

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 12/02/21

Breitung Community Center 12noon

- Call the meeting to order
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 11/10/21-Special Board Meeting
- Approval of October 2021 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 45910-45975
 - Total Disbursements \$268924.36
 - Fund Balance \$\$349,015.45
 - Voided Checks-45919-45921 and 45907
- Correspondence
 - Vermilion Lake Association
 - MAT-Newsletter
 - League of MN Cities-Insurance Trust
 - Rural Health Interest Group
 - MAT-Insurance
 - WEX-GPS
 - St. Louis County Youth in Action
- Public Input

Reports:

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge
- McKinley Park-See Attached
- Recreation
 - Donation of Hockey Boards
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

Old Business

- Update on Police Department
 - City of Tower Contract
 - Joint Powers Agreement with the State of MN
 - Resolution 2021-30 Resolution to enter into Agreement
 - Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement
- Rezoning of Township Property-St Louis Co Planning and Zoning to meet on 12/09/21 @ 9:10am
 - Reapproval of Resolution No. 2021-23
- Ambulance Agreement with the City of Tower
- Recreation Committee Meeting
 - Purchase of peewee rink-shipped 12/01/21
 - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 12/09/21 @ 5:30pm
- Tower Trails Committee Update
 - Next meeting via ZOOM-12/15/21 @ 4:00pm

New Business

- Fire Department
 - Advanced Minnesota Fire Training
 - FY 2021 FEMA AFG Grant Application for new Safety and Operations Equipment. 2 different grants can be applied for, a micro grant for \$50k or full grant for \$100k, township match of 5% to be between \$2500-\$5000 if grant approved.
 - Resolution 2021-31 Applying for, accepting FEMA funds.
- McKinley Park
 - 2022 Agreement
 - 2022 Rate Schedule
- Variance Application-Mary Batinich, St. Louis County meeting on 12/09/21
- Partial Pay Estimate #3 from JPJ Engineering \$111,985.34 for 4th Ave Project
- Gravel Pit Agreement with Mesabi Bituminous and Bill
- Resolution No 2021-32 Application for Vega-3 grant funds for voting equip.

Next Regular Meeting Date-December 23rd, 2021 at 12:00pm

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 11-10-2021 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, Police Chief Daniel Reing, Assistant Fire Chief Matt Tuchel, Stephanie Ukkola- Timberjay, Dillon-JPJ Engineering, Daniel Manick LU 49

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Minutes from the 10/28/21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Business:

- **Update on Police Department**
 - New Chief Dan Reing began on Monday November 1st, 2021 and has been working on setting up the office, will begin taking calls on November 15th, 2021
 - City of Tower Contract-Clerk Sundahl sent a tentative contract to the Township Attorney for review
 - Police Vehicle-City of Ely has the Police vehicle until this coming Friday 11/12/21. Chief Reing to take to the County Radio Shop upon return for updates to the systems.
- **Vacating Township Property on Puncher Point**-Clerk Sundahl spoke with St. Louis County representative as well as the Township Attorney in regards to the application submitted by Scott Lilya. Advice from both parties was to retain legal council on correct completion of application. Clerk Sundahl conveyed this message to Mr. Lilya.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to not accept the application due to it being incomplete
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- **Lodging Tax Board Meeting**-Looking to buy defibrillators, McKinley Park may be eligible for one. See attached report. Need 1 person trained, Matt Tuchel can do this.
- **Recreation Committee** -Recreation Committee met last week, Stephanie Ukkola presented a list of priorities and Trish from JPJ put together a presentation packet. Committee talked about a phased project. Outdoor Recreation Grant application from the DNR due by the end of March 2022. Can receive up to 250k on a 500k project from DNR then other grant funds are available. Next steps are for Trish from JPJ to put

together a cost analysis to present to the committee at their next unscheduled meeting.
Clerk Sundahl ordered the Pee Wee Rink

- FY 22 Projects-Preliminary Costs

- IRRR Streetscapes Grant- Projects included in the grant application total \$20k. The grant will cover 50% of the total project or \$10k. Project includes kiddie ice rink, gardens by signs, solar speed sign, painted crosswalks (4), Bike Racks (2), Benches (2) and Caution sign. This leaves a remainder of \$10k to be paid by the Township. 25% or up to \$2500 will be in kind money for township labor, \$1200.00 came from the Tower Fire Relief Association, \$500 donated by the Joint Powers Recreation Board. This leaves a remainder of \$5800 to be paid by the township. A \$2k grant is being applied for through LCP, and if approved for the full amount will leave a balance of \$3800 to be paid for by the township.
- IRRR Culture and Tourism grant Projects included in the grant application total \$46k. The grant will cover 50% of the total project or \$23k. Project includes upgrades to McKinley Park such as electrical, ditching and landscaping, pedestrian ramp at the boat launch, new decking for 2 docks, Bike Rack and bench, and an updated Map of the park. There is no in-kind match. Match for the Township will be \$23k which will be paid from McKinley Park Revenue.
- IRRR Community Infrastructure Grant to include the Spring Road Project and N. 2nd Ave Project from Hwy 169 to the Catholic Church Parking Lot.
Resolution 2021-28-Resolution authorizing the township to make application to and accept funds from IRRR FY22 Community Infrastructure Fund Program
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve Resolution 2021-28 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- CDBG Community Infrastructure Grant-Chairman Tomsich submitted a pre application to CDBG for Community Infrastructure projects. Application to include the Stuntz Bay Road Project, Water Meter Replacement Project, Poplar St Project, and Church St Project from Hwy 169 to the Recreation Area. Additional sewer work may be added after the camera video is reviewed by JPJ Engineering.
Resolution 2021-29-Resolution 2021-29 Resolution authorizing the township to make application to and accept funds from CDBG for the Community Infrastructure Program
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2021-29 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Fire Department Membership-2 applications submitted to the Board which were approved by the Fire Department.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the 2 applications submitted pending background check and physical

