

# **Township of Breitung Agenda-Annual Meeting**

**Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/08/2022 to be held at the  
Breitung Community Center at 8:30pm  
33 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Soudan, MN 55782**

- Call the meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Nominate a Moderator
- Reading of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes or motion to dispense with reading and approve as distributed or corrected
- Financial Report-Jorgine Gornick, Treasurer
- Road and Bridge Report-Tom Gorsma, Maintenance Supervisor
- Police Report-Daniel Reing
- Fire and Rescue Report-Trevor Banks, Fire and Rescue Chief
- McKinley Park Report-Susie Chiabotti, Park Manager
- Chairman's Report-Tim Tomsich, Chairman
- Tax Levy
- Tower-Soudan Historical Society Request
- Other Business
- Set Date for Annual Meeting 2023
- Adjourn

**Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/09/2021-8:15 PM**  
**In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**  
**33 First Avenue, Soudan Minnesota**

**Residents Present:** Tim Tomsich, Dianna Sundahl, Jorgine Gornick, Stephanie Ukkola, Jayne Sundeen, Lori Tomsich, Tony Sikora, Denise Osterholm, Mary Batinich, Greg Dostert, Matt Tuchel, Rolf Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Jim Hill (arrived 8:30), Chuck Tekautz, Nancy Tekautz, Tom Gorsma, Valeda McDonald (left 8:30), Barb Burgess, Steve Burgess

**Non-Residents Present:** Orlyn Kringstad, Marit Kringstad, Dave Setterberg

Call to Order @ 8:25pm by Clerk Sundahl

Pledge of Allegiance

**Moderator:**

Motion by Steve Burgess to name Tim Tomsich Moderator

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

Motion passed unanimously

**Minutes:**

Motion by Steve Burgess to dispense with reading of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes and approve as distributed

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

Motion passed unanimously

**Reports:**

- Financial Report-read by Tim Tomsich  
Motion made by Greg Dostert to accept Financial Report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Tuchel  
Motion passed unanimously
- Road and Bridge Report  
Motion made by Matte Tuchel to accept Road and Bridge Report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Osterholm  
Motion passed unanimously
- Police Report  
Motion made by Tony Sikora to accept Police Report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise Osterholm  
Motion passed unanimously
- Fire and Rescue Report-Read by Steve Burgess, Chief  
Motion by Rolf Anderson to accept Fire and Rescue Report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert  
Motion passed unanimously
- McKinley Park Report  
Motion by Matt Tomsich to accept report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Sundeen  
Motion passed unanimously

- Chairman's Report-read by Tim Tomsich  
Motion made by Greg Dostert to accept report as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Sikora  
Motion passed unanimously
  - Tax Levy  
Motion made by Greg Dostert to accept the township increase in levy of \$30,000 as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianna Sundahl  
Motion passed unanimously
    - Rink Repair Options-read and questions answered by Greg Dostert. Discussion was that the rink is in need of repairs, some grant funds from the MN Wild Community may be available, and the township could pay for approximately 10k for some repairs this year.  
Motion by Tony Sikora to add a \$10,000 one-time tax levy for the rink repairs with option 3 (marine plywood) as the most feasible and affordable option  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Ukkola  
Motion passed unanimously
- Total Tax Levy for 2022 will be \$656,000.00

#### **Police Department Operations:**

Tim Tomsich has given St. Louis County a list of days and hours Breitung Township would like to see patrol by St. Louis County for the month of March (instead of emergencies only) filled based on monies remaining in the March 2021 Police Budget. These would be overtime shifts for St. Louis County Sheriffs to sign up for and the Township would pay \$70/hour. Shifts may be difficult to fill. It was said that having a local police department comes with a lot of risk to the township given the current climate towards law enforcement in general. The Law Enforcement career path isn't what it used to be. It was said that when the City of Tower turned to the Sheriff's Department years ago, there was not the coverage that was hoped for. The Township has received a contract with options for the Township from the Sheriff's Department if this is the choice for a long term solution. The cost of a 1 year contract ranges from \$100,000-\$122,000 for 1 officer at 40 hours a week. Residents voiced their concern about not having a community presence, as there are many community activities and a few local businesses that a local police department should be involved in, and they are normally first to arrive as a first responder in an emergency. It was stated that having a local police department vs. a county cop didn't make some feel safer.

