

# **Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting**

**Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02/24/22**

**Breitung Community Center 12noon**

- Call the meeting to order
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 01-27-22 Regular Board Meeting
  - 02-10-22 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of January 2022 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 46148-46245
  - Total Disbursements \$98,710.85
  - Fund Balance \$359,643.37
  - Voided Checks-42180, 42763,43853,45487,45828,46215
- Correspondence
  - MAT-Township Lobby Day
  - EZ Ice Video
  - MN Power Rate Increase
  - St Louis County CDBG and HOME Programs
  - St Louis County-Local CWPP Planning
- Public Input

## **Reports:**

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge
- McKinley Park
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

## **Old Business**

- Township Operations
- Recreation Committee
  - DNR Grant Application-JPJ

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills as Presented
- Fire Department
  - Request Hiring of 2 new members
  - Request Purchase of new laptop
  - Request Purchase of new fire gear
  - Grant Reimbursement Request Form
  - Resolution 2022-#6 Apply for and Accept Funds
- LMC-Workers Compensation (Choose Deductible) (\$10k previous years)
- Stauber Community Funding Projects
- Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities
- Request for Letter of Support from TEDA to the Northland Foundation's proposal to ask for MN DEED money for Main St Revitalization Project
- Resolution 2022-05 Accepting Donations

Board of Audit-Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 following the Regular Meeting

Board of Canvass-Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 following the Township Election

Annual Meeting-Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 following the Board of Canvass

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12noon

Reorganizational Meeting-Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 following the Regular Board Meeting

## **Adjourn**

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 01-27-22 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, Jessica Hanine (Tower News), Tom Gorsma-Public Works, Matt Tuchel-Fire Department, Valeda McDonald (12:05pm)

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich

### **Acceptance of Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept agenda as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Minutes from the 12-23-21 Regular Board Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Treasurers Report:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Correspondence:**

- MAT-ARPA Funds-can now put in General Funds, first half received in 2021 used for infrastructure
- Minnesota Pollution Control-State Revolving Funds, Environmental Review-JPJ to take care of
- St Louis County Public Health-Covid Updates, Project Blue Light-so noted
- St Louis County Association of Townships-so noted
- Johnson, Killen & Seiler-rate increase-so noted
- Minnesota Rural Water Association-so noted

### **Public Input:**

None

### **Reports:**

- **Police**-See attached, stopped at rink to talk with kids
- **Fire**-See attached
- **Road and Bridge**-Plowing, doing preventative maintenance on equipment, monitoring water temps, will monitor fire hydrants in February, dock section work completed, a lot of time at the rink, no homes w/frozen water
- **McKinley Park**- Seasonal Deposits received, Monthly Deposits opens February 1st

- Recreation-Supervisor Dostert stated mats are needed for concrete, skates needing sharpening more often. Stephanie Ukkola would like to step back from the Recreation Committee, Supervisor Dostert asked if she could stay for one more Recreation Committee Meeting. Hockey Day will be Feb 26<sup>th</sup> with Youth Game, Boot Hockey and an Adult Game. Supervisor Tekautz asked Clerk Sunsdahl to find out how insurance works if someone were to get injured.
- Wastewater Board-Board Meeting last week, still waiting to see if bonding money will be coming through. Chart in packet showing Wastewater Flow vs. Water Usage. Wastewater and Water Usage seems to have gone down in 2021, may be attributed to the drought last year, will continue to monitor.
- Ambulance Commission-Nothing new to report. Greenwood Township invited Virginia Ambulance to speak at a meeting, appears to be an expensive venture.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

### Old Business:

- Township Operations
  - Covid numbers from St. Louis County Public Health, CDC Recommendations, and Guide for Employees Positive for Covid (City of Hibbing) presented & reviewed Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to follow guidelines and align Covid Policy with the City of Hibbing  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
- Recreation Committee
  - DNR Grant Application-JPJ. Chairman Tomsich sent an email to JPJ to make the grant application, as it is a long process. Grant can be for up to \$600,000. There is a 3/10/22 deadline for making the application, the committee will get together one more time to discuss a priority list of projects. Need at least hockey boards done. The township will need at least 20% in the bank at time of application. In kind match is \$9.00/hr. for volunteer labor, and skilled labor is at the going rate. Consensus by the Board to add this item to the February 10<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to make the DNR grant application for no more than \$150,000 with township cost of \$30,000 (20%) up to \$75,000 (50%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
- CDBG Grant Application-The recommendation by the CDBG Advisory Committee is \$90k (original ask was \$165k) for Breitung Township and the Infrastructure Projects on Poplar St and Water Meter replacement project. The recommendation will go to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

- Trail Grant Update-Chairman Tomsich signed Certification Form requested to move forward with Mesabi Trail work
- Trail Update with the City of Tower-Clerk Sundahl sent a bill to the City of Tower for the mowing of Tower's Portion of the McKinley Park Trail. The City of Tower stated that they have been mowing Breitung Township's portion of the Mesabi Trail. Consensus by the Board to have each Township/City mow their own portion of their trails. Public Works Supervisor Gorsma will get together with the City of Tower Maintenance to discuss and will look at getting signage.
- St Louis County Board of Adjustment-Notice of Hearing on Variance request for Batinich Residence @ 30 Center St., Soudan-so noted
- Northern Minnesota Historical Mine Tour Progress Updated-so noted
- St Louis County Planning Commission-the decision by St Louis County to rezone S33, T62N, R15W from RES-11 to MU-4 as requested by Breitung Township was granted and resolution received-so noted

#### **New Business:**

- Pay Bills as Presented  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
- IRS Mileage Increase-IRS Mileage increase from .56/mile in 2021 to .585/mile-so noted
- LMC Liability Coverage  
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Sign LMCIT Liability Coverage, checking that the Township "DOES NOT WAIVE"  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- Tower-Soudan Historical Society Request for funds-Consensus by the Board to bring this Request to the Annual Meeting
- Recommendations Request by Breitung Fire and Rescue Department  
Recommends the following for Fire and Rescue to become effective 02/01/2022  
Fire Chief-Trevor Banks \$425/mo., Assistant Chief-Matt Tuchel \$375/mo., Captain-Doug Carter \$250/mo., Lieutenant-Lance Dougherty \$200/mo., Training Officer-Steve Burgess \$200/mo., Training Officer-Cade Gornick \$200/mo.  
Recommends the following for the Relief Association to become effective 02/01/2022  
President-Matt Lenci \$100/year, Vice President-Ross Swanson \$50/year, Secretary-Doug Carter \$200/year, Treasurer-Matt Tomsich \$599/year.  
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept recommendations as presented and to send a letter of thanks to Steve Burgess for all his years of dedicated service  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0