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2021-26-Resolution to participate in PERA-Daniel Reing

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pass resolution 2021-26 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to recess the Board Meeting at 1:54pm until 5:00pm this evening.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Present In Person at 5:00pm:

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

Public: Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson, Police Chief Daniel Reing, Terry Sunsdahl, Nancy Tekautz, Jim Hill Trudy Hendricks, Stephanie Ukkola, Lori Sundeen-Tomsich, Orlyn Kringstadt, Ivette, Nancy, Lily, Remi and Dan Reing Sr.

- Call back to Order-Chairman Tomsich called the meeting back to order @ 5:13pm
- Swearing in of new Police Chief-
 - Welcome and Bio given by Chairman Tomsich
 - Oath of Office Administered by Clerk Sunsdahl
 - Thank You by Police Chief Reing and Chairman Tomsich

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 5:42pm

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Oct-21

GENERAL	161,938.09
ROAD & BRIDGE	63,195.09
FIRE	37,457.66
PARK	71,404.58
RECREATION	12,923.37
POLICE	10,967.85
PROJECTS	(71,757.55)
WATER DEPT	62,886.36
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	349,015.45



November 24, 2021

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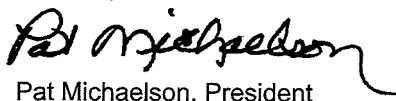
Dear Township of Breitung,

This is the time of year when we ask our members to renew their membership for the next year. Since you're receiving a complimentary subscription to our quarterly newsletter, *The Vermilion*, no dues are necessary.

Please review your contact information below. If corrections are needed, detach the bottom portion of this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope or contact Sher Sawatzky at sherisawatzky@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about our organization, please call me at (612) 306-7702 or send me an email at plmichaelson@gmail.com. You can also visit our updated website www.VermilionLakeAssociation.org.

Sincerely,



Pat Michaelson, President

PS: Please include your email address and phone number below. Having them makes it easier for us to reach you concerning seasonal address changes, volunteer opportunities, and key issues affecting our lake.

Please separate this bottom section and return it to: Vermilion Lake Association • PO Box 696 • Tower MN 55790

2022 Vermilion Lake Association Renewal

- 1 Please make any changes to your name(s) and address:

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
PO BOX 56
SOUDAN MN 55782

- 2 Please add or change phone & email address:

218-753-6020
breitung@frontier.com

- 3 (Optional) Please add or change any seasonal address info:

Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Don't use seasonal address for mail

Use seasonal address for mail from/to these dates:

Month _____ Day _____ to Month _____ Day _____

- 4 Please select 2022 membership category:

☐ \$15.00 Individual ☐ \$25.00 Family
☐ \$20.00 Couple ☐ \$50.00 Business

- 5 Please consider a tax-deductible gift to the Vermilion Lake Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

☐ I've included a donation with my dues: \$ _____
☐ This donation is in memory of: _____

- 6 Please consider becoming a volunteer.

☐ Please contact me to discuss volunteer opportunities.
☐ I'm especially interested in _____
☐ No project preference. I just want to help.

From: Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 11:38 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: November 2021 Newsletter



November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Township Officers,

Thank you for reviewing our monthly e-newsletter update. Below is information on new times for our monthly "Township Tuesday" calls, registration for a new treasurers training, APRA updates, and more. The Minnesota Legislative Session begins January 31, 2022. Now is a great time to connect with your state representatives and senators. Please contact the MAT office at any time if we can be helpful in any way.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Jeff Krueger, Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Townships

New times for "Township Tuesday" conference calls

MAT staff will return to twice-monthly "Township Tuesday" virtual starting in December on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The purpose of these optional calls is to connect with MAT staff on updates and ask questions about any topic.

Please note the new times, dates, and participation information starting in December:

1st Tuesday: 10 AM
3rd Tuesday: 10 AM

Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88491131671>

Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671

OR participate via phone, (646) 558-8656 passcode 88-49-113-16-71#

Recordings:

[Listen to the Township Tuesday Call on November 16, 2021](#)

[Listen to the Township Tuesday Call on November 9, 2021](#)

[Listen to the Township Tuesday Call on November 2, 2021](#)

[Listen to the Township Tuesday Call on October 26, 2021](#)

Upcoming: Training on ARPA Spending Resolutions

Join MAT Attorneys for an introduction and discussion of the new American Rescue Plan Act spending resolutions. Townships participating in the ARPA program should document their use of ARPA funds and the sample resolutions discussed in this training will help township's support and document their spending choices.