Motion by Tony Sikora that the Town Board enters into a short term Law Enforcement contract with St. Louis County to provide patrol service and for the Board to continue its investigation in to a long term solution for Law Enforcement Services for the community.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Denis Osterholm

Motion passed unanimously

#### **Date for Next Annual Meeting:**

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Greg Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:55pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Burgess

Motion Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

Timothy Tomsich

Moderator, Breitung Township

# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

## DECEMBER 31, 2021

### LIABILITIES

Frandsen Bank and Trust	430,000.00
ReHab Loan	
MPFA Loan	7,000.00
Loan #02-0003-R-FY03	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$437,000.00</b>

### Reserve Funds

Frandsen Bank & Trust – MMD – Account #1110183438	
Recreation	0.00
Class 5 Gravel	49,106.44
Equipment Replacement	236,334.80
Building & Grounds	30,000.00
Sick Days	4,627.68
Police Car	32,147.29
Fireman's Pension	20,828.00
Fireman's Equipment Replacement	52,931.00
Town Hall Rehab Payments	20,000.00
McKinley Park Matching Funds	50,000.00
<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$495,975.21</b>

### Operating Funds

4M Fund	15.33
Frandsen - Now Checking #000086	106,269.64
Frandsen - Savings #86	223,702.99
Now Checking – Park State Bank #16402448	649.07
Frandsen - Water Dept. #1110100436	7,345.38
Frandsen - Water Dept. Svgs #50	<u>44312.47</u>
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$382,294.88</b>

## Township of Breitung

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

	Dec 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
4M Fund General MN0102392001	11.93
4M Fund Police MN0202392002	3.40
FBT - Reserve Account	495,975.21
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	223,702.99
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	106,269.64
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	649.07
Water Department - SBT NOW	7,345.38
Water Department - SBT Savings	44,312.47
Total Checking/Savings	878,270.09
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable - Water	27,884.08
County Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Assets	51,443.19
Total Current Assets	929,713.28
Fixed Assets	
1983 Caterpillar Grader	80,000.00
1998 Ford Water Tender	58,000.00
2001 Ford F-550 Fire Truck	101,904.04
2004 Polaris 4-Wheeler	2,500.00
2008 Custom Fire Truck	199,971.00
2010 Int'l 7300 4x2	111,292.50
2013 24 Pulsecraft Fire Boat	95,500.00
2013 Arctic Cat Snowmobile	11,451.65
2013 Ford F-350 Truck/plow	56,321.98
2015 John Deere Loader	170,328.00
2016 John Deere Zero Turn Mower	8,766.00
2017 Ford Explorer Police Car	29,195.00
2017 John Deere Tractor 1025R	16,957.00
2021 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck	24,306.34
Campground Office	262,500.00
Construction In Progress	246,097.22
Contents-Campground Office	22,500.00
Contents-FH,G,PO	48,750.00
Contents Police Office & Garage	39,375.00
Contents Truck Storage	16,875.00
Entrance Signs	22,000.00
Fire Dept Equipment	15,000.00
Fire Hall,Garage, Post Office	300,000.00
Garage Equipment	5,000.00
Land-Ballfield Complex	10,000.00
Land-McKinley Park Campground	292,700.00
Land-Township Complex	20,000.00
Land - Township Lots	88,300.00
MINOS Building	863,964.00
Police Equipment	12,000.00
Police Office & Garage	60,000.00
Truck Storage	50,625.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,342,179.73
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,271,893.01</b>

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Cash Basis

**Township of Breitung**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2021

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	44,277.30
Accrued Salaries	2,332.60
Payroll Liabilities	3,781.06
Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>73,950.07</u>
Total Current Liabilities	73,950.07
Long Term Liabilities	
FBT - Rehab Loan	430,000.00
MPFA Loan #02-0003-R-FY03	7,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>437,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	510,950.07
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,948,634.03
Retained Earnings	1,656,833.52
Net Income	155,475.39
Total Equity	<u>3,760,942.94</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>4,271,893.01</u></u>

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Cash Basis

**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2021

	Jan - Dec 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Dog Tags	40.00
Donations	6,280.00
Fire Miscellaneous	15,383.99
Interest	522.39
McKinley Park Campground	172,904.00
Miscellaneous	2,889.90
Police Contract	39,102.36
Police Miscellaneous	4,832.72
Refunds	6,703.00
Rents	6,294.11
Road & Bridge Miscellaneous	1,432.15
Snow Assessment	2,451.44
St. Louis County	
Apportionment	602,446.02
CDBG	100,000.00
Taconite Municipal aid	15,000.00
Taconite Prod Tax	25,854.00
Tax Forfeit Land	905.08
Town Road Aid	9,286.96
<b>Total St. Louis County</b>	<b>753,492.06</b>
<b>State of Minnesota</b>	
American Rescue Plan	33,385.72
Disparity Aid	6,439.00
DNR-PILT	160,122.13
Firefighter Traing & Educ Reimb	1,000.00
IRRRB	140,674.00
Local Government Aid	3,986.00
Police State Aid	18,385.14
<b>Total State of Minnesota</b>	<b>363,991.99</b>
<b>Water Department - Receipts</b>	<b>180,004.94</b>
<b>Water Dept Reimb</b>	<b>8,532.82</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,564,857.87</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,564,857.87</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Assistance</b>	
Fire	8,700.00
General	19,296.00
Recreation	300.00
<b>Total Assistance</b>	<b>28,296.00</b>
<b>Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses</b>	
Fire	909.06
General	2,682.95
Park	595.00
Police	1,560.65
Road & Bridge	141.00
Water	1,115.00
<b>Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses</b>	<b>7,003.66</b>



