

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 10-28-2021 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, Stephanie Ukkola- Timberjay, Jessica Hannine-Tower News, John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering arrived at 12:05, Scott Lilya

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich

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 09-23-21 Regular 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:

MN State Demographics-Census-so noted

St Louis County-Increase for Solid Waste-so noted

Johnson, Killen & Seiler-Letter of Thanks-so noted

Iron Range Historical Society-looking for photos and documents-send to Andy Larson and put request on the website

Habitat for Humanity-Newsletter-so noted

Medicare Open Enrollment-so noted

Northwoods Partners-Thank You-so noted

Lee Peterson-Ambulance Service-so noted

DEED Covid Relief Grants-so noted

CDBG Grant Schedule-so noted and pre application done

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-no written report.
- Fire-See attached
- Road and Bridge-Delivery of new dump truck pushed out till December, and residents have approached the township for purchase of old truck. Great Lake Pipes came and used the camera on 7000' of sewer, some minor issues, nothing major. Grader is broke

down on Echo Point, mechanic out there as of today. Continue to winterize and perform maintenance on the hockey rink.

- McKinley Park- Prices and new contract to be done at next month's meeting.
- Recreation
 - Donation of Hockey Boards-Supervisor Dostert to call Benny Johnson to see if he would like any hockey boards-no updates
- Wastewater Board-Board met last week, WWB gave the go ahead for SEH Engineering to move forward with the 4.5M water filtration project and have bids ready in 2022. 3.375M secured in funding and remainder will be paid through IRRR and the State Bonding. State of MN sent a 50-year award for meeting the fluoride standards for 50 years. Failed a test for chemicals due to beaver dams which have since been removed, but testing will now need to be done quarterly. This has happened in the past.
- Ambulance Commission-Will be meeting every month, next meeting should be on November 1st. Supervisor Tekautz sees a benefit of meeting every month.

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department-Requested SLC coverage for the month of November with the City of Tower.
 - New Chief Dan Reing will begin on Monday November 1st, 2021, will do paperwork and orientation for a minimum of 2 weeks.
 - City of Tower Contract-Clerk Sunsdahl continues to work on contract and exhibit for the City of Tower/Township of Breitung. Should get to the City next week, and to the Township Board for their approval and then send to attorney before December 1st, 2021.
 - Police Vehicle-City of Ely has requested to extend the use of the Township Police vehicle due to the fact one of their vehicles needs repair.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to allow the City of Ely to extend the current agreement for up to 2 weeks
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-According to Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma the 4th Ave. project is going well, sewer mains and laterals are in and insulated. Street needs final grading before blacktop. Curb/gutter in. Hoping to get at least a base coat on from Mesabi Bit. There is a manhole that was not installed but the Township has paid for it and it is at the township. According to JPJ, the township will get a credit for any labor associated with this manhole. Next project will be in front of the SOS. Some manhole projects can be done Nov/Dec. 5 residents taking advantage of the loan through the Water Department.

- McKinley Park Trail
 - City of Tower Maintenance Assistance for the McKinley Park Trail-Chairman Tomsich continues to be in contact with the City of Tower and Kevin Norby. It has been on the City of Towers agenda, with no resolution at this time.
- Tower Trail Committee-please see attached minutes from meeting, will meet one more time. Chairman Tomsich mentioned it is good they are also looking at trail maintenance.
- Recreation Committee -No Meeting this past month, waiting to set up a meeting to go over Master Plan and Cost Estimate from Trish at JPJ. Committee to prioritize projects. IRRR Streetscapes still has not been approved (for purchase of rink). Township whistle was fixed, and able to include cost of an electrician to wire it in under the Streetscapes grant. IRRR Culture & Tourism grant approved today.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to purchase Pee Wee Rink once the Streetscapes grant is approved
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Pay bills as presented
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Transfer of Funds from the Police Department-there is currently \$85,258.33 in the Police Department funds, which is more than is needed this year due to the fact the township hasn't had a police department and has just been paying SLC for extra services.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to transfer \$50k to R&B and \$25k to Projects
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to transfer \$3503.45 from the Police Forfeiture funds to R&B
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Vacating Township Property on Puncher Point-Scott Lilya presented a petition for the township to vacate a portion of a ROW to a Public Beach next to his property. Clerk Sundahl to work with the County to get better information and possibly the township attorney for guidance on this. No Board Action at this time.
- DNR Trails-Thompson Farm Road-There are a lot of new trails being developed. If Thompson Farm Road becomes a part of any trail there will need to be further discussion. ATV Route going to Tower will possibly have more traffic on Jasper St and through Soudan.
- Resolution 2021-24 Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to approve resolution 2021-24 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2021-25 Resolution accepting Donations
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve resolution 2021-25 as presented with donation of funds from Bois Forte to go in to the Fire Equipment Fund as it has in previous years
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- FY 22 Projects-Preliminary Costs- so noted. Information on results from Great Lakes camera of the 7000' of sewer line will go to JPJ for review so JPJ can come up with a cost estimate and set pricing for review.
- JPJ Pay Estimate of \$101,100.18-Pricing includes work through October 16th, 2021.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept and pay the Pay Estimate as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Ambulance Agreement with the City of Tower-Supervisor Tekautz states that upon review it appears approvable, but would like to wait until after the next Ambulance Commission Meeting to see if there are any recommended changes or updates.

Consensus by the Board to schedule a Special Meeting on November 10th, 2021 at 12noon at the Breitung Community Center to discuss grants, vacating of the road, recreation committee updates, and possible swearing in of the new Police Chief.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:05pm

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township