Date: Tuesday, December 14 at 10 AM

Format: Virtual on Zoom, and the presentation will be recorded and placed on the MAT website.

Participate: Join by computer (preferred) at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82790831073>
OR join us by phone at (301) 715-8592 passcode 827-908-31073#

Notes: This event is free and there is no registration.

Upcoming: New Treasurer Training

Congratulations to new Treasurers!

The Minnesota Association of Townships welcomes treasurers, with less than two years of experience, to attend a training session at its training center in St. Michael.

The training will focus on:

- Statutory duties of the Treasurer and overlap of duties with the clerk
- CTAS Chart of Accounts/Uniformed Chart of Accounts
- CTAS fund, account number, object codes
- CTAS receipts, claims, disbursements, payroll
- Yearend reports, to included MATIT report
- Township investments
- Resource handout

Date: Wednesday, December 8

Time: 9:00 registration, 9:30-3:30 training

Location: MN Association of Townships training room, 805 Central Ave East, St. Michael, MN 55376

Fee: \$40

Notes: Lunch will be provided, and participants must wear a mask.

Registration: [Click here and fill out this form.](#)

MAT Scholarship Applications Open

The Minnesota Association of Townships is proud to offer a township scholarship program for high school juniors in the state of Minnesota. Up to FIVE \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Please visit the **MAT website for full information about scholarships**.

All students currently enrolled in the 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home study program and who plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school are eligible for this program.

2022 Essay Topic: Promoting Township Government. The question is: "The Minnesota Association of Townships has the responsibility to promote public understanding of the heritage and future of township government and its role in the state and federal systems. What are some ways that MAT could promote awareness of township government and inspire township residents and Boards to become involved?"

All applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2022**.

MAT is hiring for Insurance Agency

The Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust is looking for a new manager as Jon Mocol has resigned his position. Please see the **Full Position Description: Manager of MAT Agency Operations**. The position will remain opened until filled.

Good news: More grants available for Noxious Weeds/ Invasive Plants

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities (including weed management areas) may apply for grants to mitigate noxious weeds around the state. Grants for fiscal year 2022 will be funded up to \$5,000. The awards are intended to support local projects.

Review the request for proposals (RFP) and find the application on the **MDA website**. Applications are due no later than 3 p.m. on **December 3, 2021**. Questions can be directed to Emilie Justen, MDA Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, at **emilie.justen@state.mn.us**.

FY 2022 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

The Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program from the USDA is an excellent funding opportunity for townships. Few grant programs fund brick and mortar projects (town hall, police/fire station, etc.).

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses, in addition to other items.

More information about the grant program (rolling due date) can be found on the [MAT website here](#), and on the [USDA website here](#).

Veterans Memorial Grants

- **Request for Proposals; Fiscal Year 2022 Veterans Memorial Grants**

\$72,500 in Fiscal Year 2022 and \$72,500 in Fiscal Year 2023 are for a competitive grants program to provide grants to local units of government for veterans memorials to preserve the culture and heritage of Minnesota. The local unit of government must provide a nonstate cash match equal to the amount of the grant received under this paragraph.

Fiscal Year 2022 **applications are due no later than 4:30pm Central Time on Friday, December 17, 2021**. Please contact Sarah Hernandez at the MN Department of Administration with any questions.

MAT Insurance Envelopes

Green-and-white envelopes sent by MATIT contained the Workers' Compensation Invoices and Audit forms. Let us know (wcaudit@mntownships.org) if your township did not receive one.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

FEMA: AFG General Info-PDF

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognize standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Eligible applicants are fire departments, non-affiliated emergency medical services organizations, and state fire training academies.

Applications must be submitted by **December 17, 2021**.

2021 AFG application and information

Work with your FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialist on scoping your application and consult the AFG help desk at (866) 274-0960 or FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov

ARPA reporting date now April 30, 2022

The U.S. Treasury has revised the deadline for the submission of the first Project and Expenditure Report for ARPA funding as follows:

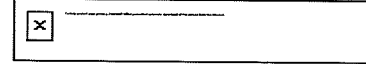
Each Township must submit a Project Expenditure Report by **April 30, 2022** and then annually thereafter. A forthcoming User Guide will provide information on submitting

Project and Expenditure Reports. Please visit the Treasury's website at www.Treasury.gov/SLFRPReporting for the latest information.

LTAP Workshops Fall/Winter

Best Practices for Traffic Sign Maintenance

The workshops will review the best practices handbook including the provisions of the MN MUTCD, a review of the alternative methods for sign maintenance, and an approach to developing a budget for sign maintenance. In addition, attendees will learn about a technique for reducing sign maintenance budgets that focuses on reducing the number of signs in an agency's inventory (a pilot program along the township system in Stevens County achieved a 28 percent reduction). This discussion will include information about establishing policies and procedures that help your agency maintain compliance with retroreflectivity requirements while also managing your risk.



- **January 13, 2022**—Virtual, offered through Zoom

Registration and More Information. Hosted by MN LTAP.