- No Fire Chief for month of January 2022-No action
- Portable Recording Systems-Police-Consensus by the Board for Special Meeting On 02/10/22 @ 12Noon to discuss body camera and written policy and procedure to be presented by Chief Reing
- Community Picnic 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2022-Consensus by the Board to have the Community Picnic on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 to begin at 1:00pm at the Recreation/Pavilion Area
- Water Board increase of rates by \$5.00 per month-so noted
- Spring Rd and Bypass Lane-Supervisor Dostert stated he spoke with MN DOT in regards to this and MN DOT will look at usage the next time work is to be done on that section of the Highway
- Police Department Policies  
Use of Deadly Force-so noted  
Office Cleaning-so noted  
Firearm Weapon Policy-so noted
- Resolution 2022-01 Resolution designating Township Election Hours  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to designate 1:00pm-8:00pm as hours for voting at the Township Election on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-02 Appointing Absentee Ballot Board  
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-03 Accepting Donations  
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-04 Township Election Judges  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept Resolution as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert  
Motion passed 3-0

**Special Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00noon

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00noon

**Board of Audit:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after Regular Board Meeting

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:33pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

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## **Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 02-10-22 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: Jodi Summit- Timberjay, Tom Gorsma-Public Works, Matt Tuchel, Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Doug Erickson

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich

### **Old Business:**

- Recreation Committee

- Recreation Committee met on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Matt Tuchel is the Unofficial Chair since Stephanie Ukkola has stepped down. JPJ looking for more information to complete pre-application for DNR Grant due 03/10/22. Committee came up with a priority list being:

- Hockey Boards
- Lighting
- Disc Golf
- Playground

The Committee thinks these items would be covered in the \$150,000 spending allowance allowed by the Board at the last Regular Board Meeting. Committee will look for a policy to see if the public can buy hockey boards and advertise. The next committee meeting is undetermined, as they are waiting on some more quotes on material/labor.

### **New Business:**

- Police Body Cameras

- Policy-There were no public comments on the Policy, Chief Reing states it is a hybrid of multiple department policies as well as MN State Statutes. Policy is currently under review with Township Attorney. Data will be stored on the Cloud and there may be grants available at a later date for additional cameras. It can be up to 2 months before the department will see them after ordering and cost is approximately \$1195 per Body Camera.
- Public Input-Doug Erickson stated he liked the idea of the City of Tower making a contribution since we are under contract with the City of Tower for Police Services. Doug stated he will be making a financial contribution towards the purchase of the cameras.



Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to purchase 2 Body Cameras, not to be used until Policy has been reviewed by attorney and approved by the Board

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00noon

**Board of Audit:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after Regular Board Meeting

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:26pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

## TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jan-22

GENERAL	106,862.42
ROAD & BRIDGE	43,267.74
FIRE	36,086.88
PARK	14,341.38
RECREATION	18,303.24
POLICE	38,868.52
PROJECTS	51,437.05
WATER DEPT	50,476.14
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	359,643.37

**From:** Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 10:46 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** RSVP today for MAT District 1 Township Lobby Day on March 24



## **MAT District 1 \*Virtual\* Township Lobby Day: Thursday, March 24**

Please join us \*virtually\* for the annual District 1 Township Lobby Day. It is easy - and important - to attend. MAT staff will schedule our local state Representatives and Senators to meet with us (via Zoom), and there is no cost to attend. We'll be discussing transportation and broadband funding, annexation fairness, and other issues important to townships. Your voice is needed!

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**Legislative briefing at 9:00 AM**

**Virtual legislator meetings will also be scheduled this day for attendees  
from 9:45 to 12:00 noon**

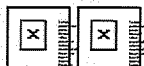
Zoom and dial-in information to join the meeting will be sent upon RSVP.

**RSVP requested with your name, township, and email to Kristen Anderson at  
[Kristen@RosedahlPublicAffairs.com](mailto:Kristen@RosedahlPublicAffairs.com) or (651) 764-9953 .**

**Additional questions can be sent to MAT District 1 Director Rex Edge,  
[redge@mntownships.org](mailto:redge@mntownships.org) .**

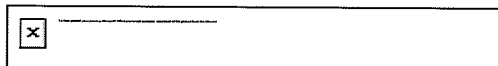
**RSVP**

**Minnesota Association of Townships | (800) 228-0296 | [www.MnTownships.org](http://www.MnTownships.org)**



**From:** EZ ICE Rinks <ezice@ezicerinks.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:22 AM  
**To:** Dianna Sundahl  
**Subject:** Is Your Rink a Star? ☆ 🏒

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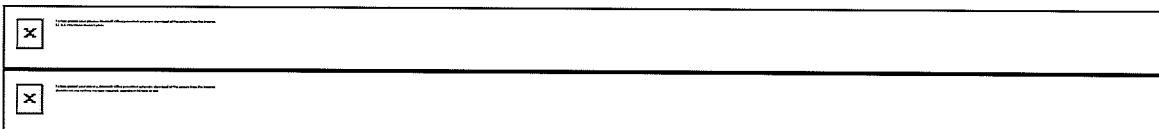


**Is your rink the star of your neighborhood?** We are looking for families to feature in our next EZ ICE video. If you think your rink has what it takes, please send photos or videos of your setup to our Backyard Rink Experts at [expert@EZICERinks.com](mailto:expert@EZICERinks.com).

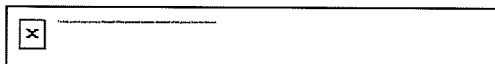
Thank you and happy skating!

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# Notice to: COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1



On December 30, 2021, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) accepted Minnesota Power's November 1, 2021 application for a general increase in rates for electric service provided to customers in the State of Minnesota of 17.58% or approximately \$108.3 million, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16.

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2, the MPUC has suspended proposed final rates to allow the MPUC time to evaluate the application. In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3, the MPUC has authorized a total interim rate increase of about 14.23% or approximately \$87.3 million for all customers to be effective January 1, 2022, with the exception of the Residential class. Residential customers (other than Dual Fuel) will see a reduced interim rate increase of approximately 7.11%. During this interim period, Minnesota Power electric customers' bills will be approximately 7.11% higher for the Residential class and 14.23% higher for all other customers depending on service class, and the rates will remain in effect until a final rate level is determined.

