000 a year. That's just slightly less than the average annual Tower ambulance

service profit from about 2010-2017. In other words, had the ambulance service simply accounted for depreciation, most of the presumed "profit" from the ambulance service over the past decade goes poof. There are other overhead expenses, as well, such as the services provided to the ambulance service by the clerk-treasurer's office, that are substantial and not well documented. The bottom line: if the ambulance service's expense tracking was incomplete, the accountants may well have been crediting largely imaginary profits to the service when it made its year-end adjustments between funds. Which could help to explain the so-called missing profits—as in much of it never existed at all.

Again, we don't claim to be accountants, which is why we outlined this same line of reasoning in a detailed email to the city's auditors last month, along with a number of related questions, hoping they could better explain it to us. It's possible there's a legitimate explanation but, so far, we've yet to get even an acknowledgement, much less a response to our inquiry.

We're not the only ones with concerns. Members of the city council have had similar questions about how the auditors went about making their calculations on this and other subjects and they've yet to get satisfactory answers. The problem is that auditors show their results, but they don't often show their work, so when questions arise, the auditors have an obligation to provide an explanation. That's especially so when the auditors' conclusions have raised concerns with some in the community and stirred resentment among some in the ambulance service.

Government auditing is supposed to help provide some level of accountability and transparency in government. That's a good thing. And the same principles of transparency should apply to the auditors themselves.

The next page is my response to this nonsensical editorial by Marshall H.

Lee

Timberjay Sept. 10, 2021

Timberjay editorial about TAAS money is not up to par

The Sept. 3 *Timberjay* Editorial "Audit Questions" concerning the missing \$737,648 from the Tower Area Ambulance Service account is very misleading. For example, the newspaper conflates depreciation of an asset with actual dollars spent by the TAAS for maintaining the service. Depreciation is a non-cash, estimated expense that is scheduled, rather than an explicit expense that is actually paid out from the fund. Depreciation is an accounting tool used to track the value of an asset over time until the asset needs to be replaced. When the asset is replaced, the fund is debited for the exact cost of the item. In the ambulance service, for example, "depreciating" an ambulance vehicle on paper, over a ten-year period, would be a tool used to help set ambulance rates so the money is there in the fund when it's needed.

The city certainly should have receipts for everything that has been purchased for the TAAS and that should be easy to find on their ledger for the TAAS. The newspaper tries to blame the accounting firm for the mess that the city's accounts are in, but note that the accounting firm has alerted the City in each annual audit for many years that the City's accounting is not up to par. The accounting firm wrote in the "Management Letter" at the end of a recent annual Audit that "Since the ambulance department is aggregated with the General Fund on the financial statements, it has indirectly financed some of the capital project funds' deficits." A notable "deficit fund" is the Harbor Project, not remotely connected to

the TAAS. Does the city need to hire an outside accounting firm to do its daily book keeping and bill paying? Maybe so, at least for a few years.

When the accounting firm states on page 39 of the 2020 Audit that the Ambulance Special Revenue fund is "due \$737,648 from other funds," I believe them. Walker, Giroux and Hahne sent one of its accountants to the July 12 city council meeting to present the 2020 Audit. The council did not ask a question about the \$737,648. At the Aug. 23 city council meeting, the council voted unanimously to pay \$25,720 for the 2020 Audit. How many people, in their regular lives, would pay a bill like that if they thought the product was faulty? The *Timberjay's* efforts to shoot the messenger and to attempt to confuse depreciation estimates with actual money in-money out accounting is disturbing and it really isn't a very good smoke screen. The city needs to replenish the \$737,648 to the TAAS.

Lee Peterson
Greenwood Twp.

From: St. Louis County MN <stlouiscountymn@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 12:23 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Small Business COVID-19 Relief



September 23, 2021



Welcome to the St. Louis County Small Business COVID-19 Relief newsletter. You are receiving this message because you have initially signed up for updates with the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. This resource will keep you updated with information about small business COVID-19 relief funds.

DEED: Minnesota Main Street COVID Relief Grants Available



The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is now accepting applications for the [Minnesota Main Street COVID Relief Grant program](#).

Program Details

A total of \$64,200,000 is available in grants for Minnesotan owned and operated businesses that can demonstrate financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants that qualify and are selected will receive a grant amount between \$10,000 and \$25,000 based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTEs) employees on staff. To be eligible, businesses must operate in Minnesota and be majority owned by a resident of Minnesota.

Application Deadline: Applications will close on September 29, 2021

Program and Application Details: [Click Here](#)

Questions

DEED

Email: MSCRG.DEED@state.mn.us



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201 South 3rd Avenue West
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Community Development Block Grant 2022 Process Schedule

Dates are in 2021

September 16

2022 CDBG Open house and public hearing on 2020 accomplishments

- WebEx Virtual Meeting - 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

October 15

2022 CDBG **Pre-Application** due in Virginia office by 4:30 P.M.

December 1

2022 CDBG **Final Application** due in Virginia office by 4:30 P.M.

Dates are in 2022

January 5

CDBG Advisory Committee meeting. 2022 application review facilitated by St. Louis County staff. CDBG Advisory Committee will submit questions to staff to distribute to applicants.

- WebEx Virtual Meeting - 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

January 12 & 13

CDBG Advisory Committee applicant interviews.

- WebEx Virtual Meeting – 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Applicant interviews will be individually scheduled

January 20

CDBG Advisory Committee public hearing on Initial Recommendation and setting of Final 2022 Funding Recommendation to the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners.

- WebEx Virtual Meeting – 11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

February to March

Public comment on 2022 Action Plan

March

St. Louis County Board public hearing on 2022 Action Plan. County Board will set final funding levels for 2022 projects

March

Submit 2022 Action Plan covering use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Pre-Application and Final Application Materials are available at our website:
www.stlouiscountymn.gov/communitydevelopment

For additional information, please contact:

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Breitung Fire & Rescue
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Soudan, Mn. 55782

October Fire Dept Report

Regular monthly fire dept meeting was held on 10/13/21. Highlights review and discussion of fire calls, assigned members for monthly apparatus checks and equipment checks, Engine #1 and Rescue #3 pump maintenance and testing completed, annual maintenance and air testing completed SCBA compressor.

Hands on training conducted on cold water rescue

Since last regular meeting in September we responded to following emergency calls and fire dept events.