**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through December 2021

	Jan - Dec 21
Electricity & Water	
Fire	1,036.32
General	1,937.86
Park	7,709.00
Police	1,420.98
Recreation	2,254.52
Road & Bridge	13,301.51
Total Electricity & Water	27,660.19
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
Fire	2,326.02
General	3,817.54
Park	515.48
Police	2,875.05
Road & Bridge	11,153.37
Total Fuel - Fuel Oil	20,687.46
Insurance	
Fire	3,215.00
General	9,777.00
Park	7,669.00
Police	26,732.00
Recreation	3,992.00
Road & Bridge	22,091.00
Water	955.00
Total Insurance	74,431.00
Interest Expense	13,155.01
Mileage	
Fire	272.77
General	95.20
Road & Bridge	113.68
Total Mileage	481.65
Payroll Expenses	
General	8,606.82
Police	15,733.85
Recreation	338.24
Road & Bridge	45,712.46
Water	8,171.92
Payroll Expenses - Other	343,049.86
Total Payroll Expenses	421,613.15
Payroll Taxes	
General	990.76
Police	411.35
Total Payroll Taxes	1,402.11
Seminars & Education	
Fire	120.00
Police	795.00
Total Seminars & Education	915.00

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Cash Basis

**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through December 2021**

	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>
Services Rendered	
1099-NEC	85,297.00
American Rescue Plan	1,058.62
Fire	28,539.06
General	9,205.59
Park	17,119.01
Police	34,883.56
Recreation	5,114.00
Road & Bridge	43,789.19
Special Projects	341,836.05
Water	136,613.31
Total Services Rendered	703,455.39
Supplies	
American Rescue Plan	0.00
Fire	22,069.16
General	14,601.15
Park	9,640.22
Police	5,248.42
Recreation	4,169.57
Road & Bridge	27,324.38
Special Projects	923.36
Water	20,893.03
Total Supplies	104,869.29
Telephone	
General	1,421.38
Police	3,028.63
Road & Bridge	962.56
Total Telephone	5,412.57
Total Expense	1,409,382.48
Net Ordinary Income	155,475.39
Net Income	155,475.39

# Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended - 2021

December 31, 2021

FUNDS	Clerk's Balance Beginning of Year	Receipts	Transfer From Other Funds	TOTAL - Receipts Transfer & Balance	Disbursements Payments	Transfer to Other Funds	Disbursements and Transfers-TOTAL	Clerks' Balance End of Year	Treasurer's Balance End of Year
GENERAL	77,104.03	368,951.73		446,055.76	330,087.45		330,087.45	115,968.31	115,968.31
R & B	48,414.51	315,395.21	50,000.00	413,809.72	351,812.25		351,812.25	61,997.47	61,997.47
FIRE	25,095.22	119,315.86		144,411.08	105,303.95		105,303.95	39,107.13	39,107.13
PARK	17,344.92	200,387.57		217,732.49	208,935.62		208,935.62	8,796.87	8,796.87
REC	13,948.96	33,617.33		47,566.29	28,059.91		28,059.91	19,506.38	19,506.38
POLICE	48,629.66	234,106.22		282,735.88	163,522.28	75,000.00	238,522.28	44,213.60	44,213.60
PROJECTS	41,285.73	308,548.58	25,000.00	374,834.31	333,802.37		333,802.37	41,031.94	41,031.94
WATER	64,807.58	180,430.44		245,238.02	193,580.17		193,580.17	51,657.85	51,657.85
ARPA	-	65,712.82		65,712.82	65,712.82		65,712.82	-	-
TOTALS	336,630.61	1,826,465.76	75,000.00	2,238,096.37	1,780,816.82	75,000.00	1,855,816.82	382,279.55	382,279.55

The foregoing summary of receipts and disbursements as well as the itemized statement of receipts and the itemized statement of disbursements of this account book have been examined and audited by us, and are hereby approved. Furthermore, we do hereby estimate that the following sums are necessary to meet the current and other authorized expenditures for the ensuing year.

