

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

2nd 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

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

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

2nd 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 26th with Youth Game, Boot Hockey and an Adult Game. Supervisor Tekautz asked Clerk Sundahl 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

2nd 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
2nd 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 10th 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%)
2nd 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
2nd 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"
2nd 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
2nd 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 4th of July 2022-Consensus by the Board to have the Community Picnic on Sunday, July 3rd 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 8th, 2022
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-02 Appointing Absentee Ballot Board
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-03 Accepting Donations
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Resolution 2022-04 Township Election Judges
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept Resolution as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

Special Board Meeting: Thursday, February 10th, 2022 at 12:00noon

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, February 24th, 2022 at 12:00noon

Board of Audit: Thursday, February 24th, 2022 after Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn:

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

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township