- 9/11 Participated in 20 year anniversary memorial service
- 9/19 water rescue emergency Greenwood Township
- 9/30 Participated in Big Truck Night in Breitung Township

Tower Area Trails Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #2
October 4, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Breitung Township Community Center

Goal of Meeting: Review survey results, identify conceptual trail connections,
and identify biggest barriers to maintenance of existing trails.

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Russell Habermann, Senior Planner at ARDC Planner, welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

Attendees: Dan Broten (Penguins Snowmobile Club & Prospectors ATV Club), Brad Dekkers (DNR Trails), Aaron Kania (Citizen), Steve Lotz (Lake Vermilion Trail JPB), Bob Manzoline (Mesabi Trail), Kevin Norby (Tower City Council), Michael Schultz (TEDA), Mary Shedd (Howard Wagoner Ski Trail), Dianna Sundahl (Breitung Township), Roxanne Tea (Citizen)

Survey Results Review

Habermann summarized results of the Tower Area Trails Survey, which was administered from August 16 to September 15. When asked for their reaction to the results, attendees noted the following:

- Maintenance needs of the Mesabi Trail were mentioned by respondents, and there is upcoming work planned for the trail
- The feedback provided was not surprising, and it was good to see that everything desired was realistic/doable
- There wasn't a lot of input about motorized trails
- There seemed to be confusion about what trails are available in the area, which demonstrates a need for better communication about trails and a reason to develop a single information point for Tower area trails
- The results provide a good "snapshot" of what we have versus what is desired – it will be a good basis for our trails planning work

As a side comment about ATVs, attendees noted that Tower has not opened all roads up to ATV use; but there are designated alleys where ATVs are allowed to make connections.

Exercise: Conceptual Trail Connections

Habermann set up posters that identified existing trails, identified issues, and draft goals for each trail use activity in the area. He asked attendees to spend some time reading through the posters and making comments/additions/corrections on them. Habermann also provided maps of existing trails with desired trail destinations for reference.

Information on each of the posters (including notes from attendees in parentheses) is identified below.

□ **Hiking**

- Ancient Cedars
- Howard Wagoner – Summer
- Jasper Peak
- LVSP/SUMSP
- Bear Head Lead SP
- Arrowhead State Trail (A lot of wetlands)
- Taconite State Trail (A lot of wetlands)
- Hiking trails north of Tower (Separate from ATV Trails, Quiet Rec, Connect to Hoodoo)
- Around the Horn

ID'd Issues

- (Maintenance)
- Washroom access
- Lack of rest areas
- (Restrooms)
- (Parking)
- (Connect networks)

Draft Goals

- ID washroom needs
- ID rest area needs
- Develop trail info hub
- North Country Trail routing (Campsites, back country/backpacking)
- Master all-trails maps

□ **Walking/Wheeling**

- Hoodoo-McKinley Trail Loop
- Harbor Trail (Sidewalk from marina to town sidewalks)
- Mesabi Trail (Maintenance)
- Bois Forte Trail
- (Mountain bike north of Tower)

ID'd Issues

- Pavement Quality – Hoodoo Trail & Mesabi (*)
- Trail bridge west of Junction Road
- Trailside vegetation management
- Winter trail maintenance – Plowing (*, Groom for skate ski)
- Poor communication about trail/allowed use
- Road crossing signage
- Washroom/rest areas (*, Signs and timed locks)

Draft Goals

- Complete Mesabi Trail – to Ely and Embarrass
- Reconstruct Mesabi between Tower and Soudan
- Construct Lake Vermilion Trail from Tower to Y-Store (Pike Bay Drive)
- Complete Hoodoo-McKinley trail loop
- Connect Harbor Trail to Marina and Mesabi – through playground park
- Develop trail information hub (*)
- Road crossing signage needs
- ID washroom and rest area needs

☐ **Skiing**

- Howard Wagoner (Track ski, Classic style)
- Fortune Bay
- Bear Head Lake SP
- (Mesabi Trail Skate Ski – LVSP to Ely)

ID'd Issues

- No trails in LVSP (Loops, conflict with snowmobile)
- No lights along trails (Cost)
- Washroom access/rest areas
- Dogs allowed?
- (Maintenance)
- (Sled dog trails?)
- (Snowshoeing)

Draft Goals

- Groom LVSP hiking trails for skiing
- ID washroom/rest area needs
- Communicate about allowing dogs/skijoring (Decision needed, Designate dog/skijoring trails – Extension?)
- (Master all-trails map)
- (Skate ski extension to Wagoner)
- (Other extension on west side – another 2-3K possible)
- (Designation as year-round non-motorized – then it can be enforced)

☐ **ATVing**

- Tower to McKinley Park Trail (Northside loop?)
- Prospector Loop
- Taconite State Trail – Select segments

ID'd Issues

- (Need designated routes only)
- Taconite Trail quality
- Connections – Hoodoo to Soudan, Soudan to Prospector (Being designed/constructed – Murray to Soudan)

- Access to overnight accommodations
- Washroom access/rest areas?
- Side-by-side trail use? (Allowed almost everywhere ATV Class I are allowed)
- (Resource damage)
- (Priorities on dual use trails [ski])

Draft Goals

- Maintenance of Tower to McKinley Park Trail (Part of Prospector grant-in-aid)
- Construct trails that parallel paved trail system
- ID UTV demand in northern St. Louis County
- (Master all-trails map)

☐ **Snowmobiling**

- Tower Area Trail
- Iron Ore Trail
- Putnam & Fishing Lakes (Can't get to)
- Arrowhead State Trail
- Taconite State Trail

ID'd Needs

- Washroom/rest areas
- (Clear signage through town)
- (What is not open in summer?)

Draft Goals

- ID washroom/rest area needs (Existing trail shelters need maintenance/replacement)
- (Parking vs. rest area? – Focused on communities)
- (Permanent easements/ROW for non-state trails)
- (Master all-trails map)

☐ **Water Trails**

- ???
- (Lake Vermilion kayak trail)
- (Connections/portages to Burntside/Bear Island, Bear Head)
- (From Harbor out to Pike Bay)
- (Also to Swedetown Bay lunch spot)

☐ **Other (Snowshoeing, MTBing, Horse Riding)**

- Snowshoe: Ancient Cedars, LVSP, SUMNSP, Bear Head Lake SP, Arrowhead State Trail, Taconite State Trail
- MTB: Arrowhead State Trail (?), Taconite State Trail (?) (Not good MTB trails), (Lookout/Laurentian Divide)
- Horse: Arrowhead State Trail, Taconite State Trail (Mow?)

