

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 06-23-2022 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 (walked out for 3 min @ 12:16), Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Public: Tom Gorsma, Daniel Reing (arrive 12:20pm), Preston Tripp-JPJ, Jodi Summit-Timberjay, Rachel Brophy-Timberjay, Jessica Hanine-Tower News, Valeda McDonald

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 05/26/22 Regular Board Meeting and 06/15/2022 Special Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the May 2022 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to move \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- St Louis County-Veteran Homelessness-so noted
- City of Tower Ambulance-meeting in July
- LMC-Proposed increase in dues-so noted
- LCP Capital Credit Allocation-so noted
- State of MN-Demographic Report-so noted
- St Louis County-Notice of Public Hearing on Ordinance 62-so noted
- DNR-Outdoor Recreation Grant-Breitung Township application not accepted-so noted

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-See attached. Chief Reing reports extremely busy
- Fire-See attached

- Road and Bridge-Busy mowing every 4 days, flushed hydrants, working on mulching, weed/feed, bug spray, crosswalks, benches, and baseball tournament. Mesabi Bituminous out of gravel pit. Gravel roads being graded, dust control to be done this afternoon
- McKinley Park- Park Manager is busy, Mosquito Control came and sprayed
- Recreation-Grant application not accepted will have to fix boards instead of replacing this year, can reapply next year. Storm damage to lights and bleachers. Recreation Board will meet in the near future.
- Wastewater Board-Meeting at Breitung Community Center last week, Force Main project to begin this year when flow is low, possible work at night. Mesabi Trail almost ready for bid
- Ambulance Commission-Letter received from the City of Tower to send an elected representative to join an ad hoc committee to discuss support and areas of opportunity for improvement. Consensus by the Board to send Supervisor Tekautz.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

2nd by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Old Business:

- Summary of Housing Forum held 06/15/22-Summary noted in packet, Clerk Sundahl to check if Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated every 5 or 10 years. Last done in 2015
- GREAT Training vs DARE Training (Police)-Chief Reing presented a cost comparison with GREAT Training being the cheaper of the two. Busy time of year, Chief Reing to check if there is training later in the year. Consensus to table this item to a later date
- Negotiations with LU 346-Consensus by the Board to hold negotiations 07/28/22 at 2:00pm after the regular scheduled board meeting
- Soudan to McKinley Park Trail Update-Plans and specs are up to date. Tim will meet with Preston from JPJ one more time.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to call for bids on the Soudan to McKinley Park Trail Project on July 28th, 2022 at 12:00pm

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Stuntz Bay Road Project- Stuntz Bay Project discussed by JPJ. JPJ will be sending documents to the County next week, has to go through State Aid process, Gorsma to look at possibility of installing flumes
- Infrastructure Project 2022-Preston from JPJ will meet with Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma, no action taken
- Blight-additional letters for Kangas Property and Johnson property on the Junction Rd

New Business:

- Storm Damage 06/21/22-8 to 9 trees down, Soudan Entrance sign down, 2 light poles at hockey rink down (had outlets). Insurance adjuster will be here Monday 06/27. In order to strengthen grant, look to collaborate with MN Power.
- St Louis County ARPA Funds-Outdoor Recreation-Discussion to contact Jennifer Tarnowski at JPJ to see if she can file for this grant since she had submitted for the original recreation grant and has all the information
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to ask Jennifer at JPJ to file for ARPA funds same as the MnDNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Acceptance of Part Time Employees-Zachary Poderzay, Neva Levins, Julia Tuchel, Audrey Anderson, James Gerber, John Suihkonen, Trace Swanson, James Vukad
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the hiring of the above-named part-time employees
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Park Labor Pay-It was noticed by Treasurer Gornick that Park Labor pay was missed at the Reorganizational Meeting, position has not received a raise in 3 years. Current rate of pay \$13.00/hr.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to increase Park Laborer pay to \$15.00/hr. beginning on July 1, 2022
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Proposal for Taser Training-Chief Reing discussed shared training amongst members of local police departments. Request to send Officer Nyman to training at a cost of \$375 plus expenses. This will save the township money as we will have an in-house trainer
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to send Officer Nyman to taser training in Roseville
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Minnesota First Responder AED Project-Chief Reing received 5 AEDs as a part of a grant from the University of Minnesota. AED's to be placed in the Community Center, Police Dept, Police Vehicle, McKinley Park, and 1 tbd. Chief Reing available for training
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept AED's and for them to be placed in the above noted locations
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Election Judge Training-Election judge training is being offered by St. Louis County at \$11.00 per person. Training can be done online or in the Community Center as a group

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve up to 14 election judges attend training at a Cost of \$11.00/per judge

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Casey Sundahl Property-Discussion by Supervisor Dostert that Casey Sundahl was interested in donating property 270-0110-01170 and 270-0110-01180 on Main St to the Township with the stipulation it be used as a sliding/sledding hill. Property has sewer and water hook ups. Chairman Tomsich concerned with the limited use stipulation, would be more interested if it could be used for more outdoor recreation. Supervisor Dostert to speak to Casey Sundahl
- Bid for 22 5th Avenue Project-Bid received from 2EZ construction on Water Service Repair at 22 5th Ave, Soudan in the amount of \$7000.00 Current Water Service does not appear to be at a proper depth when originally installed, it is not deep enough, possibly only 4'6", but will not know for sure until dug up.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to go ahead with repairs at 22 5th Ave for Water Service Repair, with the Water Commission to pay the cost

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-21 Accepting Donations
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2022-21 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-23 PERA for Police Officer
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve Resolution 2022-23 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, July 28th, 2022 at 12:00pm

Next Special Board Meeting (Open/Closed): Thursday July 28th, 2022 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting. Purpose is for Labor Negotiations with LU 346

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:55pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township