

Tower Breitung Wastewater Board
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2021
Wednesday @ 11:00 A.M.
Tower Civic Center

The Regular Meeting of the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Greg Dostert.

Present: Majerle, Tomsich, Setterberg, Dostert.

Also Present: Terri S. Joki-Martin, Matt Tuchel, John Jamnick (JPJ Engineering)

Motion made by Setterberg and supported by Majerle to accept the agenda. All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the October 20, 2021 minutes. All yes, motion carried.

Public Input – None

Correspondences – Meeting notice from Breitung Township in reference to rezoning property off Junction Rd & Hy 169.

Treasurer's Report – Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to choose the \$5,000 deductible for the 2022 Workman's Comp Insurance renewal. All yes, motion carried.

Setterberg brought forth the discussion on the City of Tower having to spend some additional time for the financing and funding issues with the Army Corp and PFA. He stated that going forward such direct staff costs may be billed to the wastewater board for reimbursement.

Motion made by Majerle and supported by Tomsich to accept the Treasurer's Report (October 2021) as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Maintenance Report – Charlie Winger dug out 1 beaver dam and also on box culvert; approximate cost should be \$2,000. There is one more beaver dam not accessible by equipment so this one will have to be blown up; approximate cost will be \$500. Matt did obtain permission from bordering landowners (live in Iowa) to cross their property to remove this dam. Matt did attend the City of Tower Council meeting and submitted information to both the Tower News & Timberjay in reference to failing the THM sample. Matt will be taking samples again within the next week. Motion made by Majerle and supported by Tomsich to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

MPCA WW Extension Permit for Water Plant – Tabled until next meeting.

Vermilion Solar Energy – Vermilion Solar Energy will have 13 acres to work with for their Solar project. Changes were made to accommodate the developer, no money involved. The County did come out to look at the property. Vermilion Solar Energy did fill out a Wetland Deviation form/permit.

Wastewater Force Main Project – Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Majerle for JPJ Engineering to fill out application for PFA funding to include manhole force main, backwash pipe, and rehab work on Tower lift station owned and operated by the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board. All yes, motion carried. Tomsich questioned if we are still able to call for bids in February/March 2022. JPJ stated yes, we are still able to call for bids.

Water Plant Funding – Discussion was had with John Jamnick on the options available to fund the difference between what we obtain in grants, loans, etc. and the total cost. We cannot submit bids until the Environmental Review is done, which will not be done until May 2022. Tomsich stated the IRRR will hold our application until their Spring 2022 meeting.

Motion made by Setterberg and supported by Tomsich to pay all bills. All yes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11 A.M. at the Tower City Hall.

Motion made by Majerle to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri S. Joki-Martin, Secretary