ID'd Issues

- Maintenance of state trails for summer use
- Poor communication
- Washroom/rest areas (Trail heads, parking lots)

Draft Goals

- Develop maps – summer and winter
- Develop trail information hub
- ID MTB interest for local area
- ID washroom/rest area needs (Parking)
- (Markers)
- (Master all-trails map)
- (Maintenance)

After the exercise, Habermann asked the group to reflect on their thoughts during the exercise. Attendees expressed the following:

- Developing trails is a big task that requires lots of money
- Something that the Mesabi Trail and snowmobile trails have encountered in recent years is securing easements and renewing those easements when they time out; often, losing an easement happens when a property changes ownership
- When an easement is lost, rerouting a trail can be difficult or impossible; getting a perpetual/permanent easement is becoming an even more important part of sustainable trail management
- There seems to be public confusion and a need of clarity about the purpose of each existing and future trail; intended use dictates design, and intended/designated use is often tied to grant funding
- Long term maintenance is almost a bigger concern than development because it takes a sustained effort (and people) to keep things in shape; for example, it was an intentional choice not to include washroom facilities along the state trails – it would just be too difficult to maintain these buildings in the long-term

During this discussion, attendees also brought forward the Culture & Tourism Grant opportunity from IRRR and the Northern St. Louis County Trails Task Force, which is a forum for trail development topics in the larger area.

Discussion: What barriers exist to maintaining Tower area trails?

Habermann asked what barriers exist to maintaining Tower trails and invited the attendees to spend a few minutes offering up their thoughts.

The attendees brought forward the following barriers to trail maintenance:

- Money (both for initial construction and ongoing maintenance)
- Capacity/people (volunteers or staff)
- Information (sharing knowledge about trail systems and continually pushing the info out)

- Online presence (trail information needs to be up to date and current on agency webpages and social media)
- Making sound trail investments (trail use counting is becoming a more common metric when agencies apply for trail grant funding – we don't want to put public money into unused trails)
- Access to maintenance equipment (can equipment be shared between agencies?)
- Confusion about roles in trail ownership and maintenance (e.g., government's role in trail development and management – many governments are not bought in, though trails are a public good and governments benefit from an attractive trail system)

It was also noted during this conversation that trail kiosks are a useful tool for informing the public about trails. It was expressed that having one physical location in the area that was a well-known source of comprehensive trail information would be beneficial.

Next Steps

- ARDC Planning will develop and distribute a meeting summary.
- ARDC Planning will take the information provided at the meeting and create a draft plan.
- ARDC Planning will distribute the draft plan document to the steering committee and ask for suggested revisions to prepare the document for public review; ARDC Planning will also hold "office hour" sessions so that the steering committee can join and talk through issues as needed.
- ARDC Planning will provide a final draft document and administer a public review period.
- ARDC Planning will set up a final steering committee meeting to review public feedback and finalize the plan document.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

From: Ashlie J (EZ ICE Rinks) <support@ezicerinks.zendesk.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: Your EZ ICE Rinks Request

Hi Dianna,

Sorry about that! I have updated it to Minnesota and added the zip code, we can also add in the shipping address if you would like, or if you were to place the order through checkout in the quote you would be able to edit it as well. The lead time for our classic height rinks is about 1–2 weeks, and after it ships it should be delivered in no more than 5 business days as we have a warehouse nearby in Chicago! This quote is also good for 30 days, after that we can always send another!

Please let me know if I can answer any other questions for you!

Best,
Ashlie

From: EZ ICE, Inc. <customer_experience@ezicerinks.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:00 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Your EZ ICE Rinks Quote



CUSTOM QUOTE

Hi Dianna,

Here is your quote for a 25x25 Classic Height Rink with square corners and bumpers. The kit includes everything you will need to set up a rink.

Please send over your tax exemption certificate at your earliest convenience.


Have a nice day,

The EZ ICE Team

Complete your purchase

or Visit our store

Order summary

EZ ICE PRO Home Arena System™ - 025025CCCSBX × 1	\$2,650
Discount  MUNICIPALITY	-\$398
Subtotal	\$2,253
Shipping	\$0
Total	\$2,253 USD