Examples of the effect of these increases on typical bills are as follows:

## Proposed change in monthly electricity costs

Customer Classification	Avg. monthly kWh usage	Previous monthly cost	Interim monthly increase	Proposed final monthly increase*
Residential	701	\$82.76	\$5.89	\$15.08
Residential Dual Fuel	1,013	\$94.04	\$13.38	-\$0.42
General Service	2,581	\$301.93	\$42.96	\$55.09
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	3,654	\$324.01	\$46.11	\$1.85
Large Light & Power	247,815	\$21,772.72	\$3,098.26	\$3,938.50
Large Power	51,654,952	\$3,635,297.83	\$517,302.88	\$558,488.32
Street & Area Lighting	224	\$60.95	\$8.67	\$11.11

\*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by individual customer based on usage characteristics.

The rate levels upon which the previous monthly costs are based were authorized in Docket No. E-015/GR-16-664.

The MPUC will determine the amount of increase in rates it will allow and final rates reflecting that determination will be implemented in early 2023. If the final rate level is less than the interim rate level, the amount collected during the interim period attributable to that difference will be refunded to customers with interest. If the final rate is greater than the interim increase, customers are generally not charged for the difference.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, among other parties, will review Minnesota Power's books and records in this proceeding. The proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates may be examined by the public during normal business hours at these locations:

**Minnesota Department of Commerce**, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101, Telephone: 651-539-1500  
**Minnesota Power** office located at 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, Telephone: 1-800-228-4966

It is also available on the Internet at:

**Minnesota Power:** [www.mnpower.com/RateReview](http://www.mnpower.com/RateReview)

**Commission:** [www.mn.gov/puc](http://www.mn.gov/puc)  
Docket Number E-015/GR-21-335

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, among other parties, will review Minnesota Power's books and records in this proceeding.

An Administrative Law Judge will schedule public hearings. Customers will be notified when the hearings are scheduled. Public notice of hearing dates and locations will be published in local newspapers in Minnesota Power's service area.

Persons who wish to formally intervene or testify in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101.



# Saint Louis County

Planning and Community Development Department  
www.stlouiscountymn.gov

**Matthew E. Johnson**  
Director

To: St. Louis County Cities and Townships  
From: Matthew E. Johnson, Director  
Date: February 3, 2022  
Re: CDBG and HOME Programs Requalification

Since 1992, the cities and townships in St. Louis County have partnered with the County to access funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To date, more than \$70 million has been awarded to community development and affordable housing activities that benefit St. Louis County residents.

St. Louis County must requalify with HUD every three years to continue receiving CDBG and HOME funding. As part of the process, St. Louis County must notify you in writing that the Joint Cooperation Agreement (JCA) between your jurisdiction and St. Louis County will automatically renew unless you terminate the agreement. This letter serves as our notification. While participating with the County under the JCA, local jurisdictions automatically participate in the HOME Program and are not eligible to apply separately for the State of Minnesota CDBG (Small Cities Program) and HOME programs.

The Joint Cooperation Agreement will automatically extend for a successive three-year qualification period covering 2023-2025. If your jurisdiction wishes to remain eligible for continued participation in the St. Louis County program, **you do not have to do anything**. Your eligibility will continue under the terms of the existing Joint Cooperation Agreement.

If your jurisdiction chooses to discontinue participating with the County during the 2023-2025 requalification period, you must notify both the County and HUD in writing that your jurisdiction is terminating the agreement at the end of the current federal fiscal year. The notification to not participate must be in the form of a resolution adopted by your governing board and mailed to both the County and HUD by June 15, 2022.

We hope that your jurisdiction will continue its partnership with the County. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following staff:

Steve Nelson:	742-9561 or <a href="mailto:nelsonst@stlouiscountymn.gov">nelsonst@stlouiscountymn.gov</a>
Mike Vidmar:	742-9564 or <a href="mailto:vidmarm@stlouiscountymn.gov">vidmarm@stlouiscountymn.gov</a>
Brad Gustafson:	742-9563 or <a href="mailto:gustafsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov">gustafsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov</a>
Jill Zallar:	742-9567 or <a href="mailto:zallarj@stlouiscountymn.gov">zallarj@stlouiscountymn.gov</a>
Laurie Kramka:	725-5007 or <a href="mailto:kramkal@stlouiscountymn.gov">kramkal@stlouiscountymn.gov</a>



# Saint Louis County

Office of the Sheriff • 2030 Arlington Avenue North Duluth, Minnesota 55811  
Patrol, Investigation and Records: (218)336-4360  
FAX: (218)336-4370

**Ross Litman**  
Sheriff

Request Local Community CWPP planning

Greetings,

This last summer's drought and active wildfire season was a strong reminder to all of us that wildfire has and continues to happen here. But, as Public Safety Partners along with local community members we all can take actions to help our properties and our communities be more wildfire resilient.

Many of you have shared with us your concerns, priorities, and possible solutions to reducing your wildfire risks during the process of updating the St. Louis County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We thank you for your time and input on these documents. Now it is time to enact the updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and work within our communities to create and prioritize actionable items in conjunction with the CWPP to be ready before, during and after a wildfire event.

Josh Brinkman-St. Louis County Emergency Management Planner and Gloria Erickson-contracted St. Louis County Firewise coordinator, are asking your assistance to identify key community members to create actionable plans to help in these wildfire resiliency efforts. Each community is unique. We want to make sure that your concerns and ideas are heard. They have created a workshop to help your community identify, prioritize and propose actions to help in their wildfire resiliency efforts. We realize your time is valuable. The workshop should only take two (2) hour meetings. Of course, they will spend more time if needed.

One of the benefits of having an updated CWPP is that St. Louis County identified items of improvement now qualify for possible infrastructure funding. This funding is made available to assist in these community emergency strategic planning efforts. The Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan was a beginning step, but in order to take advantage of any programs or grant funding opportunities we need to have specific plans, show our willingness to work together to implement the actions that your communities feel will assist them the most when it comes to any kind of disaster event.

Please contact Gloria Erickson, [gloria@dovetailinc.org](mailto:gloria@dovetailinc.org) or 218-365-0878 by **Tuesday February 1st** if you are interested in setting up a strategic planning workshop in your community.

Thank you for your time and your continued efforts in helping your communities in all emergency situations.