DATE  
Chairman  
Supervisor  
Supervisor

## McKinley Park Campground

2021	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	58,500.00	5,000.00	9,450.00	1,300.00	3,750.00	78,000.00
Monthly	5,250.00	10,150.00	8,475.00	20,725.00	11,675.00	56,275.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weekly - Electric	275.00	550.00	275.00	275.00	0.00	1,375.00
Daily-No Electric	649.00	1,739.00	1,122.00	1,239.00	708.00	5,457.00
Daily - Electric	915.50	4,571.00	2,206.00	2,623.00	1,742.50	12,058.00
Boat Launch	270.00	580.00	345.00	320.00	240.00	1,755.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	68.00	437.00	435.00	490.00	354.00	1,784.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,200.00	16,200.00
<b>2021 Totals</b>	<b>65,927.50</b>	<b>23,027.00</b>	<b>22,308.00</b>	<b>26,972.00</b>	<b>34,669.50</b>	<b>172,904.00</b>
2020	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	51,400.00	6,300.00	10,900.00	3,500.00	700.00	72,800.00
Monthly	7,100.00	13,200.00	7,300.00	11,750.00	17,100.00	56,450.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
Weekly- Electric	50.00	750.00	550.00	275.00	0.00	1,625.00
Daily-No Electric	0.00	1,027.00	1,327.50	1,770.00	2,477.50	6,602.00
Daily-Electric	0.00	2,314.50	1,991.00	2,324.00	3,720.00	10,349.50
Boat Launch	235.00	275.00	220.00	200.00	260.00	1,190.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	63.00	394.00	376.50	391.00	495.00	1,719.50
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
<b>2020 Totals</b>	<b>58,848.00</b>	<b>24,260.50</b>	<b>23,055.00</b>	<b>20,210.00</b>	<b>39,252.50</b>	<b>165,626.00</b>
2019	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	52,000.00	4,200.00	13,150.00	850.00	2,600.00	72,800.00
Monthly	6,050.00	7,250.00	11,150.00	12,050.00	13,325.00	49,825.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weekly-Electric	175.00	0.00	550.00	275.00	0.00	1,000.00
Daily -No Electric	678.50	1,504.50	944.00	2,122.50	914.50	6,164.00
Daily-Electric	1,907.00	1,601.50	3,689.50	2,536.50	1,345.00	11,079.50
Boat Launch	200.00	230.00	165.00	215.00	200.00	1,010.00
Shower/Washer/Dryers	195.00	245.00	474.00	470.00	279.00	1,663.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>2019 Totals</b>	<b>61,205.50</b>	<b>15,031.00</b>	<b>30,122.50</b>	<b>18,519.00</b>	<b>33,663.50</b>	<b>158,541.50</b>

# ROAD AND BRIDGE 2022 REPORT

## January

Usual plowing and sanding  
Continue maintenance and flooding at rink  
Trimming trees and brush  
Maintenance on docks at McKinley Park  
Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

## February

Usual plowing and sanding  
Continued maintenance and flooding at rink  
Repair and repaint picnic tables  
Maintenance of equipment

## March

Usual plowing and sanding  
Thawed culverts  
Started sweeping streets  
Brushing on Junction Road  
Set up township election

Closed skating rink

Oil changes and maintenance of equipment

Manhole inspections

## **April**

Removed snow fence and preparing campground to open

More culvert thawing

Repairing docks

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Youth workers picking up garbage around town

Sweeping streets

Lowered docks at McKinley Park and Stunts Bay

Grading roads

## **May**

Four days spent on annual Breitung clean-up days

Manhole inspections

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

CW dirtworks rebuilt Swamp Rd. with over 500 yd gravel

Flushed hydrants

Sweeping streets

Painting and maintenance at ball field

Hung flags on lighted poles

Painted rest stop interior

Mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Great Lakes pipe cleaning and televising sewer lines

Cutting trees

Landscape and seed grass around post office and rest stop

## **June**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Usual mowing and trimming

Spraying weeds

Grading roads

Weed whipped guard rails

Painted all curbs

Great Lakes pipe in town again cleaning and televising sewer lines

Helped with the concrete spill clean up in tower

Brushing around town

Painting and repair of water department shed

## **July**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Usual mowing and trimming

Preparing for 4th of July picnic

Grading roads

Brushing and trimming trees  
Setting up and helping with Old Settlers  
Repair and paint fish cleaning building at McKinley Park  
Cutting up trees from storm damage  
Preventive maintenance on lift station at McKinley Park  
Dust control on roads  
Sweeping streets  
Assembled picnic tables at McKinley Park

## **August**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games (Total of 23 home games)  
Added speed limit signs to Echo Point Rd. and McKinley Point Acres  
Lowered water valves and bituminous patches around them  
Grading roads  
Cutting trees from storm damage  
CW dirtworks re-built Junction Rd. with over 700 yards class 5  
Cleaning storm drains  
Televising sewer laterals on 4th Avenue  
Painting and maintenance on shop  
Landscaping behind post office  
Usual mowing and trimming

## **September**

Usual mowing and trimming



Grading roads and maintenance

Working with Rural Water on maintenance of hydrants

2EZ construction started on 4th Avenue sewer projects

Maintenance and grading at hockey rink

Prepared for and hosted BIG TRUCK NIGHT

## **October**

Usual mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Great Lakes Pipe Service back to clean more sewer lines

Closed McKinley Park for season

Put up snow fence

Lifted docks

Preparing for Bituminous patches on 4th Ave. and Center St.