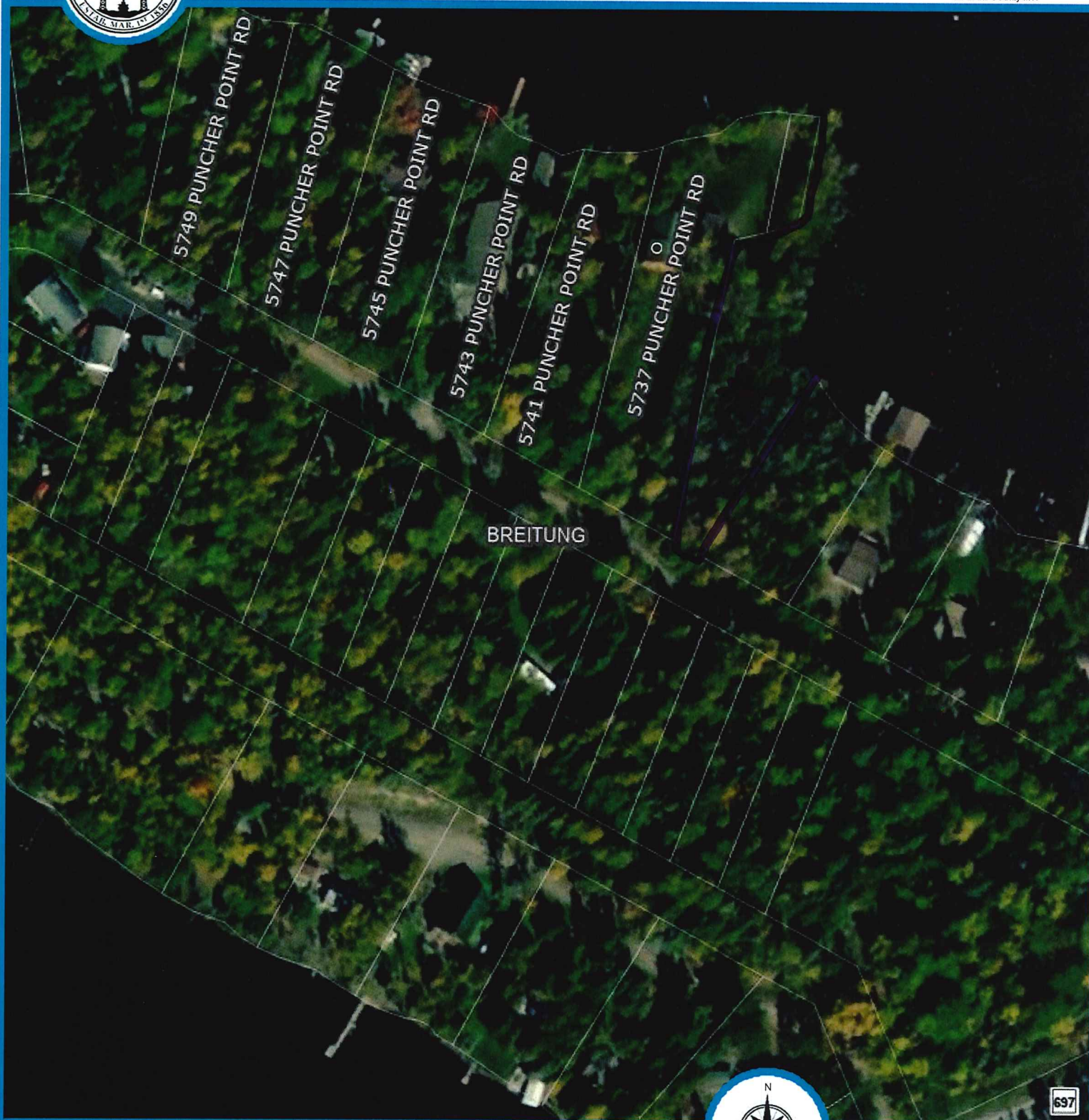


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TOWN ROAD [ESTABLISHMENT / ALTERATION / VACATION] PETITION

To the Town Board of Breitung Township, St Louis
County, Minnesota:

The undersigned legal voters of the Town who own real estate or occupy real estate under the homestead or preemption laws or under contract with the state within three miles of the road described below hereby petition you to [establish, alter, or vacate] the following described road:

[describe the road]

[a petition to establish a road must at least include the road's point of beginning, its general course, and its termination]

[a petition to alter or vacate a portion of a road must include a specific description of the portion to be altered or vacated]

[a petition to establish or alter a road must contain the following statements of purpose and necessity:

The purpose and necessity of the requested road establishment or alteration are:

The description of the several tracts of land over which the road passes and their owners are as follows:

Owners

Scott & Amy Lilya
Mark Norcia

[add lines as needed]

Description of Land

5737 Puncher Pt. Rd Tower Mn
Parcel ID: 270-0095-00260

We ask you proceed with such [establishment, alteration, or vacation] pursuant to
Minn. Stat. § 164.07.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2021.

Petitioners

Dale Dugan
Linda Burgess

Address/Land Owned

5743 Puncher Pt Rd
5743 Puncher Pt Rd.

[add lines as needed]

(Note: Only legal voters of the Town who own real estate or who occupy real estate under the homestead or preemption laws or under contract with the state within three miles of the road may sign the petition. At least eight signatures are required. If a husband and wife are both on the title to their property, and are voters of the town, then each can sign separately.)

Willard Potela

5729 Puncher Pt. Rd. Tower

Myriam Potela

5729 Puncher pt Rd. Tower

Ralph Bidle

5731 Puncher Pt. Rd. Tower

[Signature]

5741

~~5741~~ PUNCHER POINT RD

[Signature]

5725 PUNCHER PT RD

Sally Link

5758 PUNCHER PT. RD.

ORDER SETTING FORTH INITIAL DESCRIPTIONS AND SETTING HEARING DATE

WHEREAS, the town board of Breitung Township, St Louis County, Minnesota was presented a petition at its meeting on the 28th day of October, 2021 request the vacation of a road (easement);

WHEREAS, the petition contained a description of the road, the names of the owners over which the road passes, and the point of beginning, general course, and termination of the proposed road;

WHEREAS, Minn Stat. 164.07, subd. 2 requires the town board to make an order describing as nearly as practicable the road to be vacated describing the several tracts of land through which the road passes, and fixing a time and place when and where the town board will meet and act upon the petition;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The road proposed to be vacated is described as:

A more specific description may be developed if the petition is granted.

2. The several tracts of land through which the road passes and their owners are:

Owners

Scott & Amy Lilya

Mark Norcia

Description of Land

5737 Puncher Point Rd, Tower, MN

Parcel ID: 270-0095-00260

3. The Breitung Town Board will conduct a hearing at _____pm on the _____ Day of _____, 20____, to examine the road, receive public comment, consider the proposed action, and act on the petition.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Affected landowners have right of appeal as provided in Minn. Stat. 164.07 subd. 7 to seek judicial review of damages, need and purpose if the town board does decide to establish or alter a town road.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: _____

Dianna Sundahl-Town Clerk

Timothy Tomsich-Town Chair

Resolution 2021-24

Breitung Township

Of St Louis County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ANNUAL POLLING PLACE

WHEREAS, it is important that citizens exercise their right to vote at their local polling place;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 204B.16 requires the town board to designate its local polling place for elections annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Breitung Township, St Louis County, Minnesota does hereby designate the Breitung Community Center at 33 First Avenue, Soudan, Minnesota in St. Louis County as its polling place in 2022 for Breitung Township and Unorganized 22.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the township notify residents of this designation by following the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 205.16.

Adopted this 28th day of October 2021.