Workshops: Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation

This workshop provides an overview of the available technology and tools that make implementing an effective asphalt pavement rehabilitation program feasible. A successful pavement rehabilitation program encompasses a full range of rehabilitation strategies as well as maintenance treatments, with the goal of enhancing pavement performance (ride, quality, safety, service life, etc.) and life (LCC, pavement durability).

The workshop has recently been updated to provide attendees with the most current information, tools, and technologies. It offers guidance that can be used throughout the project development process, giving agencies the information they need to successfully select, develop, and construct the best rehabilitation process for their selected roadways.

This workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) at the specified location on each of the dates listed below.

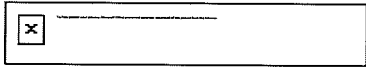
Register:

- **February 9, 2022**—Blue Earth County Library, 100 E Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001
- **February 10, 2022**—Stearns County Highway Department, 455 28th Avenue South, Waite Park, MN 56387
- **February 15, 2022**—Virtual, offered through Zoom

Cost: \$75 in person, \$45 virtual

More Information. Hosted by MN LTAP.

SeminarWeb online training available



MAT's SeminarWeb is a library of online presentations and educational materials designed to help township officers effectively govern their townships and learn when it is most convenient for them. In addition to supporting the continuing education of officers who attend our live events, we hope to reach township officers who are unable to attend live trainings.

There are 17 different courses to choose from. [Click here to see the full catalog and any upcoming Live Webinars.](#)

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From: Honeck, Laura <lhoneck@lmc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 9:45 PM
Subject: League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust: 2021-22 Coverages, Rates, and Dividend Amount

Dear Member,

The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Board of Trustees recently approved premium rates and several coverage changes for the coming year. A copy of this communication will also be sent to your insurance agent.

We're pleased to be able to reduce property/casualty rates for 2022. In addition, the Trust is returning \$15 million to members of the property/casualty program. A check for your entity's share of the dividend will be mailed on December 9. Learn more about this year's dividend at:

[2021 Property/Casualty Dividend](#)

Unfortunately, increasing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) claims costs in law enforcement are again leading to an overall workers' compensation program rate increase. Read more about PTSD trends and what can be done to help control workers' compensation rates at:

[PTSD and Mental Health Toolkit Offers Resources to Promote Well-Being of Public Safety Officers](#)

General information about the coming year's rate and coverage changes is available at these links:

[2021-22 Premium Rates](#)

[2021-22 Coverage Changes](#)

Thank you for your continued participation in the Trust. We appreciate your confidence and value your engagement. If you have any questions about the changes taking place this year, feel free to contact your agent or underwriter.



Dan Greensweig | LMCIT Administrator

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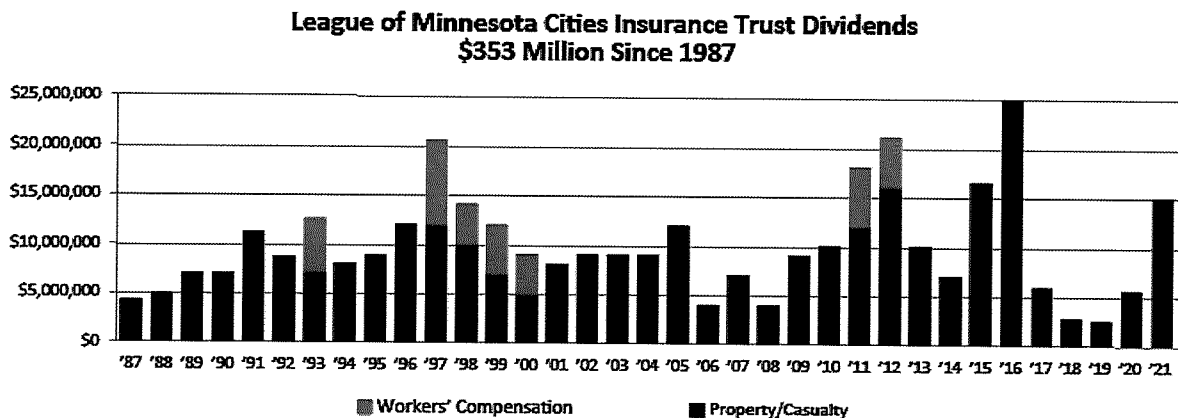
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2021 Dividend

If the Trust's fund balance reaches a level where it's more than sufficient to pay claims and plan for contingencies, the Trust is able to return funds to the members. The Board of Trustees undertakes this evaluation every year based on losses experienced by members, actuarial projections, investment results, legislative and coverage changes, reinsurance costs, and the Trust's long-term strategic direction.

How much will the Trust return to members this year?

The property/casualty program will return a total dividend amount of \$15 million to members this year. Dividend checks will be mailed to members in mid-December of 2021.



Is there any pattern or trend to the amount of dividend to expect in the future?

Members should not include dividend returns in their yearly budget projections, since the amount will fluctuate from year to year based on the factors described above. The amount of a given year's dividend return has no bearing on the amount returned the following year.

Key elements of the dividend formula:

- Dividends are distributed only to cities and other entities that are members as of Dec. 1 in the year the dividend is being returned. Former participants do not share in the dividend distributions.