Removed and replaced old dock pad at McKinley Park

2EZ Construction continued work on 4th. Ave and Center St.

Working with AMPTEK on electrical upgrades at McKinley Park

Extensive maintenance on equipment

## **November**

Snow plows on equipment

Usual plowing and sanding

Mesabi Bituminous here patching 4th Ave. and Center St.

Removed dock at Stuntz Bay

Maintenance on equipment

## **December**

Usual plowing and sanding

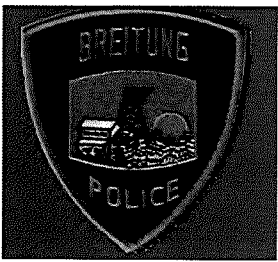
Maintenance on equipment

Cutting dead trees at monument and ball field area

Opening skating shack and flooding rink

Building dock sections for McKinley Park

Put up snow fence at Echo Point



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

**DANIEL L. REING**

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daniel.reing@breitungtownship.org

Honorable community members,

2021 was a year unlike any other, from the unique challenges of day to day living and working created by COVID-19 to the department disbanding in March of 2021.

The Breitung Police Department was not immune from these issues. In addition, crime and normal calls for service did not care about COVID-19 or lack of officers in our community. This was all heaped on an already full plate for us to consume and figure out a way to not only keep our heads above water but also to deliver professional law enforcement services.

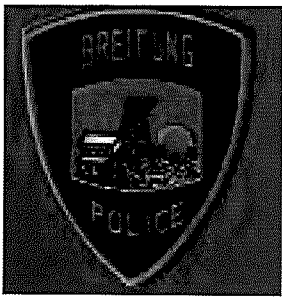
I am honored and privileged to have the incredible opportunity to comeback and lead this department and help protect the community of Breitung Township. When the community hired me for this position, they made an investment into the community. I plan to continually invest in the community as well. My family is excited to spend time here as well. They will be utilizing the many outdoor opportunities throughout the year.

My mission to this community is to provide the highest quality police services. This will be done through proactive community policing functions and forming strong partnerships with our residents and stake holders, to deter crime and resolve problems. I know that you, the citizens of our community, will play a major role in the success of this mission. I encourage citizen involvement and input not only for the purpose of reporting crime; but also to establish moral and professional standards that ensure fairness, transparency and accountability.

As the Chief, I speak not only for myself, but for each member of the police department when I say it is with honor we serve.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Daniel Reing



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## At a glance ....

### 2022 Department Goals

1. Develop and implement mission statement
2. Activate and release the use of Body Cams
3. Review and update department policies
4. Research and apply for grants

### Community engagement goals for 2022

1. Adopt (Coffee with a Cop)
2. Child car seat safety checks
3. School outreach: visit Vermilion Country School/ Northwoods / Tower Soudan Elem.
4. Facilitate 911 education classes /CPR classes
5. Attend and be present for community events in and out of uniform

### 2021 Officer Roster

#### Full Time

##### New Hire

1. Daniel L. Reing

1. Dan Nylund (resigned)
2. Jason Sanderson (resigned)

#### Part Time

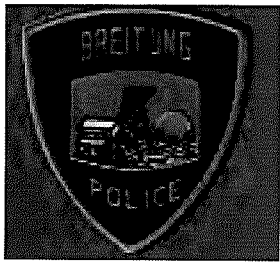
1. James Battin
2. Keith Nyman
3. George Burger
4. Bradley Roy
5. Cody Vail

### Department equipment

- Black Ford Explorer Equip:  
ending mileage: 39,000

Watchguard Camera  
2-Panasonic in Squad Toughbooks  
Stalker Dual DSR Radar  
Alco-Sensor IV PBT  
2 Mossberg 870 Shotgun  
Zoll AED  
Motorola 800 mhz squad radio

- Additional Equipment:  
Taser X26P  
Stalker XLR LIDAR  
Motorola 800 mhz portable radio



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2021 YEAR END REPORT

### 235 Calls for Service

#### Operations

##### Traffic

##### Anti Crime

1. Business Checks	58
2. Residential Checks	19
3. Public Assist	20
4. Traffic Stops	34
5. Animal Complaint	04
6. Medical	07
7. Accidents	08
8. Assist other Agencies	15
9. Firearms Permits	04
10. Suspicious activity	02
11. Assaults	01
12. Fires	03
13. Mental Health	03
14. Thefts	08
15. Vehicle theft	02
16. Welfare Checks	04
17. Alarms	03
18. Paper Service	04
19. Misc. Gen calls	32
20. Community Engagement	03
21. Burglary	01

#### General Statistics

##### Disclaimer

\* Due to the unique circumstances and status of the department the average calls for service are comparably lower to an average year. The Department was only in operation for approx. four months in 2021.

