

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03-31-2022 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Supervisor/Vice-Chairman Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sundahl

Public: Matt Tuchel, Tom Gorsma, Dan Manick-LU 49, Daniel Reing, Tim Tomsich, Jodi Summit-Timberjay, John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering, Trudy Hendricks, Jessica Hanine-Tower News

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Vice-Chairman Chuck Tekautz

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Purchase of Sewer/Water Camera, Resolution 2022-16-Application for PFA Loan

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Minutes from the 03-08-22 Board of Canvass and 03-17-22 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

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

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Correspondence:

- Tower-Soudan Elementary School Thank You-so noted
- St Louis Co. Public Health Updates-so noted
- MAT-Legislative Update-so noted
- Community Giving-Past
- LMC League Events, Learning Opportunities, annual Conference-so noted

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-See attached, Chief Reing also reported an increase in calls and winter residence beginning to return home
- Fire-See attached
- Road and Bridge-Continue to plow snow, behind from last year in beginning summer projects, New plow truck should arrive the end of April, should start looking at selling the old plow truck middle of summer
- McKinley Park- Busy taking reservations

- Recreation-Closed rink second week of March 2022, successful winter, average of 7 kids a night. Next year look at volunteer adults to help manage the rink, look at first aid for the youth as well.
- Wastewater Board-TBWWB ineligible for PFA loan, has to be City/Township to apply
- Ambulance Commission-Nothing new to report. Next meeting first week in April 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Old Business:

- Township Operations-No changes at this time
- St Louis County Board of Adjustment Findings-so noted
- CDBG Environmental Review Notification-so noted
- Stuntz Bay Road SPRA request for support-so noted and ongoing
- Vega 3 Grant Approval-so noted that Breitung Township will receive \$1949.50. The township purchased new voting machine July 2021.
- Breitung Police Department Policy for Body Worn Cameras-Chief Reing presented update policy, stated he worked with township attorney for correct language
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the new Policy for Body Worn Cameras as presented
2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz
Motion passed 2-0
- Quote for the purchase of body worn cameras-Chief Reing received 4 quotes from Security by Roger, presented 1 to the board as a recommendation and explained the costs.
Motion by Vice Chairman Tekautz to approve the purchase of (2) Body Worn cameras as presented in quote for a cost of \$10,683.00
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 2-0
- Recreation Committee
 - DNR Grant Application-JPJ. Application submitted online 03/31/22 by JPJ Engineering.
 - Hockey Rink Lighting Estimate-Estimate for \$59,686.00 which was included in the DNR application. Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma explained there could be additional costs for excavations for conduits and sonotube bases as these were not included in the estimate-so noted by the board.

New Business:

- Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

- Letter from Matthew Tuchel-so noted
- Board Vacancy-Clerk Sundahl stated that it would be good practice to wait until the Next Board meeting in April. Stated this would give the public the opportunity to read in the papers as well as call the office with any questions. Clerk Sundahl stated that the best practice advice from the Minnesota Association of Townships was to fill the vacancy with the next highest vote getter or someone who has expressed interest.

Motion by Clerk Sundahl to fill the Board Vacancy of Supervisor at the next Regular Board Meeting 04/28/22 at 12noon

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Covid Pet Health-Received notification from Animal Health Outreach who asked the township if they would consider placing a link on the website in regards to Pet Health and Covid-19. Consensus by the Board to have Clerk Sundahl check with IT to ensure this is a legitimate link
- Small Business Request-Breitung Township has no ordinance in regards to this Motion by Vice Chairman Tekautz to have Clerk Sundahl to check with County Planning and Zoning, and if they give the ok, the township to support

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 2-0

- St. Louis County Public Hearing on amendments to Ordinance 60-so noted
- Purchase of Sewer and Water Camera-received a quote from Utility Logic as the camera that is currently used is broken and out of date. Camera used by both Tower and Soudan. Breitung Water Department to reimburse the Township for the cost. City of Tower will be paying for 50% of cost.

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to purchase new camera excluding tax

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

- Resolution 2022-16 Application for PFA Loan-John Jamnick from JPJ stated that the amount of the PFA loan on the resolution was incorrect, stated should be for \$272,000 to include Manhole work and lift station work. The application would be if needed.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve Resolution 2022-16, application for PFA loan with the amended loan amount of \$272,000.00

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, April 28th, 2022 at 12noon

LBAE Meeting: May 17th, 2022 1:00pm-2:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:44pm

2nd by Vice Chairman Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township