Upon vote taken, the following voted: Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Dostert

For:

Against:

By the Breitung Town Board

Attested to by

Timothy Tomsich-Chairman

Dianna Sundahl-Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Breitung Township is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the donations set forth below to the township:

Name of Donor	Donations	Date
1. Paul & Judy Pishler	\$40.00	10/19/21
2. Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council	\$7500.00	10/26/2021

WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Donation Number	Terms or Conditions
1. Paul & Judy Pishler	Snow Plow-Road and Bridge

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the township for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used in accordance with noted terms or conditions either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
2. The town clerk is hereby directed to acknowledge to each donor the town's acceptance of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the Town Board of Breitung Township on October 28th, 2021. Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Charles Tekautz, and Supervisor Gregory Dostert

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved: Chairperson

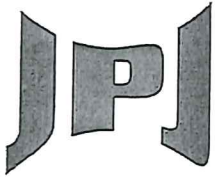
Attested: Clerk

Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Dianna Sundahl - Clerk

CDBG & IRRRB pre applications
Year 2022 Construction

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES				
	Township	CDBG	IRRRB	Total
First Avenue/Stuntz Bay Road	\$ 51,000		\$ 418,000	\$ 469,000
Poplar Street Water/Sewer			125,000	125,000
Main Street Sewer (Poplar to Center)		200,000		200,000
Main Street & Spring Road Rebuild			100,000	100,000
Church Street Sewer	75,000		25,000	100,000
Drinking water meter upgrades	40,000			40,000
Total	\$ 166,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,034,000
Percent	16.1%	19.3%	24.2%	100%



Engineering

Land Surveying

Site Development

October 21, 2021

The Honorable Tim Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Project No. 21-860**

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Partial Payment Estimate No. 2 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$101,100.18 to 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734 upon receipt of certified payroll reports.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the partial payment estimate, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

PROJECT: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements		PROJECT NO.: 21-860	DATE: October 19, 2021 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 2 PAGE 1 OF 3
OWNER: Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782	CONTRACTOR: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. P.O. Box 566 Eveleth, MN 55734	PERIOD OF ESTIMATE FROM: August 23, 2021 TO: October 16, 2021	

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE	
No.	Amount			
	Additions	Deductions		
CO #1	\$23,330.00		1. Original Contract	\$435,780.00
CO #2	\$12,525.00		2. Change Orders	\$35,855.00
			3. Revised Contract (1+2)	\$471,635.00
			4. Work Completed*	\$114,143.50
			5. Stored Materials	\$27,134.29
			6. Subtotal (4+5)	\$141,277.79
			7. Retainage 5%	(\$7,063.89)
			8. Previous Payments	(\$33,113.72)
TOTALS	\$35,855.00		9. Amount Due (6-7-8)	\$101,100.18
NET CHANGE	\$35,855.00		*Detailed breakdown attached	

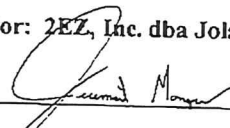
CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days): Revised:	On Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Starting Date: August 9, 2021 Substantial Completion: October 15, 2021 Projected Completion: November 1, 2021

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following:

- (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment;
- (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and
- (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

Contractor: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc.

By 
 Date 10/21/2021

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief and to the extent of their assigned Contract responsibilities, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and that the work has been performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc.

By 

Date 10/19/2021

APPROVED BY OWNER:

Owner: Breitung Township

By _____

Date _____

PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2

DATE: October 19, 2021

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements

CONTRACTOR: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734

BASE BID

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2101	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV CURB & GUTTER	30	L.F.	\$4.00	160	\$640.00	160	\$640.00
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	880	L.F.	\$4.00	160	\$640.00	160	\$640.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	2,930	S.Y.	\$4.00	1,800	\$7,200.00	1,800	\$7,200.00
2104	RMV SIDEWALK	520	S.Y.	\$6.50	90	\$585.00	90	\$585.00
2104	RMV CONC DRIVEWAY	26	S.Y.	\$6.50	1	\$6.50	1	\$6.50
2104	RMV SAN MANHOLE	9	EACH	\$450.00	2	\$900.00	2	\$900.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	1,750	C.Y.	\$22.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	ROCK EXCAVATION	30	C.Y.	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	980	C.Y.	\$19.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC	2,950	S.Y.	\$3.50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	660	C.Y.	\$35.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING, CL 5 (CV)	50	C.Y.	\$52.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	360	TON	\$87.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	360	TON	\$87.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2451	GRAN BACKFILL MTRL (LV)	30	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2451	GRAN FOUND MTRL (LV)	60	C.Y.	\$26.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	11	EACH	\$5,100.00	2	\$10,200.00	2	\$10,200.00
2506	SAN MANHOLE FRAME SEAL	11	EACH	\$1,700.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2521	4" CONCRETE WALK	650	S.F.	\$7.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2531	CONC C&G, DES B618	30	L.F.	\$27.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2531	6" CONC DRIVEWAY PVMT	26	S.Y.	\$69.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2557	SIDEWALK GRATE	1	EACH	\$1,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECT	6	EACH	\$400.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,300.00	1	\$1,300.00	1	\$1,300.00
2573	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG - STRAW	600	L.F.	\$16.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	BALE BARRIERS	24	EACH	\$25.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	1.40	ACRE	\$1,800.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	SEEDING	1.40	ACRE	\$2,600.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	1,050	L.F.	\$51.00	625	\$31,875.00	625	\$31,875.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	80	L.F.	\$61.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	12" PVC SANITARY SEWER	160	L.F.	\$62.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	6" PVC SAN SERVICE LINE	385	L.F.	\$47.00	376	\$17,672.00	376	\$17,672.00
2621	8" X 6" SAN SERVICE WYE	14	EACH	\$270.00	15	\$4,050.00	15	\$4,050.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	15	EACH	\$275.00	1	\$275.00	1	\$275.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$1,100.00	1	\$1,100.00	1	\$1,100.00
2621	RECON EX SAN SERVICE	14	EACH	\$123.00	15	\$1,845.00	15	\$1,845.00
2621	MANHOLE CASTING/COVER/ FRAME SEALS	17	EACH	\$1,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	MANHOLE SEAL (GATOR WRAP)	1	EACH	\$6,700.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	MANHOLE COVER REPLACEMENT	6	EACH	\$950.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

BASE BID

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2625	PIPE INSULATION	50	S.Y.	\$45.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CO-1	INSULATION ON WATER MAIN ON 4TH AVENUE	0	L.S.	\$23,330.00	1	\$23,330.00	1	\$23,330.00
CO-2	INSULATION ON WATER SERVICES ON 4TH AVENUE	0	L.S.	\$12,525.00	1	\$12,525.00	1	\$12,525.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Base Bid.....

\$114,143.50

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Base Bid.....