- Each member's share is proportionate to the difference between the member's total premiums and total losses as of May 31 for the past 20 years.
 - Individual losses are capped at the lesser of \$200,000 or 200% of the member's annual premium for the year of the loss.
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Your LMC Resource

Laura Honeck

LMCIT Operations Manager

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2021-2022 Premium Rates

The Trust's Board of Trustees evaluates loss projections every year to ensure premium rates are adequately set to respond to future claims experienced by Minnesota cities. Here is information about premium rates going into effect for property/casualty coverages renewing on or after Nov. 15, 2021, and for workers' compensation coverages renewing on or after Jan. 1, 2022.

Property/casualty rates

What does property/casualty coverage include?

The Trust's coverage is tailored specifically for Minnesota cities, and it's generally broader than commercial policies. It includes coverage for things like loss or damage to city buildings, liability claims resulting from actions or incidents involving city staff or elected officials, land use, sewer back-up liability, auto liability and auto physical damage, and cyber-related claims.

How does the Trust set rates?

Rates are set at a level to generate enough premium to cover 1) projected administrative expenses for the program; 2) expected claim costs for the year based on actuaries' calculations; and 3) a contingency margin to protect the Trust and its members from the possibility that losses will be higher than expected.

What do property/casualty rates look like for 2022?

Property/casualty rates will decrease by an average rate of 1.5% for 2022. However, each member will be impacted differently, with some members seeing a higher rate increase and others a lower rate increase or decrease for the following reasons (members and agents can contact their underwriter for details that are member-specific).

Property rates will decrease 7% on average, but overall rates have been restructured for specific buildings types (see "other variables" below) so that rates align with the risk that certain building types present. This means that rates for some building types will increase and for others, rates will decrease. Each members' actual rate change will depend on its particular mix of covered property.

Property types with biggest rate increases include general civic buildings like city halls, fire stations, community centers, police stations, and water, sewer, and electric utility property; while biggest decreases include park property and property in the open (property in the open is items like benches, picnic tables, statues, playgrounds, sports apparatus, etc.). Members with a mix of property that proportionately matches the program as a whole will not be impacted much, as increases and decreases for property types will largely offset each other.

Other changes:

- There will be a new premium charge for first-party cyber coverage. It's important to note we formerly funded for first-party cyber coverage costs implicitly through property premiums, and part of the reason we're able to decrease property rates by so much is because we're no longer funding for first-party cyber coverage costs through property premiums.
- Land use litigation and sewer backup rates will decrease 3%.
- Excess liability rates will increase 9%.

What about other variables?

Members should note their premiums will be affected by other individual factors such as changes in expenditures, property values, payroll, experience ratings, and others. Contact the Trust's underwriting specialists for questions about your specific rates.

Workers' compensation rates

What is workers' compensation coverage?

Workers' compensation provides coverage for members that have employees who are injured while in the course and scope of employment.

What are the rate changes for 2022?

As was the case last year, public safety post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) claims have had significant cost implications, resulting in an average rate increase of 10% for the coming year.

Additionally, the Trust will make job class rate relativity adjustments, which means rates for some job classes will increase and for others the rate will decrease. Individual members' premiums will be impacted differently depending on the particular mix of payroll by job class.

Here's a look at the specific rate changes by job class:

Rate Relativity Adjustments Effective Jan. 1, 2022				
This table details 2022 class rate changes for the bulk of city payrolls. Most job class rates are shown per \$100 of payroll.				
Rates for volunteer firefighters are shown per 100 of population.				
Class Code	Description	2021 Rates	2022 Rates	Rate change
7380	Ambulance	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.44	4%
7381	Ambulance: volunteer	\$ 12.04	\$ 10.83	-10%
9015	Building maintenance	\$ 7.77	\$ 7.32	-6%
9182	City arena operations	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.25	11%
8227	City shop & yard	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.41	-10%
8810	Clerical office employees	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.74	-10%
9063	Community centers	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.58	-10%
9411	Elected or appointed officials	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.51	-10%
7539	Electric & steam plant	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.42	-7%
7706	Firefighters	\$ 9.09	\$ 10.77	18%
7716	Firefighters: non-smoking	\$ 8.18	\$ 9.69	18%
7708	Firefighters: volunteer	\$ 265.55	\$ 265.55	0%
7718	Firefighters: volunteer, non- smoking	\$ 239.00	\$ 239.00	0%
9403	Garbage	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.96	-10%
7502	Gas company	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.07	1%
9060	Golf course	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.74	30%
9033	Housing authority	\$ 3.07	\$ 3.99	30%
9410	Municipal employee	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.92	30%
8017	Off sale liquor store	\$ 4.57	\$ 4.11	-10%
9084	On sale liquor store	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.28	22%
9102	Parks	\$ 6.31	\$ 7.68	22%
7720	Police	\$ 8.28	\$ 10.76	30%
7722	Police reserves	\$ 3.02	\$ 3.77	25%
7723	Police reserves: non-smoking	\$ 2.72	\$ 3.39	25%
7721	Police: non-smoking	\$ 7.45	\$ 9.68	30%
7580	Sewage disposal plant	\$ 5.25	\$ 4.73	-10%
5506	Street construction	\$ 10.42	\$ 9.37	-10%
7520	Waterworks	\$ 4.38	\$ 3.95	-10%

Members and agents can contact their underwriter for member-specific details.

