

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 12-02-2021 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: Stephanie Ukkola- Timberjay, Dylan Peterson-JPJ Engineering, Susie Chiabotti-McKinley Park Manager, Daniel Reing-Breitung Police Chief

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 11-10-21 Special Board Meeting

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

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

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

Vermilion Lake Association-send back with email changes

MAT-Newsletter-so noted

League of MN Cities-Insurance Trust-so noted

Rural Health Interest Group-so noted

MAT-Insurance-so noted

WEX-GPS-so noted

St. Louis County Youth in Action-so noted

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- **Police**-See attached. Chief Reing mentioned there was \$360 left from last years Shop with a Cop, he has purchased 18 gift cards and will pass them out. Will work on some grants for next year, possibly body cams
- **Fire**-See attached
- **Road and Bridge**-No report from Maintenance Supervisor this month, busy on working on various projects. Estimate on N 2nd Ave pavement project came in at \$126k. IRRR will present to the commissioner and ask for a 40k grant. Chairman Tomsich spoke with the City of Tower Mayor Dave Setterberg and sent him information on Tower's portion of the road, and the \$10k cost. It is cheaper for all parties (Breitung, Tower, and Catholic

Church) to do pavement all as one other than individually. Stuntz Bay, Spring Rd, Church St and Poplar Street Projects not moving forward at this time. Awaiting on support from the DNR on Stuntz Bay Project. CDBG final application for these projects was submitted for review at the end of November 2021. Will proceed with these projects later in 2022. Supervisor Dostert attended the 169 Taskforce meeting. There were several suggestions on the Y Store changes including a Business District or a Bypass behind the store. There will be a public hearing later this winter.

- McKinley Park- See Attached. Park Manager Susie Chiabotti wanted to thank the Board as well as the Clerk and Treasurer for all their support.
- Recreation
 - Hockey Boards are all gone and donated. Seppi has come to take them.
- Wastewater Board-Water Filtration Project has been delayed, possibly until 2023 due to many unforeseen events. Grant request for \$250k to IRRR for the Manhole Project under the trail will be presented to the Commission soon, and there is a good chance for approval being there are 2 communities involved (Breitung/Tower).
- Ambulance Commission-YTD Ambulance has responded to (452) 911 calls and 37 transfers. The majority of transfers have been to emergency rooms. Other communities are currently in the process of signing the Ambulance Agreement.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department
 - City of Tower Contract-Supervisors have reviewed the draft copy of the contract with the City of Tower and Attorneys for both parties have made their suggested changes.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Police Contract with the City of Tower as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
 - Joint Powers Agreement with the State of MN
 - Resolution 2021-30 Resolution to enter into Agreement with the State of MN
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the agreement with the State of MN and Resolution 2021-30 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
 - Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to sign the Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Rezoning of Township Property-St. Louis Co Planning and Zoning to meet on 12/09/21 @ 9:10am. Residents in the area sent certified notification letter and rezoning published in the Tower News early December. No residents in attendance of this meeting that stated opposition to the proposal or rezoning the parcel located in Breitung Township.
 - Resolution 2021-23-Rezoning Real Property
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to reapprove Resolution 2021-23 as presented
2nd by Chairman Tomsich
Motion passed 2-0
Supervisor Dostert abstained due to the fact that he is a resident in the surrounding area.
- Ambulance Agreement-2nd half of monies due will be paid in December of 2021.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Ambulance Agreement as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Recreation Committee -Pee Wee rink purchased and shipped 12/01/21, next committee meeting on Thursday 12/09/21 @ 5:30pm at the Community Center. Stephanie has sent notices out and Trish has costs and will present.
- Tower Trail Committee-Draft Plan sent out, and suggestions are being requested. Next meeting via ZOOM on 12/15/21 @ 4:00pm

New Business:

- Fire Department-Schedule of training placed on the Township Calendar.
 - FEMA AFG Grant and Resolution 2021-31 Applying for and accepting FEMA funds
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2021-31 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- McKinley Park
 - 2022 Management Agreement
Motion made by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Management Agreement as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
 - 2022 McKinley Park Rate Schedule-Park Manager Susie Chiabotti says that our rates are comparable to other parks in the area. Park Manager suggests increasing the daily and weekly electric sites.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to increase daily electric sites to \$49.50 from \$44.50 and weekly electric sites to \$300.00 from \$275.00 with all other 2021 rates to remain the same for 2022.
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- SLC Variance Application-Mary Batinich
Motion to accept variance proposal as presented by Supervisor Tekautz
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Partial Pay Estimate #3 from JPJ Engineering-Partial Pay Estimate presented in the amount of \$111,985.34 for the 4th Avenue Project
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Partial Pay Estimate #3 and pay as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Gravel Pit Agreement & Bill from Mesabi Bituminous-Bill for previous work done by Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$6,600 was presented along with a 10-year lease (with option to renew) for a space for Mesabi Bituminous to store equipment and materials.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve agreement and bill as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2021-32-Application to apply for and accept Vega-3 funds for voting equipment
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2021-32 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:00pm
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township