Kind regards,  
Duane "Dewey" Johnson  
St. Louis County Emergency Manager  
[Johnsond@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:Johnsond@stlouiscountymn.gov)





## BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER

PHONE: (218) 753-6660

41 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE • P.O. BOX 6

DANIEL REING

FAX: (218) 753-2407

SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

### February 2022 Police Report

Calls for Service: 55 calls as of February 24, 2022

Investigations: 3

Citations: 1 Calendar parking citation

Arrests: 0

Transports: 1 Psych transport to Virginia ER

Mileage: 37950 on February 1, 2022

Mileage: 38844 on February 24, 2022

Updates and events for the month: The 30-day comment period ended with no comments for the body cameras implementation. The cameras will be ordered this week and the estimated time of arrival is 6-8 weeks. The final department policy regarding the cameras will be completed very soon. A new applicant has inquired about a part time spot on the department. Officer Nyman worked a couple of shifts this month, it was helpful to have the extra coverage. Chief Reing has begun the early process of getting ready for the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is never too early to plan. A steady amount of calls this month. As the weather warms and gives up its icy grip, people will return to the area. The call volume will steadily increase. Stay safe.



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**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**January Fire Dept Report**

Regular monthly and annual fire dept meeting was held on 1/15/21. We did a work day including; cleaning the hall, washing trucks and snowmobile, installed TIC into truck 1, assigned gear and radios to new members, trained Trevor and Matt on chief duties and organized equipment on trucks. We held our annual meeting which included election of new officers. We had excellent attendance for dinner from both membership and retirees.

Training was for February was for mandatory HazMat and OSHA training along with our quarterly SCBA.

We responded mutual aid to a search and rescue by Ely Island on Lake Vermilion for a family of three stuck on the ice. We had a very good turnout response and two of our members Bob Dale and Brian Zak went above and beyond by Driving the family back to their home in Hoyt Lakes and Brian Zak feed them pizza while they waited.

## Roger's Help Desk

PO Box A  
Babbitt MN 55706  
support@securitybyroger.com  
218-229-3182 / 218-258-0627

Bill To:

**Breitung Township**

## Estimate

Estimate Number: 501859  
Estimate Date: 2022-02-22  
Estimate Amount: \$1995.00  
Terms: Due upon receipt

Code #	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1	Professional Laptop Dell Latitude 3520 Core i5-1135 G7 8GB 256GB SSD 15.6 inch Windows 10 Professional W11PLIC	1	1208.00	1208.00
2	Microsoft Office	1	288.00	288.00
3	Setup Transfer data, settings, email, printers, wireless, apply all applicable updates. Inshop and onsite labor INCLUDED	1	499.00	499.00
4	Notice Specialty programs billed hourly @125.00/hour	1	0.00	0.00
5	Notice 2 Shipping and manufactures delays may change price or time. If more than 20% a new estimate will be provided. Substitutions of equal or better maybe provided.	1	0.00	0.00
6	Difference This is a professionally designed laptop with a tougher chassis and longer life expectancy. Windows 10 is more compatible with software making for a easier transition	1	0.00	0.00

Thank you for doing business with us.

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Subtotal:	\$1995.00
Total:	\$1995.00
Paid:	\$0.00
Balance Due:	\$1995.00



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EQUIPMENT**



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Apple Valley, MN 55124  
800-832-6417

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37 1ST AVE  
SOUDAN, MN 55782

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Attn: Steve Burgess  
Po Box 337, 37 1st Ave  
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Attention: MATT TUKALA

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Outsoles. Certified to NFPA 1971  
(Structural Fire Fighting), NFPA 1992  
(Liquid Splash), and CSA Standards.  
Black w/ Yellow Stitching in Color.  
Made in  
USA

\*Choice Of Size (Including Women's)\*

8180-QUOTE	FIREARMOR QUOTE		8	85.00	680.00
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Subtotal: 25597.40

Tax: .00

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ATX JPA BREITUNG FD SPEC	ATX JPA BREITU.		5	3529.11	17645.55
	Globe Mfg. ATHLETIX®; Turnout Gear for JPA Purchase: PBI® STRETCH GOLD in Color Outer Shell, N3 - TITANIUM®; W/ NOMEX® NANO Thermal Liner, and CROSSTECH® BLACK Moisture Barrier Turn Out Coat and Pant Per BREITUNG FD Gear Spec 02-16-2022 (THL= 303.01)				
10161810.5A	MSA G1 MD FCPC		4	315.00	1260.00
	MSA G1 MEDIUM FACEPIECE 4PT W/ NECKSTRAP-5A STOCK				
664DDY	664DDY HELMET		5	409.83	2049.15
	MSA Cairns 664, Yellow, Defender Eye Protection, Deluxe Leather w/ Crown Pad, PBI/Kevlar Earlap, Nomex Chinstrap w/ Quick Release & Postman Slide, Lime/Yellow Reflexite, Bar				
G200001D	GLOBE HOOD BAR		8	106.95	855.60
	Globe MFG Globe Guard Hood w/ head and neck particulate-protective barrier coverage featuring DuPont Nomex® Nano Flex Material. Whole Particulate Barrier Protection- PARTICULATE-BLOCKING EFFICIENCY (0.1 TO 1.0 MICRONS): 98%, NFPA 1971 Certified *One Size Fits Most*				
530A420-XX	SUPRAFLEX W/AG		6	517.85	3107.10
	Globe SUPRAFLEX 14" Pull-On Leather Structural Fire Fighting Boot w/ Flex Panels and VIBRAM ARCTIC GRIP PRO				



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*Choice Of Size (Including Women's)*					
8180-QUOTE	FIREARMOR QUOTE		8	85.00	680.00
10161810.5A	MSA G1 MD FCPC		4	315.00	1260.00
MSA G1 MEDIUM FACEPIECE 4PT					
W/ NECKSTRAP-5A STOCK					