### **Coverage cost breakdown April 2021-November 2021**

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

316 hours billed at \$22,120

Breitung Township paid \$10,342.50

Tower paid \$11,777.50 (This included coverage over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Revenue from neighboring agency renting the squad car**

The squad car was also rented out to the city of Ely for 3 months.

August 2021-November 2021      3.5 months

\$500 a month \$1750 and \$20.16 for mileage. Total revenue of \$1,770.16



## *2021 Annual Report*

- *COVID issues made training and monthly meeting a slight challenge for 2021*
- *Never missed an emergency because of COVID and able to receive PPE to respond*
- *Accepted two new members*
- *Applied for an AFG Grant for the replacement of 10 sets of PPE.*
- *Extensive research conducted to identify past members for a recognition project that was completed and can be seen in the Fire Hall.*



## McKinley Park Annual Meeting Report 2022

Our 2021 Season was very successful. The overall revenue was us \$7278.00. We had a good year with our campers. They are very respectful and helpful to us and to each other.

Expenses were: Electricity up-\$528.00

Garbage down-\$256

We are very fortunate to have the support of Breitung Township.

### Supervisors:

Tim who oversees us, is always available to answer our questions and advise us and support us all season.

Chuck and Dusty-we know we could call on you anytime!

Jorgine and Dianna-very efficient, caring and available always!

Tom and his crew-Outstanding and always ready to help with anything!!

Jerry and Susie Chiabotti

## Township of Breitung

March 8, 2022

### Chairman's Report

Thank you for attending the annual meeting tonight and your participation in township government. Following are highlights of the past year:

- The police department changed significantly with both full time officers resigning in the first quarter of 2021. The department was made inactive, the longtime contract with Tower was cancelled and the sheriff's department provided coverage in the interim. Public input was received and the department was reactivated with a new contract to provide limited service to Tower. Dan Reing was hired as the full time police chief effective November 1, 2021 and the department is very active with only one full time position.
- The fire department transitioned to new leadership with the retirement of long time fire chief Steve Burgess and Trevor Banks being named to the position. Because of Steve's leadership, the department successfully changed from a fire department to a fire and rescue department, including the recruitment and training of personnel and also the equipment to provide rescue in vehicle crashes, cold water rescue, lake access rescue, and remote rescue in the field in all seasons and conditions. Congratulations to Steve and thank you for a job well done - above and beyond just being a fire department.
- Year 2021 was the first full year with two full time maintenance personnel and Tom and Keith are working on providing the public excellent service on a wide variety of duties.
- The pandemic continues to directly affect the township operations and we have been following the CDC recommendations and complied with the changing Governor's orders. Township offices and operations have re-opened to the public after being restricted with closures, remote public meetings and other preventative measures.
- Construction on the work to improve our sewer lines to help reduce the inflow and infiltration into our sanitary sewer lines included 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, pipe and manhole replacements. Final restoration and blacktopping will be completed this summer.
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- A new trail will be constructed this summer replacing the existing trail from Soudan to McKinley Park. It will follow the same path except both sides of the hill by McKinley Park will have switchbacks and the exit to the park will be near the picnic and playground area. A DNR grant of \$150,000 and an IRRRB grant of \$162,500 were awarded for this work and the balance of the funding is secured from last year's McKinley Park revenues.
- Two active grants for improvements to the recreation area, town hall and McKinley Park were awarded this year and covers half of the expense for electrical upgrades and dock upgrades at McKinley Park, benches, bike racks, the kiddie rink, safety crosswalks and restoration of the township's whistle that sounds off at noon and nine pm. The kiddie rink was paid in full by grants from Lake Country Power, the Tower fire relief association gambling funds and the Joint Recreation Board.
- Funding for improvements to our roads and sewer system was approved by the CDBG in the amount of \$90,000 and \$40,000 by the IRRRB. Additional funding is expected from the IRRRB and the DNR in 2022. Work includes the blacktopping of the Spring Road and the "catholic church" road, Stuntz Bay Road, Poplar Street and a section on Church Street adjoining Highway 169.
- Improvements to the recreation area are being studied by a volunteer committee and applications for funding will be based on these outcomes.

The continued dedication and work ethic of our employees and volunteers result in a transparent and effective township government. Thank you to these folks for the work that you perform at high standards each day to provide the services that the citizens of the Township of Breitung expect.

