

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05-26-2022 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, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Public: Matt Tuchel, Tom Gorsma, Daniel Reing (arrived 12:10), Jodi Summit-Timberjay(departed 12:50), John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the Minutes from the 04/28/22 Regular Board Meeting, 03/31 and 04/28/22 Reorganization Meeting and 05/17/22 LBAE Meeting as presented.

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

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

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- MN Frontline Worker Pay-so noted
- Historic Mine Tour Project-Clerk Sundahl to follow up
- Association Newsletter-so noted

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-See attached
- Fire-See attached
- Road and Bridge-Busy Spring, Working on docks, landscaping, benches and roads
- McKinley Park- Park Manager is busy, Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma to talk to Amptek about electric charging stations
- Recreation-HS Baseball finished up, Babe Ruth beginning in June
- Wastewater Board-Meeting will be @ the Breitung Community Center next month
- Ambulance Commission-Meets first Monday in July

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Township Operations-No changes at this time

- Gravel Pit-Proposal by Mesabi Bituminous presented.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the proposal as presented with \$14,300 Royalty Credit to be used for crushing and additional 2500 yards of gravel, plus the 500 yards that is owed the Township

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- C & C Winger Bill-Invoice received for exploratory work on condition of pipe under the bike trail. Discussion in regards to damage done to the bike trail by company excavator. Incident escalated to County Commissioners Office. Clerk Sundahl to pay bill as presented with a letter to C & C Winger in regards to the damage done, and follow up with a letter to the County Commissioners office.
- Bid Process for Force Main and Manhole Improvements-Work to be done on behalf of the TBWWB from the City of Tower to the Ponds. Because of the possible need for a PFA loan depending on the Bid price Breitung Township will accept the bids on behalf of the TBWWB. Matt Tuchel has worked with John Jamnick on some adjustments to work needing to be done. Consensus to hold a special meeting June 15th, 2022 at 11:00am to receive and open bids for this project. JPJ Engineering to publish in the paper.
- Process for Road from Catholic Church Parking Lot to TH 169-Discussion by the Board that there is a need to record the road with a legal description due to the fact that the road has been maintained on a continual basis for over 6 years by the Township. The homeowner has been made aware and has no objection. Request by homeowner to reduce speed on the road, Chief Reing to follow up. There is approximately 160 ft of the road that is in the City of Tower. Once construction upgrades have been made, will look into a written agreement with the City of Tower to maintain that portion.
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to bring the topic of establishing as a township road at the Annual Meeting in March of 2023 when work completed and legal description complete.
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

- Estimates

- Church Lot to TH 169 Proposal Estimates received from Mesabi Bituminous and C & C Winger for the work. Discussion by the board that since Mesabi Bituminous will already be doing the Catholic Church Parking Lot, it would work well to have them continue on the road project. Noted that Culvert work would be discussed onsite, bid does not include culvert work.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the lower bid from Mesabi Bituminous as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Safety First for Playground Surfacing at the Recreation Area-Proposal received from Safety First for \$2933.00 for material and delivery, with increase in price if fuel prices rise.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to have Maintenance go ahead with surfacing proposal from Safety First

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Dust Control and Road Maintenance-Have not received a quote from Tri-Mark to date. Township gets St. Louis County Rate. Consensus by the Board to have Tri-Mark do the dust control on Township roads if it can be done by the 4th of July, otherwise it is too late for it to be effective
- Blight-Supervisor Tekautz to take a ride around town to make a list of blight letters that need to go out to residents. Chief Reing will look further into citations. Current Blight Letters that need to go out are: Keith Folstad on Gordon St, Casey Richards on Superior Street, Charlotte Oja on Superior St, Troy Swanson on Main St, Brian and Deidra Palmer on Jasper St
- Dock at Stuntz Bay-Permanent Dock down at Stuntz Bay has broken off and no longer in working condition. The Stuntz Bay Association own this dock. Bids received by the Association for 11k (rolling dock) and 19k (floating dock). Discussion that this costs the township money to have employees spend time on this dock. Option to turn over to the DNR as this would eliminate the need for financial assistance, but then some of the legacy is lost. No action taken.
- Resignation of Employees-The Township received Letters of Resignation from Cade Gornick (VFD Training Officer), Anthony Broten (VFD), and George Burger (PD)
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the resignations with regret
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- St Louis County Variance Application for 5699 Hoodoo Point Rd-No comment
- LU 346 Notice of Desire to Negotiate-Consensus by the Board to have the full board meet with the Union for negotiations, Clerk Sunsdahl to contact union for dates.
- Resolution 2022-19 Accepting Donations
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept resolution 2022-19 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-20 PERA

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept resolution 2022-20 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Request for Housing Forum by Senator Tina Smiths Office-Consensus by the board to host this request at the Breitung Community Center on June 15th, 2022 at 9am

Next Special Board Meeting: Thursday, June 15th, 2022 at 11:00am

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, June 23rd at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:45pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township