Subtotal: 22199.60

Tax: .00

TOTAL: 22199.60

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GX3.0 JPA BREITUNG GEAR SPEC	GX3.0 BREIT JPA Globe Mfg. GX3.0 Turnout Gear for JPA Purchase: KOMBAT FLEX - GOLD in Color Outer Shell, N3- TITANIUM W/NOMEX® NANO Thermal Liner, and STEDAIR® Gold Moisture Barrier Turn Out Coat and Pant Per BREITUNG Fire Dept. GX3.0 JPA Gear Spec 2-16-22 303.3, TPP= 35.6)		5	2849.55	14247.75
664DDY	664DDY HELMET MSA Cairns 664, Yellow, Defender Eye Protection, Deluxe Leather w/ Crown Pad, PBI/Kevlar Earlap, Nomex Chinstrap w/ Quick Release & Postman Slide, Lime/Yellow Reflexite, Bar		5	409.83	2049.15
G200001D	GLOBE HOOD BAR Globe MFG Globe Guard Hood w/ head and neck particulate-protective barrier coverage featuring DuPont Nomex® Nano Flex Material. Whole Particulate Barrier Protection- PARTICULATE-BLOCKING EFFICIENCY (0.1 TO 1.0 MICRONS): 98%, NFPA 1971 Certified *One Size Fits Most*		8	106.95	855.60
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# Grant Reimbursement Request Form

Please fill out form completely and attach receipts.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	
Date of Request	
Department Name	
Department Address	
Department City/State/Zip	
Contact Name	
Phone	
Email	

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INVOICE SUMMARY			
Recruit Name	Hire Date	Description of Purchase (circle one)	Amount
		PPE HEALTH SCREEN	
		PPE HEALTH SCREEN	
		PPE HEALTH SCREEN	
		PPE HEALTH SCREEN	
		PPE HEALTH SCREEN	
		<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	

RECEIPTS MUST BE ATTACHED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REIMBURSEMENT

**Reimbursable PPE Items:** 1 SCBA Mask/Face Piece, 1 pair of pants, 1 coat, 1 helmet, 2 hoods, 1 pair of boots, 2 pairs of gloves, 1 pair of suspenders, 1 pair of goggles.

**In order to be reimbursed for PPE, you must provide proof that the firefighter has passed an NFPA 1582 compliant physical and is "fit for duty".**

MSFDA PROCESSING				
Check Number		Amount	\$	Date Approved
Date Received		Other Notes		
Approved By				

Send completed form and supporting documents to:  
Mail: MSFDA – 28711 Holly Drive NW, Isanti, MN 55040  
Email: [deedee@msfda.org](mailto:deedee@msfda.org)  
Questions? 763-221-9329 or [deedee@msfda.org](mailto:deedee@msfda.org)



**Resolution 2022-06**  
Breitung Township  
Of St Louis County, Minnesota

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST  
FOR BREITUNG FIRE AND RESCUE PPE**

**WHEREAS**, Breitung Township supports the grant reimbursement application made to the Minnesota State Fire Department Association. The application is for PPE Items for new fire and rescue member of Breitung Township.

**WHEREAS**, Breitung Township recognizes that application could be fully funded, partially funded, or not funded at all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, if Breitung Township is awarded a grant reimbursement by the Minnesota State Fire Department Association, Breitung Township agrees to accept the grant award for PPE, The Town of Breitung will comply with all applicable laws, requirements and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BREITUNG TOWN BOARD THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY of FEBRUARY, 2022.  
Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Dostert

For:

Against:

**By the Breitung Town Board**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Chair-Tim Tomsich

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk-Dianna Sundahl

# Worker's Compensation Claims and Costs Related to PTSD



Public safety post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) claims have had significant cost implications for the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, resulting in higher-than-average premium rate increases over the last several years.

Since PTSD claims first became compensable in 2013, they have risen to a point where they're currently making up **about 30%** of the Trust's annual claim costs, with most of that arising from police claims.

## For 2022,

workers' compensation rates for many members will increase, but an overall decrease in 2022 property/casualty rates combined with the **\$15 million** dividend that will be returned to members will help offset rising workers' compensation premiums.



If LMCIT didn't need to fund for projected PTSD costs, it would be able to decrease rates about **25%** for 2022.

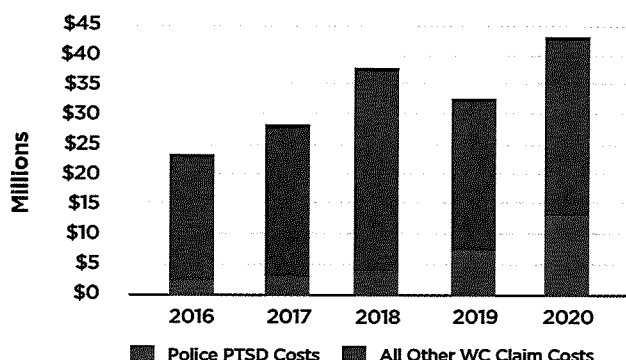


## Since 2013,

the Trust has incurred roughly

**\$36,000,000**

in PTSD claim costs.



PTSD has become an increasingly larger portion of worker's compensation annual incurred costs



(as of 6/30/2021)



PTSD is not a sign of weakness and can be successfully treated. Improper treatment or incorrect diagnosis can prolong suffering and end a promising career.



Public safety departments are facing a tighter job market, making it all the more important to successfully treat and retain high-performing individuals through a supportive work and social environment.

Through education resources and advocacy the Trust will continue to partner with members and all relevant stakeholders to stabilize workers' compensation claims and costs related to PTSD. You can help in several ways. Begin by visiting <https://www.lmc.org/ptsd-mental-health-toolkit/>

## The Trust addresses PTSD and other health issues through:

### Web resources

Online training (PATROL)

Safety and Loss Control Workshops

Regional meetings and discussions during member visits

PTSD and Mental Health Toolkit for police chiefs and administrators that covers topics such as prevention strategies, therapeutic responses, and mental health programs

A Duty Disability Group formed among law enforcement community stakeholders that work with the League's Intergovernmental Relations team to identify a workable state legislative PTSD disability funding solution without ties to the state's workers' compensation system



**League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust**  
**Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan**  
145 University Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55103-2044 Phone (651) 215-4173

**Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000**

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
PO BOX 56  
SOUDAN, MN 55782-0056

Agreement No.: WC 1001805\_Q-6  
Agreement Period:  
From: 03/01/2022  
To: 03/01/2023

Enclosed is a quotation for workers' compensation deposit premium. **Note: Renewal Coverage will be bound as per the expiring coverage arrangement, including coverage for elected and appointed officials, with the premium indicated on the quote, unless the member or agent sends a written request not to bind renewal coverage.**

<u>PAYROLL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED PAYROLL</u>	<u>DEPOSIT PREMIUM</u>
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SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS

Manual Premium		20,376
Experience Modification	1.20	4,075
Standard Premium		24,451
Deductible Credit	0.00%	0
Premium Discount		-1,848
Net Deposit Premium		\$22,603
Adjustment for Commission*		0
Total Net Deposit Premium		\$22,603

\*Workers compensation rates assume a 2% standard commission. The commission adjustment accounts for the commission difference, above or below 2%.