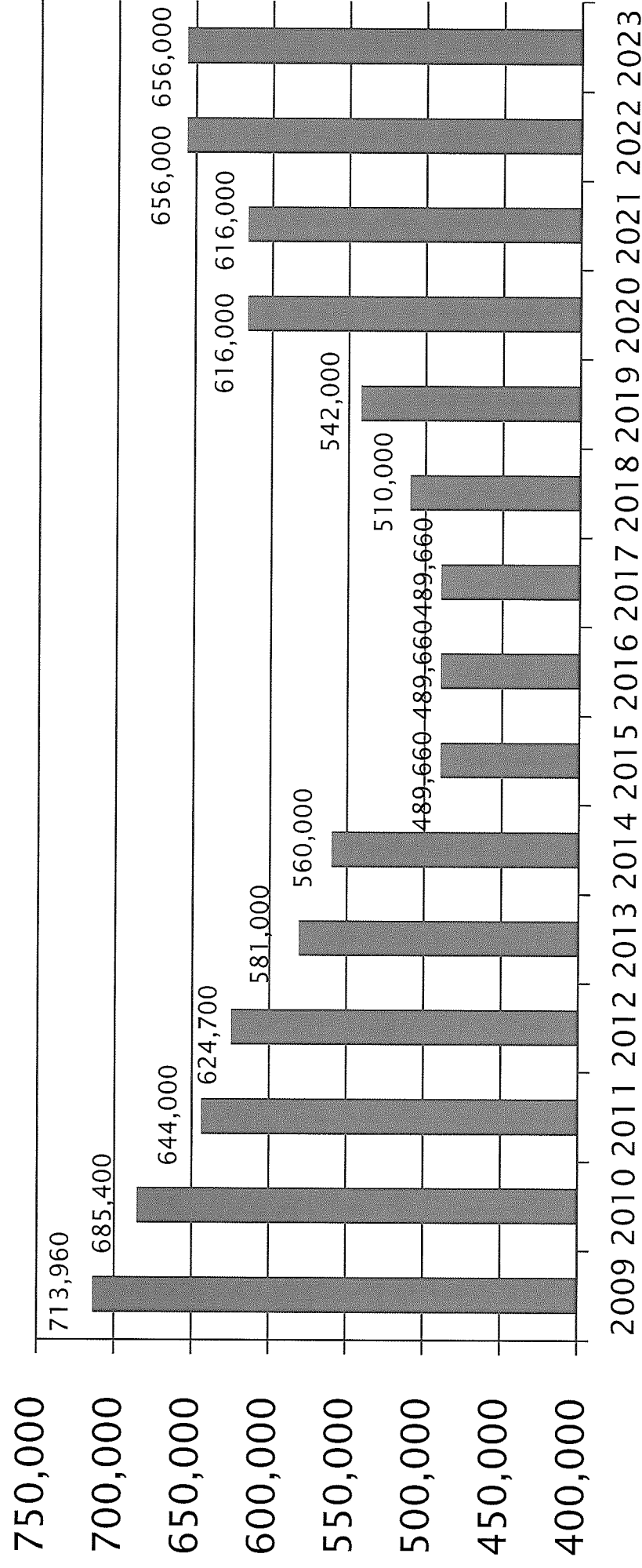
**Breitung Township  
Equipment Replacement Fund**

	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Beginning Balance	\$494,403	\$412,903	\$476,536	\$501,658	\$510,058	\$54,136	\$169,635	\$236,335	\$177,335	\$218,335	\$269,335	\$210,335	\$251,335	\$307,335	\$373,335	\$152,858
Contribution June	25,000	25,000	17,200			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contribution Dec	25,000	25,000				25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Surface building lease	30,000	30,000	24,922													
Fire Department @ \$500/month	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Police Dept @ \$200/mo. (ended Mar)	1,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	600										
Rehab payments (total = 362,422)						58,899	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	23,523	

**Expenditures**

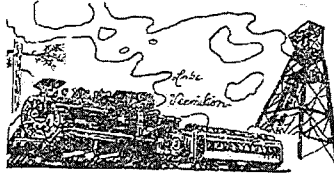
1) 2013 Ford Truck																
2) John Deere Tractor/Mower			17,000									50,000				
3) 2015 John Deere Loader	154,000	16,367							50,000							
4) 1988 CAT Grader & repairs	7,500									20,000				25,000		
5) 2010 Int'l Truck & Plow								150,000								
6) 1991 Chevy Brush Truck - Fire																
7) 1998 Ford F550 Tender/Pumper - Fire					101,900						150,000				300,000	
8) 2008 Peterbilt Pumper - Fire																
9) Fire boat modifications & replace engines										20,000			20,000			
10) Zero turn mower					362,422											
11) Building Rehab loan							24,300									
12) 2021 GMC pickup																
Ending Balance	\$412,903	\$476,536	\$501,658	\$510,058	\$54,136	\$169,635	\$236,335	\$177,335	\$218,335	\$269,335	\$210,335	\$251,335	\$307,335	\$373,335	\$152,858	\$208,858