\$114,143.50

CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE - MATERIALS ON SITE

DATE: October 19, 2021

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements

CONTRACTOR: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734

PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 2

MATERIALS ON SITE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. PURCHASED	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY ON SITE	AMOUNT REMAINS
2112	GEOTEXTILE SEP FABRIC	1	L.S.	\$2,196.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$2,196.00
2506	MANHOLE FRAMES	1	L.S.	\$9,626.17	0	\$0.00	1	\$9,626.17
2621	MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS	1	L.S.	\$6,201.12	0	\$0.00	1	\$6,201.12
2621	6" PVC SANITARY SERVICE LINE	392	L.F.	\$4.39	(376)	(\$1,650.64)	16	\$70.24
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	1,050	L.F.	\$7.96	(625)	(\$4,975.00)	425	\$3,383.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	84	L.F.	\$12.40	0	\$0.00	84	\$1,041.60
2621	12" PVC SANITARY SEWER	168	L.F.	\$17.82	0	\$0.00	168	\$2,993.76
2621	8" X 6" SAN SERVICE WYE	14	EACH	\$78.33	(14)	(\$1,096.62)	0	\$0.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	1	L.S.	\$1,622.40	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,622.40
TOTAL MATERIALS STORED ON SITE:						(\$7,722.26)		\$27,134.29



City of Tower

PO Box 576 • Tower, MN 55790 • (218)753-4070

October 7, 2021

Boards of Ambulance Commission members,

At the City of Tower Ambulance Commission meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, the members supported a physical copy of the 2021 agreement be sent to all involved governmental entities. This is a multi-governmental agreement. The City of Tower will consider this agreement at its Monday, October 11, 2021 meeting. Please send a physical copy of the signature page back to: City of Tower, PO Box 576, Tower, MN 55790.

The City of Tower would like to extend our gratitude for your support over the decades of the ambulance service. The City has provided ambulance services since 1958, and in the 1990's the State of Minnesota created "Primary Service Areas" for all licensed ambulance services which extended the scope of our service area, which covers the residents (permanent and seasonal) and guests of your area. Early on in this expanding coverage area, affected government's came together to financially provide for this service and in some cases started their own emergency responder units to support the service.

Rural ambulances across the country face many struggles- long distance to patient and hospital, fixed payments from Medicare/Medicaid and other insurances that don't cover the cost of providing the service, increasing demand for service, and staffing changes (true volunteer to paid employees), general staffing difficulties. The Tower Area Ambulance Service is not immune to these same issues. Your support of the service helps alleviate the burden of figuring out how to do this alone.

If you have any questions you can contact myself at clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com and 218-753-4070 or Ambulance Director Dena Suihokenen at ambulance@cityoftower.com and 218-750-3002.

Respectfully,

Victoria Ranua
Clerk/Treasurer

**AMBULANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ENTITIES SERVED BY THE
MINNESOTA STATE ESTABLISHED PRIMARY SERVICE AREA OF THE
TOWER AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE**

THIS AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT AID AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2021 by and between the **CITY OF TOWER**, a municipal corporation (“City”) and the **BOIS FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA**, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, and the **TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG, TOWNSHIP OF EAGLE’S NEST, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWOOD, TOWNSHIP OF KUGLER, TOWNSHIP OF VERMILION LAKE**.

RECITALS

- A. The City of Tower has provided ambulance service to this area since 1958.
- B. The State of Minnesota, through Minn. Stat. §144E.06, established primary service areas for licensed ambulance services to ensure that all areas have ambulance coverage and to eliminate any overlaps in coverage. The legal primary service area established by the State Emergency Medical Service Regulatory Board for the Tower Area Ambulance Service (license #244) (“Ambulance Service”) extends beyond the city limits and is as follows:

T60NR15W – sections 1 through 12, 17 through 20, W ½ of 16 and 21	Township of Embarrass, nearly ½
T61NR14W – sections 1 through 18	Unincorporated
T61NR15W	Township of Kugler, entire, and portion of City of Tower
T61NR16W	Township of Vermilion Lake, entire
T61NR17W – sections 1, 2, 11 through 14, 23 through 29, 32 through 36	Unincorporated
T62NR14W	Township of Eagle’s Nest
T62NR15W	Portion of City of Tower and entire Township of Breitung
T62NR16W	Bois Forte tribal lands and portion of Township of Greenwood
T62NR17W – sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36	Unincorporated
T63NR14W - sections 31, SW ½ of 30 and 32	Unincorporated
T63NR15W	Unincorporated
T63NR16W	Unincorporated
T64NR15W – sections 13 through 36	Unincorporated
T64NR16W	Unincorporated

- C. The City of Tower recognized early on in the establishment of the primary service area that it could not continue to provide this service all at its own expense and sought the

financial assistance from the governments within its primary service area for the provision of monies for the large capital expense associated with the purchase and replacement of ambulance vehicles. Whereas, all governmental entities, except Embarrass Township and Saint Louis County for unorganized townships, have contributed since 1989 over the course and duration of several prior agreements addressing this issue.

- D. The primary service area established by the State has no requirement that the benefiting entities contribute financially or otherwise to the licensed ambulance service. Each entity has voluntarily entered into the past agreements based on a shared understanding of the value of the service to their respective population and economy.
- E. As of the date of this draft, June 30, 2020, the Ambulance Services has three ambulance vehicles in service, each at the end of its life.

Ambulance	Years of Service	Mileage	Condition
Unit 1--GMC Duramax 4500	9	109,635	Fair
Unit 2-- Chevrolet 4500	1	18,961	Excellent
Unit 3-- Ford E450 Super Duty (4x4)	Retiring 2021	103,120	Poor

- F. The cost of ambulance vehicles has increased over time due to additional regulatory requirements as well as general cost of vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of their mutual covenants and promises as set forth herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

The intent and purpose of the agreement is to ensure adequate capital funds to purchase ambulance vehicles for the continued operation of a licensed ambulance service benefiting the parties to this agreement. All other costs associated to operate the licensed ambulance service are the sole responsibility of the City. However, because the operation of the ambulance service is inextricably linked to the use and replacement schedule of ambulance vehicles, this agreement is intended to specifically address that component of operating the ambulance service. The terms of this Agreement are not intended to imply or suggest that the parties to this agreement (other than the City of Tower) are responsible for the operation of the ambulance service, except as provided below.

- 1. Definitions. For the purpose of this agreement, the following terms have the assigned meaning:
 - a. **Aid.** Public monies provided to government entity for the provision of a public good or service.
 - b. **Ambulance Vehicle.** All the physical components of a licensed ambulance vehicle, including equipment permanently attached to the unit.
 - c. **Ambulance Service Fund.** The municipal enterprise fund which accounts for the operation and maintenance of the ambulance service.