**Agent:**  
00716 Tower Soudan Agency Inc  
Po Box 499  
Tower, MN 55790-0499

## Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000 (Con't)

### OPTIONS

Please indicate below the premium option you wish to select. You may choose only one option and you cannot change options during the agreement period.

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Premium Option	<u>Net Deposit Premium</u>	<u>Commission Adjustment</u>	<u>Total Net Deposit Premium</u>
	22,603	0	22,603

2. ☐ **Deductible Premium Option**  
Deductible options are available in return for a premium credit applied to your estimated standard Premium of \$ 24,451. The deductible will apply per occurrence to paid medical costs only.  
There is no aggregate limit.

	<u>Deductible per Occurrence</u>	<u>Premium Credit</u>	<u>Credit Amount</u>	<u>Net Deposit Premium</u>	<u>Commission Adjustment</u>	<u>Total Net Deposit Premium</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	0.70%	-171	22,432	0	22,432
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	1.20%	-293	22,310	0	22,310
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000	2.00%	-489	22,114	0	22,114
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500	3.50%	-856	21,747	0	21,747
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000	5.00%	-1,223	21,380	0	21,380
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10,000	7.50%	-1,834	20,769	0	20,769
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25,000	12.00%	-2,934	19,669	0	19,669
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50,000	16.50%	-4,034	18,569	0	18,569

This quotation is for a deposit premium based on your estimate of payroll and selected options. Your final actual premium will be computed after an audit of payroll subsequent to the close of your agreement year and will be subject to revisions in rates, payrolls and experience modification. While you are a member of the LMCIT Workers' Compensation Plan, you will be eligible to participate in dividend distributions from the Trust based upon claims experience and earnings of the Trust.

If you desire the coverage offered above, please return this signed document for the option you have selected.

This quotation should be signed by an authorized representative of the city requesting coverage.

_____ Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
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**Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000  
(Con't)**

CONTINUATION SCHEDULE FOR QUOTATION PAGE

<u>REMUNERATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST. PREM</u>
110,313	9.37	5506	STREET CONSTRUCTION	10,336
7,770	3.95	7520	WATERWORKS	307
POP 530	239.00	7718	FIREFIGHTERS (VOLUNTEER)NON SMOKING	1,267
76,142	9.68	7721	POLICE-NON SMOKING	7,371
19,753	0.74	8810	CLERICAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES NOC	146
4,332	8.01	9016	SKATING RINK OPERATION	347
5,096	7.68	9102	PARKS	391
12,798	0.92	9410	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	118
18,200	0.51	9411	ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS	93
Manual Premium				20,376

**From:** David Setterberg <David.Setterberg@cityoftower.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** Marshall Helmberger/TEDA; Nancy Larson; City Clerk; Dianna; Miranda Kishel  
**Subject:** Fwd: Stauber Community Funding Projects FY23  
**Attachments:** FY23 General Community Project Form.docx; Untitled attachment 00012.htm

Hello,  
Just wanted to pass this on as an FYI.

Regards  
Dave

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** StauberProjects <StauberProjects@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** February 4, 2022 at 9:56:17 AM CST  
**To:** StauberProjects <StauberProjects@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Stauber Community Funding Projects FY23

Beginning in 2022, the federal appropriations process rules have permitted members of Congress to submit local priority projects for funding consideration during each annual appropriations cycle.

The office of Congressman Pete Stauber is seeking local community project requests for fiscal year 2023. Although House rules for funding requests for 2023 have not been released, the attached form is preliminary and is necessary for due consideration by our office.

Projects should be sponsored by local governments, tribes, or non-profits.

If you would like your project to be considered please have this form submitted to [StauberProjects@mail.house.gov](mailto:StauberProjects@mail.house.gov) by **2/28/2022**.

If you have questions please reply to this email.

- Staff of Rep. Pete Stauber

**FY23 General Community Project Form  
Pete Stauber (MN-08)**

*The office of Congressman Pete Stauber is seeking local community project requests for fiscal year 2023. Although House rules for funding requests for 2023 have not been released yet, please provide some preliminary information about your request below.*

*Funding for FY23 will not begin consideration until Spring 2022 but this form will ensure that your project gets due consideration for potential inclusion in Congressman Stauber's project requests.*

*To ensure your project is included for consideration please have this form submitted to [StauberProjects@mail.house.gov](mailto:StauberProjects@mail.house.gov) by 2/28/2022*

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**Name of Project:**

**Recipient Point of Contact:**

*This cannot be a lobbyist; this must be an individual employed by the grantee who will serve as a point of contact for the funding agency. Please include: phone number, email, physical address.*

**Project Address:**

**Project website link:**

**Agency/Account:**

**General description of the project and why it is needed:**

*Please be as detailed as possible in 2,000 characters or less. Please think of this as a way to persuade the committee for this project's inclusion.*

**What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?**

*Please also think of this as another way to persuade the committee for this project's inclusion.*

**Amount Requested for FY23:**

**Total Project Cost:**

**Estimated start and completion dates:**

*mm/dd/yyyy*

**Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.**

**What kind of community support has this project received?**



**From:** Kristin Anderson <AndersonK2@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 10:09 AM  
**To:** City of Aurora; City of Babbitt; City of Biwabik; City of Cook; City of Ely; City of Hoyt Lakes; City of Orr; City of Tower; City of Winton; Nick Wognum (Prospector's ATV Club); Town of Alango; Town of Alden; Town of Angora; Town of Ault; Town of Balkan; Town of Bassett; Town of Beatty; Town of Biwabik; Town of Breitung; Town of Camp 5; Town of Colvin; Town of Crane Lake; Town of Eagles Nest; Town of Embarrass; Town of Fairbanks; Town of Field; Town of French; Town of Greenwood; Town of Kabetogama; Town of Kugler; Town of Leiding; Town of Linden Grove; Town of Morcom; Town of Normanna; Town of North Star; Town of Owens; Town of Pequaywan; Town of Pike; Town of Portage; Town of Sandy; Town of Sturgeon; Town of Vermilion Lake; Town of Waasa; Town of White; Town of Wuori  
**Subject:** Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments fact sheet  
**Attachments:** BIL Factsheet Local Competitive Funding 2022.pdf

Good morning,

I have attached a copy of the Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments fact sheet for your information. If you have any additional questions, you can call St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald's office at 218-365-8200.