# Township of Breitung Levy



Township of Breitung  
Budget Changes

	<u>2017 vs 2016</u>	<u>2018 vs 2017</u>	<u>2019 vs 2018</u>	<u>2020 vs 2019</u>	<u>2021 vs 2020</u>	<u>2022 vs 2021</u>	<u>2023 vs 2022</u>
Previous Year levy	\$489,660	\$489,660	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000
<u>Police:</u>							
Wages - Full and part time	1,700						
<u>Fire Department</u>							
Programs & Rebuilding			10,000				
Ambulance subsidy				2,500			
<u>Recreation</u>							
Engineering/Architectural planning			2,000				
Skating rink boards						10,000	
<u>General</u>							
Cemetery assistance				1,500			
Liability insurance	(400)						
Town Hall improvements loan payment				40,000			
<u>Road &amp; Bridge</u>							
Training-replacement employee				30,000			
Medical insurance benefits & wages	800						
Road maintenance & snow removal			5,000			30,000	
Water Commission - infrastructure			15,000				
Minos/Surface building utilities		20,340					
<u>Energy</u>							
gasoline and diesel fuel pricing	(1,600)						
Heating fuel - propane	(500)						
Total Change in budget	<u>-</u>	<u>20,340</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>74,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total levy	\$489,660	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000
 Percent change in levy	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4.15</u>	<u>6.27</u>	<u>13.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>



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January 19, 2022

Breitung Town Board  
P.O. Box 366  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Town Board,

The Tower-Soudan Historical Society (TSHS) continues to raise funds to restore the Historic Fire Hall located at 504 Main Street in Tower. TSHS purchased the building in December 2015 with financial support of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. Construction documents were completed in 2017 and updated by historic architect MacDonald and Mack Architects, who is overseeing the entire project.

Our Historic Fire Hall fund raising campaign kicked off in 2018. In 2019, fire hall tours and traveling exhibits from St. Louis County Historical Society attracted hundreds to the fire hall. Covid-19 negatively impacted our 2020 fund raising events but allowed us time to plan for the future. Our plan is to develop it as a History Education Center as well as for educational events, vintage sales, pop-up dining and community events. Many rehabilitation phases are needed to achieve the plan. We have raised over \$55,000 in private donations since 2018, and received over \$588,000 in grants since 2015.

Breitung Township contributed \$500 to the fire hall restoration project in 2018. Considerable progress has been made since with the original exterior doors and windows on Main Street restored in 2019. The roof was replaced in 2021. TSHS has received all the funds to rehab and repair the exterior masonry planned for summer 2022. Future phases include interior masonry rehabilitation, heating and ventilation, ADA restrooms, electrical system upgrade, and interior restoration.

Our plan for 2022 also includes finishing the building addition on the south side of the fire hall to install two ADA restrooms, complete the storage room and utility room and the addition will be sided. The electric service panel will be relocated to the utility room along with other electrical upgrades in the addition. Restrooms will enable TSHS to utilize the fire hall for more events. We are requesting \$1,000 from the Township as a contribution to help with the funding gap for this project.

Restoring the Historic Fire Hall enhances its functionality and returns it back to active use for a public purpose. The 1891 Ahrens steam-powered fire engine, which has been in city storage for decades, will be a featured showpiece. The Fire Hall will be developed as a year-round venue for people to learn about Tower and Soudan's central role in developing the Vermilion Range and iron ore mining industry that has had a

lasting impact on our region and helped to shape our cultural identity.

The Tower-Soudan Historical Society plans to launch an Interpretive Sign Project to spread the rich history of Tower and Soudan. Through the use of multiple educational signs throughout the community, members of the community and visitors will learn about Tower and Breitung's social history. The project will strengthen awareness and build community pride in local heritage.

We would like to partner with Breitung Township with TSHS volunteers researching and writing the narrative copy for sites of historical or local significance. Grants for the interpretive signs would be written at no cost to the Township. Breitung would select topics or sites, e.g., Soudan's Old Hospital; Oliver Mining Company Headquarters (currently SOS); history of the Noon/9:00 curfew whistle; McKinley Park; Soudan School site; Brick Pond, and others that bring attention to Soudan's history and identity. We wish to further discuss this opportunity to partner with Breitung in the near future.

Your support and consideration of our \$1,000 request for the ADA restrooms project would be very much appreciated.

Regards,

*Nancy Larson*

President,  
Tower-Soudan Historical Society