- d. **Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund.** The restricted municipal enterprise capital fund which accounts for all sources of revenue and expenditure related to ambulance vehicles and the equipment permanently attached to an ambulance vehicle. This includes City, Township contributions specified within this agreement and any other contribution the city makes. Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe will be asked for continued voluntary contributions as well.
 - e. **Transfer.** An urgent request from a medical facility to transport a patient to another facility that can provide the higher or more specialized care needed by the patient.
1. **TERM.** This Agreement shall have a term starting January 1 and ending on December 31, 2021.
 2. **AID CONTRIBUTION RATE PER ENTITY / CLASS OF SERVICE.**
 - a. The rates from the previous agreement term of 2016-2018 will remain in effect for the term of this agreement and add an interfacility transport contribution as set forth in subsection c. below.

b. *POPULATION-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS*

Entity	Residential Population ¹	Rate/ Per Capita	Amount
City of Tower	502	\$15.00	\$7,530
Township of Breitung	580	\$15.00	\$8,700
Township of Eagle's Nest	235	\$15.00	\$3,525
Township of Embarrass	585	\$15.00	unknown
Township of Greenwood ²	900	\$15.00	\$13,500
Township of Kugler	173	\$15.00	\$2,595
Township of Vermilion Lake	279	\$15.00	\$4,185
Transfer Miles		\$1.66	unknown
			\$39,855

Payment will be made in ½ payments due on June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

- c. *INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTIONS.* The city accepts transfers according to Minn. Stat. § 144E.101, Subd 13. The city will contribute \$ per mile per transfer performed. This amount will be total mileage (to facility, transport, and return trip), not insurance billable loaded mileage (one way). By the 15th of

¹ Based on 2018 Minnesota State Demographer 2018 Report,
https://mn.gov/admin/assets/mn_cities_townships_estimates_sdc_2018v2_tcm36-397170.xlsx

² Greenwood Township include both residents solely residing in the township, and those who reside in the overlapping jurisdictions of Greenwood Township and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

each month, the City's Ambulance Service will make a report of each transfer total mileage and submit that to the City Clerk for the preceding month's activity. Based on this, the City Clerk/Treasurer will make a deposit from the Ambulance Service Fund to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund in the amount of total monthly Transfer mileage x \$1.66. This contribution will be retro-active for transfers made in 2020 prior to the agreement amount.

For illustration, in 2019, the Tower Area Ambulance Service had a total transfer mileage of 34,740. Had this agreement been in place it would have contributed \$57,668.40 to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund.

- d. *ENTERPRISE CONTRIBUTION.* The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa operates Fortune Bay Casino Resort enterprise on its Lake Vermilion lands. This enterprise generates a guest population which also utilizes the ambulance service. The Band agrees to a continued voluntary contribution of \$5,000 per year to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund.
 - e. *DISPOSAL CONTRIBUTION.* The revenue collected from any sale or salvage of an ambulance taken out of commission for the Ambulance Service will be returned to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund. Conditions for disposal are covered elsewhere in this Agreement.
3. **AMBULANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND.** The monies received as ambulance vehicle replacement aid has and will continue to be kept in a restricted enterprise capital account for the sole purpose of the purchase of an ambulance. No monies may be removed or transferred from the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement fund for any purpose unless reviewed and approved by the Ambulance Commission. All parties to this agreement will receive both quarterly bank statements and accounting reports on this fund. These provisions are memorialized in City Resolution 2020-013.
4. **TOWER AREA AMBULANCE COMMISSION.** The Tower Area Ambulance Commission ("Ambulance Commission") will be comprised of the parties to this agreement to review and discuss the current and future ambulance vehicles replacement needs for the Ambulance Service.
- a. **WHO:**
 - i. **Elected Official.** At least one elected or appointed official or position from each party to this agreement. Each party must provide the contact information for the elected or appointed individual(s). The Party can change appointed individual but should update contact information before an Ambulance Commission Meeting.
 - ii. **Ambulance Service representative.** At least one administrative staff member from the Ambulance Service.

WHAT:

- iii. **Ambulance Commission.** Discussion of Ambulance Replacement Funding for the Tower Area Ambulance Service. The Ambulance Commission will review and approve of how the service is run as it relates to the scheduling of ambulance replacement and will review and approve of each decision to purchase a new ambulance (time, type, usage), and funding levels and methods employed to help ensure adequate financial resources to support replacement of an ambulance vehicle on a prudent schedule.
- iv. **Appointed Officials.** Are responsible for communicating the information back to their respective governing bodies before the next scheduled meeting of that board.
- v. **Ambulance Service.**
 - 1. The Ambulance Service representative. The City will designate an ambulance service representative. This individual will be the main point of contact for the Ambulance Commission and will be responsible for setting and distributing meeting agendas, preparing agenda item reports, supplying minutes, and facilitating the meeting.
 - 2. The Ambulance Service. The Ambulance Service will provide a staff member to prepare minutes.
- vi. **Communication between Ambulance Commission and City Council.**
 - 1. Quorum Vote Recommendations. If the Ambulance Commission makes a recommendation by motion, the motion must pass by a quorum of all parties to this agreement.
 - 2. City Council. Must consider the recommendation at the next regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the recommendation, whichever is first.
- b. **WHERE:** City of Tower Civic Center, 404 Pine Street, Tower, MN.
- c. **WHEN:**
 - i. Regular meetings. First Monday of each new Quarter.
 - ii. Special Meetings. Must provide all entities a seven-day notice.
- 5. **BUSINESS PLAN.** By the 3rd Quarterly meeting of the Ambulance Commission, the City shall present a draft business plan for the ambulance service. Ambulance Commission comments on the plan will be reviewed at the next regular meeting of the City Council and incorporated into a final business plan and the following year's Ambulance Service Fund Budget.
- 6. **QUARTERLY REPORTS.** The City will provide to the Ambulance Commission detailed reports in the format of the Commission's choosing:
 - a. **FINANCIAL REPORTS.**
 - i. Ambulance Replacement Fund.
 - ii. Ambulance Service Fund.
 - b. **VEHICLE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.**