Thanks,  
Kristin Anderson

**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN**

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## **FACT SHEET: Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes billions of dollars in competitive funding available to cities, towns, and municipalities across dozens of new and existing programs. As local governments begin to rebuild and reinvest in their communities, the Biden-Harris Administration stands ready to support local leaders as they combine funding streams, organize around their priorities, and build local support for long overdue infrastructure projects.

At the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator and former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu will highlight 25 already available or soon-to-be-available sources of funding that local governments – particularly cities – can compete or apply for directly. Listed below is the latest available information on these key programs, including links to agency websites, application timing, and descriptions. Highlighted programs were selected based on their size and cross-cutting objectives. Using these available sources of funds, cities can begin to plan to build in-line with President Biden’s economic, equity, climate and resilience, Made in America, and labor goals. The White House will also be releasing a comprehensive guidebook of all available funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the coming weeks.

The federal government cannot build a better America alone – it needs state and local leadership to act as coordinators and help prepare communities to benefit from transformative infrastructure funding. Outlined below is a short overview of how cities and towns can begin to prepare, as well as contact information for relevant federal agencies. The support of mayors is essential to fulfilling the Biden-Harris Administration’s goal of equitably rebuilding America on time, on task, and on budget. Building back better is going to be a multi-year effort, and we need the help of all local leaders to start building the foundation for years to come.

## 25 Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments<sup>1</sup>

### *Transportation*

1. **Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE) Grants**– This existing competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation provides \$7.5 billion with an additional \$7.5 billion subject to Congressional approval in funding for road, rail, transit, and other surface transportation of local and/or regional significance. Selection criteria safety, sustainability, equity, economic competitiveness, mobility, and community connectivity. **Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.**
2. **Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants** – This existing \$2 billion Department of Transportation program funds investment in the modernization and expansion of U.S. ports to remove supply chain bottlenecks, ensure long-term competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability while reducing impacts to the environment and neighboring communities. The infrastructure law expanded the program’s eligibilities to include projects that improve goods movement, as well as port electrification projects, idling reduction solutions, equipment charging infrastructure and related worker training initiatives. **The Department of Transportation expects to open applications in February 2022.**
3. **Bus & Bus Facilities Competitive Grants** – This existing \$2 billion program at the Department of Transportation provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and bus related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities – as well as capital funding for low or no emissions bus projects. Fiscal Year 2021 grant selections will be announced soon. **Applications are expected to open for the Fiscal Year 2022 grant program in the first quarter of 2022.**
4. **National Infrastructure Project Assistance (also known as “Megaprojects” or MEGA)**– This \$5 billion competitive grant program supports multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of regional or national significance. Communities are eligible to apply for funding to complete critical large projects that would otherwise be unachievable without assistance. **Selection criteria for the program will be posted on the Department of Transportation website in February 2022.**
5. **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants** – This Department of Transportation program supports highway and rail projects of regional and economic significance. **Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022. Learn more about how to apply here.**

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<sup>1</sup> Funding amounts includes programs’ contract authority, advanced appropriations and mandatory appropriations. Funding subject to appropriations not included.

6. **Safe Streets and Roads for All** – This new \$5 billion competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation will provide funding directly to and exclusively for local governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other complete street improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. **Applications are expected to open in May 2022.**
7. **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants** – In addition to the \$5 billion formula program distributed to states, this \$2.5 billion discretionary grant program at the Department of Transportation will fund the strategic deployment of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure, along designated alternative fuel corridors and in communities. **The Department is seeking comments on program design by January 28<sup>th</sup> [here](#), and after January 28<sup>th</sup> [here](#).**
8. **Clean School Bus Program** – This new \$5 billion competitive grant program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide funding to replace existing school buses with low- or zero-emission school buses. **Applications for funding will be made available [here later this spring](#).**
9. **Reconnecting Communities** – The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law creates a first-ever \$1 billion program at the Department of Transportation to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure – particularly historically disadvantaged communities too often nearly destroyed or cut in half by a highway. This new competitive program will provide dedicated funding to state, local, metropolitan planning organizations, and tribal governments for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure to address these legacy impacts. **Applications will open in the second quarter of 2022.**
10. **Rural Surface Transportation Grant** - This new \$2 billion competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth. This amount includes specific set asides for small projects (\$200 million), rural roadway lane departure improvements (\$300 million), and the Appalachian Development Highway System (\$500 million). **Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.**

### ***Climate, Energy & Environment***

1. **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program** – This existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program will distribute \$1 billion to support communities undertaking hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and other natural hazards. FY21 applications are open until January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and hundreds of millions of dollars in funding remains available. Communities will apply as sub-applicants

under their states. **Applications for FY22 are expected to open no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

2. **Flood Mitigation Assistance** – \$3.5 billion from this existing FEMA program can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. FY21 applications are open until January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Communities will apply as sub-applicants under their states. **Applications for FY22 are expected to open no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**
3. **Brownfields Remediation Program** – This existing EPA program will provide \$1.2 billion in grants and technical assistants to communities to assess and safely clean-up contaminated properties and offer job training programs. Communities are currently able to request funding for Targeted Brownfields Assessments through their regional EPA office. **Additional competitive funding opportunities will be announced this spring.**
4. **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants** – This Department of Energy block grant program will provide \$550 million to states, local governments, and tribes for projects that reduce energy use, increase energy efficiency, and cut pollution. **The first funding opportunity is expected for release in the Fall of 2022.**
5. **Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements in Schools** – This new Department of Energy Program will provide \$500 million for local government education agencies and nonprofit partners to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean vehicle upgrades and improvements at public schools. **The opportunity to apply for funding is expected to be open in the Fall of 2022.**
6. **Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas** – This new Department of Energy program will provide \$1 billion to entities in rural or remote areas (defined as cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants) to increase environmental protection from the impacts of energy use and improve resilience, reliability, safety, and availability of energy. **Applications for funding are expected to be open in the Fall of 2022.**
7. **Grants for Energy Efficiency and Resilience Code Adoption** – This Department of Energy program will provide \$225 million to state energy agencies, in partnership with local building code agencies, codes and standards developers, utilities, and other entities, to enable sustained, cost-effective implementation of updated building energy codes to save customers money on their energy bills. **Applications for funding are expected to be open by the end of 2022.**