What about other variables?

Individual member premiums for the workers' compensation program will also be affected by other factors like changes in member expenditures, payrolls, experience rating, and other exposure measures.

What role does PTSD play in workers' compensation rate increases?

Since PTSD claims first became compensable in 2013, they have risen to a point where they're currently projected to make up about 37% of the Trust's annual workers' compensation claim costs, with most of that arising from police claims. The majority of PTSD costs are attributable to covering lost wages for employees who do not return to work after their diagnosis.

What is the Trust doing to address PTSD costs?

The Trust understands pressures on city budgets faced with rising premium rates. The Trust and its members have taken a leading role — along with public safety professional

organizations, other local government insurance pools across the country, and other significant stakeholders — to address workers' compensation costs associated with PTSD.

The Trust's PTSD specialist, hired in 2020, continues to work with Trust staff and external stakeholders on outreach and educational efforts with member cities in an effort to promote PTSD prevention and treatment among public safety personnel. This past year, a Duty Disability Group was formed among stakeholders to work with the League of Minnesota Cities' Intergovernmental Relations team to identify and seek a workable state legislative solution that will involve a PTSD disability funding solution without ties to the state's workers' compensation system. The Trust has also planned a robust public information campaign for 2022 emphasizing that PTSD among first responders is treatable and does not need to be permanently debilitating.

What can members do?

In addition to the financial burden posed on the workers' compensation system, PTSD has a dramatic impact on law enforcement staffing, departmental morale, and the well-being of affected employees and their families, friends, and communities. For tips on preventing, recognizing, and acknowledging PTSD within your city's law enforcement and first responder communities, please visit the Trust's [PTSD and Mental Health Toolkit](#).

The Trust has developed this resource to help our members address issues of PTSD and general mental health. It also addresses topics such as suicide prevention, creating a supportive environment, PTSD treatability, and more. The toolkit also includes a Media Room that shares stories and perspectives from the public safety community related to PTSD and mental health. Understanding and implementing the action steps described in these resources can play significant roles in mitigating costly PTSD claims. Even more important, it will help return injured employees to a full and healthy life.

Your LMC Resource

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2021-2022 Coverage Changes

The Trust understands unique exposures faced by cities and regularly develops new coverages to address ever-changing needs. The Trust's staff members have expertise needed to address all coverage issues and concerns, giving busy city staff one less thing to worry about.

Cyber coverage restructuring

The Trust has developed a new Municipal First-Party Cyber Coverage form for first-party cyber risks, including coverage for:

1. Breach response expenses
2. Loss of revenue
3. Data restoration
4. Computer equipment restoration

These coverages were previously provided under the Trust's property coverage, but it will now be placed in a new, standalone coverage document.

There will be a \$250,000 aggregate limit per member for the new first-party coverage, but members will be allowed to increase the limit to \$500,000 for an additional premium charge. Members seeking the \$500,000 limit will be required to undertake certain loss control actions in 2022 and beyond. The Trust will focus on building loss control resources and will be developing additional requirements in the coming year. For the 2022 renewal term, members will need to attest to reading an [excerpt developed by LMCIT about reducing computer security risks](#)

There will also be a shared pool limit for first-party cyber claims. Members will share a \$10 million limit for common causes, or similar cyber claims stemming from one event, and a \$25 million aggregate limit over a 12-month period.

The liability coverage will remain unchanged with respect to coverage for cyber claims. There's still a \$2 million per occurrence limit with a \$3 million aggregate limit.

[Learn more about the Trust's cyber coverages](#)

Crime coverage sub-limit for fraudulent instruction claims (crime coverage)

Crime coverage with a \$250,000 per occurrence limit is provided on a standard basis for members that have property coverage with the Insurance Trust. All cities carrying the Trust's property coverage automatically receive \$250,000 of coverage for crime losses by non-city employees. There will now be a sub-limit of \$50,000 for certain claims resulting from an

employee's transfer of funds based on fraudulent instructions. All other crime coverage claims will still be subject to the full per occurrence limit, which is \$250,000 in most cases.

[Learn more about best practices to prevent electronic theft and access a model electronic funds transfer policy.](#)

High value auto sub-limit (auto physical damage coverage)

There will now be a \$2 million limit for any covered automobile. If a member owns or acquires an automobile with a value of more than \$2 million, the Trust can review and adjust limits, if appropriate, after carefully reviewing the exposure with the member.

Coverage clarifications for 2022

Out-of-state workers' compensation exposure

The recent increase in employee telecommuting prompted the Trust to revisit workers' compensation coverage for employees who work in other states. The coverage language no longer references the workers' compensation law of any state. If members have employees who need coverage for work performed in other states, members should contact their agent or the Trust to find appropriate coverage from an insurer licensed to do business in that state.

Property in the open

Clarifications were made in the property coverage for how dugouts and athletic surfaces can be covered. In addition, explicit exclusions were adopted for guardrails and bollards (short posts used to create perimeters) — if members want to cover those items, it will require a special endorsement.