- i. Status report of vehicles (out of commission, etc.)
 - ii. Mileage reports
 - 1. 911 miles
 - 2. Transfer mileage
 - 3. Miscellaneous mileage (fueling, repairs, training, etc.)
- 7. **REPLACEMENT.** The Ambulance Commission, based on the adopted Business Plan for the Ambulance Service, current regulatory requirements for ambulance vehicle licensure, information from Ambulance Service representative, and any relevant outside contractors or vendors, will review and approve the ambulance replacement schedule and amounts needed from the various sources to ensure the Ambulance Replacement Fund has adequate reserves to make a capital vehicle purchase or identify the amount the City needs to contribute to the account for any difference between the anticipated purchase price and the current or expected Ambulance Replacement Fund balance.
 - a. *Recommendation.* The Ambulance Commission will approve and recommend to the City Council, an ambulance replacement schedule, ambulance vehicle purchases.
 - b. *Appropriation of Funds.* The City Council may act on appropriating Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Funds based only on a recommendation of a quorum of the Ambulance Commission and the funds must be present within the physical bank account or be pledged to be present at time payment is required. Any party may pledge additional contributions above the contributions specified within this agreement.
- 8. **ACCESS TO AMBULANCE VEHICLES.** Each party to this agreement shall have the right to access to the ambulance vehicles to conduct an inspection as to the current condition of any of the ambulance vehicles. Access shall be provided within an agreed upon time frame, except if the vehicle is dispatched to an emergency.
- 9. **DISPOSAL.** The Ambulance Commission shall be guided by the replacement schedule in determining the potential disposal of an ambulance. Should an ambulance need to be disposed of ahead of schedule, the Ambulance Commission will consider the following factors in determining when to dispose of an ambulance vehicle:
 - a. End of its useful life.
 - b. No longer safe to transport passengers and cannot be repaired in a satisfactory manner.
 - c. It is not in a safe operating condition and estimates for repairs are high in comparison to the value of the vehicle.

Once an ambulance is deemed disposable, the Ambulance Commission shall make a recommendation to dispose of it by sale, salvage, or other suitable means. Any revenue associated with the disposal will be returned to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- 10. **DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, AND INSURANCE.** The City shall maintain insurance coverage for all ambulance vehicles in the amount deemed appropriate by the City but in no event shall be less than the replacement cost of the vehicle. If all or any part an

ambulance vehicle is damaged above a minimal amount or destroyed, the City shall notify the parties to this agreement of such fact in a reasonable amount of time and the Ambulance Commission shall immediately commence and diligently consider or pursue repair to return the ambulance vehicle to service.

11. **INDEMINIFCATION.** The City agrees to defend and indemnify the Band and/or the Townships against any claims brought or actions filed against the Band and/or Townships or any officer, employee, or volunteer of the Band and/or the Townships for injury to, death of, or damage to the property of any third person or persons, arising from the City's performance under this Agreement. Under no circumstances, however, shall the City be required to pay on behalf of itself and the Townships, any amounts in excess of the limits on liability established in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 applicable to any one party. The limits of liability for the Township and City may not be added together to determine the maximum amount of liability for the City. The intent of this subdivision is to impose on the City a limited duty to defend and indemnify the Townships for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement subject to the limits of liability under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466. The purpose of creating this duty to defend and indemnify is to simplify the defense of claims by eliminating conflicts between the parties and to permit liability claims against both parties from a single occurrence to be defended by a single attorney. Nothing herein shall be construed to waive or limit any immunity from, or limitation on, liability available to either the City, the Townships, or the Band, whether set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 or otherwise.

The City shall maintain general liability insurance for its services in the minimum amount of the tort liability limits for a municipality contained in Minn. Stat. § 466.04, Subd. 1 and shall include the Band and the Townships as additional insureds and certificate holders under such insurance policy for the term of this Agreement and any extensions thereof.

12. **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any portion hereof is, for any reason, held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the law or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this agreement.
13. **NOTICES.** Any notice required to be given the parties pursuant to this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given: (i) on the date of personal delivery; (ii) on the date and time of confirmation if sent via email; (iii) three business days after mailing certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the respective address of the parties set forth below:

14.

CITY OF TOWER

City of Tower
Attn: Mayor
PO Box 576
Tower, MN 55790
Phone: 218-753-4070
Email: David.Setterberg@cityoftower.com

With copies to:

City of Tower
Attn: Clerk/Treasurer
PO Box 576
Tower, MN 55790
Phone: 218-753-4070
Email: clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com

BOIS FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA

Bois Forte Tribal Government - Vermilion
Attn: District II Representative
1610 Farm Road South
Tower, MN 55790
pboney@boisforte-nsn.gov

With copies to:

Bois Forte Tribal Government - Vermilion
Attn: Chairman
1610 Farm Road South
Tower, MN 55790
cchavers@boisforte-nsn.gov

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Township of Breitung
Attn: Chairman
PO Box XX
Soudan, MN 55782
chairman@breitungtownship.org

With copies to:

Township of Breitung
Attn: Clerk or Treasurer
PO Box XX
Soudan, MN 55782
breitung@breitungtownship.org
clerk@breitungtownship.org

TOWNSHIP OF EAGLE'S NEST

Eagle's Nest Township
Attn: Clerk
1552 Bear Head State Park Road
Ely, Minnesota 55731
eaglesnesttpw@citilink.net

With copies to:

Eagle's Nest Township
Attn: Fire Chief
1552 Bear Head State Park Road
Ely, Minnesota 55731
entfirechief@aol.com

TOWNSHIP OF GREENWOOD

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3000 County Road 77
Tower, MN 55790
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With copies to:

Kugler Township
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P.O Box 599
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TONWNSHIP OF VERMILION LAKE

Vermilion Lake Township
Attn: Phillip Anderson
6703 Wahlsten Road
Tower, MN 55790
andersontw@aol.com

With copies to:

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6703 Wahlsten Road
Tower, MN 55790
vermilionlaketownclerk@gmail.com

15. **SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT.** This agreement may be signed in counterparts and on different dates by each party and will not affect the validity thereof.
16. **INTEGRATION.** This entire agreement of the parties contained in this Agreement shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof, whether written or oral.
17. **RENEGOTIATION.** The need for an ambulance vehicle replacement agreement amongst the parties hereto, for the Ambulance Service, will remain for the foreseeable future. The Ambulance Commission will propose the terms for future agreements, with a draft due by the 4th Quarter Ambulance Commission meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first written above:

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TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

BY:

Tim Tomisch
Chair

BY:

Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIAL APPOINTED TO THE AMBULANCE COMMISSION

Name: Charles Tekautz

Email: supervisor1@breitungtownship.org

Phone: (218) 753-6020

Address: PO Box 56, Soudan MN 55782

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
 (ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Notary Public