8. **Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs** – This new Department of Energy program will provide \$8 billion to support the development of at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs to improve clean hydrogen production, processing, delivery, storage, and end use. **Applications for funding will open in the Summer of 2022.**
9. **Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program** – This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Agriculture will provide grants to communities at risk from wildfire to develop or revise their community wildfire protection plans and carry out projects described within those plans. It will include a mix of formula and competitive funds. **Applications are expected to open early in 2023.**

### ***Broadband, Cyber, and Other Programs***

1. **ReConnect Program** – This existing Department of Agriculture program will provide almost \$2 billion in loans and grants for projects that provide broadband in rural areas. **Applications will likely open in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 (and towns in rural areas can apply to the current \$1.15B in loans and grant funding, application deadline: February 22, 2022).**
2. **Middle Mile Grants Program** – This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Commerce provides grants for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle mile broadband infrastructure. **Applications will likely open during the second quarter of 2022.**
3. **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program** – This new \$1 billion program at the Department of Homeland Security makes available federal funds to state, local, and tribal governments to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems that they own or operate. **Applications will likely open during the third quarter of 2022.**
4. **Smart Grid Investment Grant Program and Energy Sector Operational Support For Cyber Resilience Program** – These two Department of Energy programs will provide \$3 billion and \$50 million, respectively, for electric utilities, including municipal and co-operative utilities, to modernize the electricity grid and increase resilience to cybersecurity threats. **Applications for the Smart Grid program are expected to be open by the end of 2022, and applications for the Cyber Resilience program are expected to be open in the Summer of 2022.**
5. **Water & Groundwater Storage and Conveyance** – This existing \$1 billion program at the Department of Interior provides funding for water storage projects with capacity between 2,000 and 30,000 acre-feet – as well as projects

convey water to or from surface water or groundwater storage. **The Department will hold its final stakeholder sessions this month and open applications later this spring.**

- 6. Emergency Watershed Protection Program** – This existing Department of Agriculture program will provide \$300 million in technical and financial assistance to project sponsors for the design and construction of measures to help repair damages from a recent disaster. **Applications open in February.**

### ***Other Opportunities***

The law further significantly increased the amount of non-competitive formula funding that will flow first to states and then on to cities and local governments. Examples include funding available through Surface Transportation Block Grant sub-allocations for local governments, which now include significantly expanded the flexibilities for cities to determine how these funds can be used, as well as increases for states' Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. We encourage cities to reach out to the state or regional offices for various federal agencies, as well as state governments' infrastructure coordinators, to better understand forthcoming increases in formula funding.

### **Getting Ready to Apply for and Receive Federal Infrastructure Funds**

Building a better America is a shared endeavor no one can do alone, and investing federal infrastructure dollars will require significant coordination between cities, states, Tribal governments, community stakeholders, and other key partners.

Earlier this month, the White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator sent a letter to Governors recommending a series of preparatory actions, including appointing infrastructure coordinators to manage the flow of funds to their states. Cities can also begin to coordinate across their departments and with metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to:

1. Prioritize your community's capital needs and develop a project pipeline – taking time to think about the projects previously considered impossible due to lack of funding or regional coordination. This is a once-in-a-generation funding opportunity that will require bold, inclusive thinking.
2. Use the forthcoming Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook to identify federal funding streams to target.
3. Ensure all transit, railway, road, highway, and bridge projects are a part of your MPO's Transportation Improvement Plan.
4. Begin mapping sites for electric vehicle and alternative fuel charging stations.
5. Inventory and map the lead pipes in your city. Read through the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan here for additional federal resources for this effort.
6. Work with your state's broadband agency to ensure your city or region's needs are appropriately mapped and inventoried.

7. Establish relationships with the regional offices for key federal agencies, who can help direct you to resources and provide technical assistance.

The American Rescue Plan also provided over \$350 billion in critical resources to every state, county, city, and unit of local government to support their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including in making the investments needed to ensure a durable and equitable economic recovery. Cities should look to leverage those resources to help prepare for the transformative investments included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law including training the workers needed to build high quality infrastructure; hiring back the public sector workers needed to help manage potential federal investments; and getting a jump start on water, sewer, and broadband projects that could complement investments from the infrastructure law.

We recognize local capacity may be strained due to the pandemic, historic underinvestment, or just the challenges of day-to-day governance. A city's lack of capacity to apply for federal funds can create significant inequities – and for many communities, this will be their first time applying for funds from a suite of federal agencies. While many funding streams in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law specifically set aside funds for disadvantaged communities, the White House Infrastructure Implementation Team will be engaging states, Tribal governments, territories, federal agencies, philanthropies, and others to leverage all available resources to quickly deliver the necessary technical assistance and capacity to underserved communities.

### **Agency Contact Information**

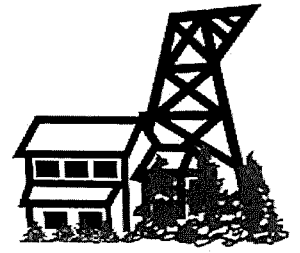
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# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

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**PO Box 56 | Soudan | MN | 55782**

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Tony Sertich  
President/CEO  
The Northland Foundation

Dear Tony Sertich,

I write on behalf of Breitung Township in support of The Northland Foundation's proposal to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to participate as a partner organization in the Main Street Economic Revitalization Program.

Breitung Township is in support of this project to improve the Main St of Tower and its corridors to continue to improve energy efficiency, bolster the economy in our communities, and improve blight on the Main St of Tower. We understand that over 30 business owners are looking to participate in over 57 projects that will improve the community. This is exciting news.

Sincerely,

Tim Tomsich  
Breitung Township Chairman

**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05**

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

**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:

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Joe Morin	70' Conveyer Belt	02/01/2022
2. Terry & Dianna Sunsdahl	\$100	02/10/2022
3. Doug Erickson	\$500	02/10/2022
4. Trudy Hendricks	\$100	02/15/2022

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

<b>Donation Number</b>	<b>Terms or Conditions</b>
1. Joe Morin	Skating Rink, Recreation
2. Terry & Dianna Sunsdahl	Police Body Camera
3. Doug Erickson	Police Body Camera
4. Trudy Hendricks	Police Body Camera

**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 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Charles Tekautz, and Supervisor Gregory Dostert

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved: Chairperson

Attested: Clerk

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

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Dianna Sunsdahl - Clerk