

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02-24-2022 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: Matt Tuchel-Assistant Fire Chief, Valeda McDonald, Jodi Summit-Timberjay, Jessica Hanine-Tower News (12:04)

Call to Order @ 12:01pm by Chairman Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda with the addition of two items.

JPJ-McKinley Park Trail and Culture and Tourism

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Minutes from the 01-27-22 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes from the 02-10-22 Special Board Meeting as presented.

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the January Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- MAT-Township Lobby Days-so noted
- EZ Ice Video request-so noted
- MN Power Rate Increase-so noted
- St. Louis County CDBG and Home Programs-so noted
- St Louis County Local CWPP Planning-so noted

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-See attached
- Fire-See attached
- Road and Bridge-Plowing and preventative maintenance. Few residents report water freezing, 1 fire hydrant frozen.
- McKinley Park- Reservations continue to be going strong. Tom met with Amptek on estimate for electrical work to be done.
- Recreation-Nothing to report

- Wastewater Board-Board Meeting last week, 1 project for 1.4M w/McKinley Park Trail and Mesabi Trail. Looking to get bids for construction and begin work June-July of 2022. McKinley Park Trail work to begin in August and may add manholes on this project
- Ambulance Commission-Nothing new to report. Next meeting first week in April 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Township Operations-No changes at this time
- Recreation Committee
 - DNR Grant Application-JPJ. Recreation Committee is awaiting final estimates and quotes, may be a few weeks. Preview for the application is March 10th, 2022.

New Business:

- Pay Bills as Presented
 Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented
 2nd by Supervisor Dostert
 Motion passed 3-0
 Consensus by the Board to void check #45495 to Mesabi Bituminous who has not completed Payroll forms to JPJ Engineering in the amount of \$10,801.58 and continue to hold bill for Ziegler for grader work while negotiation of price is discussed.
- Fire Department
 - Request Hiring of 2 new members-Assistant Chief Tuchel stated this is a good problem to have, with hiring these 2 new members the fire department would be up to 22 members.
 Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the hiring of the 2 new members pending the passing of background checks and physicals
 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
 Motion passed 3-0
 - Request Purchase of New Laptop
 Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to purchase a new laptop in the amount of \$1995.00
 2nd by Supervisor Dostert
 Motion passed 3-0
 - Request Purchase of New Fire Gear-2 quotes presented. Assistant Chief Matt Tuchel reported that new members are currently wearing gear that was donated from the City of Tower. Any gear ordered is about 4 months out. Most of the current gear is reaching its OSHA expiration date (10 year). There is a grant reimbursement that can be applied for (not guaranteed) from the Minnesota State Fire Department Association as well as an article in the Minnesota Association of Townships that they will outfit 2-3 member of a Department. The

Breitung Fire and Rescue is recommending the higher priced gear because it has an increased heat threshold, good moisture barrier and increased flexibility.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the purchase of (6) new sets of gear for Fire Department members at a cost of \$29,958.29 from Macqueen Equipment

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Grant Reimbursement Request and Resolution 2022-#6

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2022-#6 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- LMC Workers Compensation Deductible

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to set the Workers Compensation Deductible at \$10,000 as in previous years

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Stauber Community Funding Projects-Discussion by the Board on Projects.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to apply for Body Cameras for Part Time Police Officers, Relocation of the Thompson Farm Road and Breitung Township portion of the Bike Trail from McKinley Park Campground to Hoodoo Point.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities-Federal Program, members will look at different programs, Clerk Sundahl to gather more information

- CDBG Grant Application-Breitung Township not eligible this year as there is still has an open grant

- Letter of Support to the Northland Foundation-TEDA is requesting a letter of support for The Main Street Revitalization Program and the proposal to the Northland Foundation and their application for funds from the MN DEED Program

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to support the letter as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-#05 Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2022-#05 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Consensus by the Board to change the next Regular Board Meeting and Reorganizational Meeting to March 31st, 2022 at 12noon.

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

Board of Canvass: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 following the Township Election

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 following the Board of Canvass

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 31st, 2022 at 12noon

Reorganizational Meeting: Thursday, March 31st, 2022 following the Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:04pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township