Pollutants, chemicals, biological weapons, and cyberattacks

A clarification was made for a sub-limit for property claims caused by terrorism involving the discharge of pollutants, chemicals, or biological weapons, and for losses, costs, and expenses resulting from a cyberattack.

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Have Ideas for Enhanced Coverage?

Do you have ideas to enhance the Trust's coverages? We'd like to hear from you.

[Contact an Underwriter](#)

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From: rhig Rural Health Interest Group <rhig@umn.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 6:32 PM
To: RTower@bigforkvalley.org
Subject: Rural Health Interest Group

Hello,

We are the Rural Health Interest Group (RHIG), affiliated with University of Minnesota [Rural Health Research Center](#). Any student, professor, alumnus, or community member can be a member of RHIG, and we are inviting you to join our group. We hold regular events on the first and third Monday of the month that range from trivia, case studies, panelist events, and more!

Our group has three primary goals:

1. To host meetings with diverse speakers, panelists, and topics focused on rural health;
2. To provide opportunities for collaboration with students, professors, and community members; and
3. To discuss emerging trends in rural health research and practice.

To join our list-serv and hear about our events, please fill out this [quick form](#). Please feel free to forward this information to anyone in your network that may also be interested. You can learn more about RHIG and our upcoming events on our website: <https://z.umn.edu/RHIG>

We look forward to engaging with you about rural health topics!

Best,

Megan Clarke

Megan Clarke (they/them)
Communications Chair | Rural Health Interest Group
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MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS AGENCY

Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance & Bond Trust (MATIT)

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Dawn Zimmerman

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Chris Houle

November 1, 2021

Enclosed, please find the audited financial statements for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for both the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) and the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust (MATIT). The members that have Workers' Compensation coverage will be receiving these financial statements in their Workers' Compensation Renewal Packets which were mailed this week. As a member that doesn't participate in MATIT's Workers' Compensation program we're mailing this to you now.

Most town officers do too much for their towns to not be compensated if they are hurt while working for the township. I encourage you to obtain a no-obligation Workers' Compensation quote to find out the cost of protecting you and the other officers of your township. By not carrying Workers' Compensation Insurance, the township is self-insuring and is opening itself up to possible liabilities and a violation of state statute 176 requiring Workers' Compensation coverage.

Please give us a call any time at 800-262-2864 you have questions about your town's insurance or to check on MATIT's rates. We want to make sure that you receive the best insurance coverage at a reasonable cost and maximize the benefits of your MAT membership.

Sincerely,

Jon Mocol
Manager of Insurance Operations

Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance and Bond Trust

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Operating revenues:		
Contributions earned	\$ 4,616,992	\$ 4,450,988
Less reinsurance premiums	(683,823)	(544,109)
Other revenue	14,925	16,500
Net operating revenues	3,948,094	3,923,379
Operating expenses:		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred	1,179,333	1,118,567
General and administrative expenses:		
Administrative fees—related party	1,250,000	1,195,455
Service fees	237,292	226,547
Special Compensation Fund assessment incurred	(13,974)	28,309
Other general and administrative expenses	645,198	216,510
Total general and administrative expenses	2,118,516	1,666,821
Total operating expenses	3,297,849	2,785,388
Operating income	650,245	1,137,991
Nonoperating income (loss):		
Net investment income	540,318	500,665
Net change in the fair value of investments	(286,131)	417,239
Total nonoperating income (loss)	254,187	917,904
Change in net position	904,432	2,055,895
Net position:		
Beginning of year	22,779,972	20,724,077
End of year	\$ 23,684,404	\$ 22,779,972

A copy of the complete audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, will be available upon written request to Minnesota Association of Townships, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, Minnesota 55376. Audit performed by RSM US LLP.

Minnesota Association of Townships

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Revenues:		
Dues	\$ 857,795	\$ 857,270
Administrative fees	1,250,000	1,145,962
Meetings and seminar registration fees	16,736	69,826
Royalty revenue	125,000	166,667
Investment income	14,911	43,538
Other revenues	83,877	148,132
Total revenues	2,348,319	2,431,395
Expenses:		
Board	239,919	261,187
Staff and benefits	1,053,456	1,174,474
Operating	300,779	334,365
Training	124,961	191,995
Legislative	69,789	43,058
Insurance	30,732	28,453
Outside boards and committees	35,489	40,859
Total expenses	1,855,125	2,074,391
Change in net assets	493,194	357,004
Net assets, beginning of year	4,165,478	3,808,474
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 4,658,672</u>	<u>\$ 4,165,478</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Mary Tennis
Director, St. Louis County Depot & Extension Services

Youth in Action (YIA) is excited to announce that on Monday, February 28, 2022, the annual Make a Difference (MAD) Conference will be at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center in Virginia, MN. The mission of the Make a Difference Conference is to strengthen, educate and inspire young people with the help of partners so they can make a difference in their communities through leadership, advocacy, and service and to recruit, grow, and promote the YIA program. This will be our first time holding our conference at the newly constructed Iron Trail Motors Event Center formally known as the Miners Memorial Facility.

The MAD Conference is St. Louis County's largest youth focused event of the year. Attending this conference is free for the youth involved. Attendees choose breakout sessions hosted by their fellow YIA peers. Conference expenses include venue rental, student bus transportation, keynote speaker, lunch, t-shirts, and meal during Sunday set up. St. Louis County and community sponsorship cover this event.

We are writing this letter to invite you to be a sponsor of the 2022 YIA Make a Difference Conference. Your contribution will support youth who attend the conference from across St. Louis County. Community sponsorship helps us continue to provide a free, impactful, and memorable day for the future leaders of St. Louis County. Also, new this year, we'll be offering a hybrid model to reach youth both in-person and virtually.

Included are sponsor levels and a form for contributions. Feel free to contact us with questions about the conference or program activities. Thank you for your continued commitment to our youth. For questions regarding sponsorships please contact Stacey DeRoche at 218-428-9847.

Please know we are monitoring the pandemic very closely. Our best-case scenario will be hosting this conference in-person. If we need to host the event virtually, we will make that decision on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. We also have dates held for November 2022 and February 2023 for a new in-person conference. In the event we host virtually, we will honor your sponsorship on the new in-person date.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support St. Louis County Extension's Youth in Action program and our 2022 Make a Difference Conference.

Sincerely,

YIA Program Coordinators: Taryn Burnett, Tyler Erickson, Elise Rigney, & Angela Zavodnik
St. Louis County Extension Office - Duluth and Virginia
Partners Advisory Board of Northern St. Louis County





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We invite you to support the St. Louis County Youth in Action Conference on February 28, 2022. We gratefully welcome all donations and support from our community partners.

Youth in ACTION

Would you like to exhibit and showcase your organization's programs and services to youth throughout St. Louis County? If so, we have four different levels of sponsorship to meet your organizations needs for exposure and to show support of our youth.

SUPPORTER LEVELS

	CHAMPION \$2000	ADVOCATE \$1000	ALLY \$500	YOUTH PARTICIPANT \$100-\$499
RECOGNITION ON CHAMPION SPONSOR BANNER COMPANY LOGO ON ALL STAFF & STUDENT T-HSIRTS				
COMPANY SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION AT OPENING AND				
HANDOUT IN ATTENDEE'S DAY BAG				
RECOGNITION IN CONFERENCE BROCHURE RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA				

It costs between \$75 or \$100 per student to attend our conference. We invite you to sponsor as many students as you would like. Your sponsorship will support a youth from one of the eighteen schools we serve throughout St. Louis County.

Please email your logo to rigneye@stlouiscountymn.gov by February 1, 2022 to use to recognize you at the conference, based on your supporter level.

Yes! I would like to support the 27th annual
MAKE A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE
on February 28, 2022 at the Iron Trails Motor
Entertainment Convention Center (ITMEC.)



SUPPORTER LEVELS

Support the Conference

- ☐ Champion—\$2000
- ☐ Advocate—\$1000
- ☐ Ally—\$500

Sponsor a Student

- ☐ One Student—\$100
- ☐ Two Students—\$200
- ☐ Three Students—\$300
- ☐ Four Students—\$400

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St. Louis County

Send to:
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November Fire Dept Report

Regular monthly fire dept meeting was held on 11/11/21. Highlights review and discussion of fire calls, assigned members for monthly apparatus checks and equipment checks, acceptance of two new members and discussion of transition plan for officers and fire dept changes for 2022.

Hands on training conducted winterization of equipment and apparatus

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

- 10/27 Mutual Aid for house explosion in Greenwood Township
- 10/30 Mutual Aid for cooking fire in Tower



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CHIEF OF POLICE

Calls:

(11/15/2021-11/30/2021) Ely PD used the squad for the first half of the month.

19 calls

Citations: 3

1 Speed Citation

1 Expired Registration Citation

1 Driving After Suspension Citation

Mileage for squad 327

(11/15/2021) 34,824

(11/30/2021) 35,393

Updates and recap of month:

Chief Reing recertified for the DMT. Spent several hours going back online and restarting the department. Evidence room and upstairs were cleaned, more work to be done. Reset police department into various computer programs for squad and office. Set up annual training for officers in Ely on December 14, 2021. Ordered ammunition for training and duty ammunition. Some has arrived, and we are still waiting on others.



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McKinley Park Report 2021

Our 2021 season was great! Things ran very smoothly. We had a few issues with the electricity, which the Township has already started to update. We would also thank the township for the new 6 new picnic tables, which brings the total to 12 new tables and 3 new benches. Future improvements also include work on the docks.

Camping revenue was up \$7,278 overall, which includes an increase in the winter storage fees.

Our electric bill was up \$590 over 2020. Our garbage bill was down \$536. We will continue to encourage recycling, which really keeps the garbage bill down.

We are grateful to our campers who continue to help one another and us. They are also great supporters of our local businesses.

We are thankful to Breitung Township for their support:

Supervisors:

Tim, our main contact, Chuck and Dusty.

Clerk, Treasure: Dianna and Jorgine.

Maintenance: Tom and Keith and all the great township kids!

Susie + Jerry