

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 07-28-2022 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:** Preston Tripp-JPJ, Matt Jamnick-Mesabi Bituminous (left at 12:15pm), Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Matt Tuchel, Jessica Hanine-Tower News, Rachel Brophy-Timberjay

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

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

- 06/23/22 Regular Board Meeting
- 07/14/22 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 06/23/22 Regular Board Meeting and 07/14/22 Special Board Meeting as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

### **Approval of June 2022 Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

### **Correspondence**

- MAT-District Meeting-so noted
- IRRR-Grant Opportunities-so noted
- Thank You-TS Historical Society-so noted
- Habitat for Humanity Newsletter/Donation Request-so noted
- Ida Rukavina-Housing Survey-so noted
- Senator Tina Smiths Statement-so noted
- Vermilion Lake Association Annual Meeting-so noted
- PERA-2022 Plan Update-so noted
- North St Louis Soil & Water-request for comments on the development of Comprehensive Plan-so noted, Matt Tuchel to review

### **Reports**

- Police-as attached, busy summer, several ATV complaints
- Fire-as attached
- Road and Bridge-as attached
- McKinley Park-Busy with Old Settlers, appreciate use of the Township Building
- Recreation-Preston from JPJ will work with Chairman Tomsich and Clerk Sundahl to get grant paperwork completed for St. Louis County ARPA funding, with a focus on lighting
- Wastewater Board-Force Main Project is approved, Breitung is the fiscal agent, Project to start late summer or early fall and should be complete by the spring of 2023.  
Reorganization Meeting happened, no changes, will look at changing the time of the meeting before school begins.
- Ambulance Commission-Regional Opportunities for EMS was presented in packet from Lee Peterson from Greenwood Township. Greenwood Township is looking at options and are spending 55k to do a study. Breitung Township is open and looking forward to what the study says.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Old Business:**

- Opening of Bids-McKinley Park Trail-1 bid received from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$412,419.76. Preston will take back and do paperwork and present to the Board at the next meeting
- Infrastructure Project 2022-This project will include Spring Road, Poplar St, and Church St Project. JPJ continuing to work on plans, may be ready for bid later in the fall
- Stuntz Bay Project-JPJ Engineering still working on Engineering changes, wider shoulders. Matt Tuchel asked if part of the trail could become a designated snowmobile trail. Chairman Tomsich continues to work with DNR. 51k engineering costs may become a separate project to apply for funding. No new updates as of this meeting
- Storm Damage-Clerk Sundahl continues to review and receive data from Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma. There is an app that the county prefers information uploaded, Clerk Sundahl working on downloading app, and becoming familiar to assist Gorsma
- Recreation Area Improvements St Louis County ARPA Funds-Preston working on application, needs some information, will have for signature and submission within the next week with lighting noted as a priority
- Blight-  
Johnson-Supervisor Tekautz received call from homeowner, will take care of, will follow up  
Folstad-New Tyvek on home  
Johannsen-Clerk Sundahl sent information in regard to IRRR funding for demo of bldg.  
Palmer-next step to serve another letter, check with county on batteries  
Kangas-will continue to mow, charge at the end of summer

Richards-next step to serve another letter

Oja-next step to serve another letter

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to work with the County and serve follow up letters for Palmer, Richards and Oja

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **New Business:**

- Pay Bills as Presented at June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay the bills as presented meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Request for letter from homeowner @ 1523 Echo Narrows Rd-This request is from the County as resident is looking to establish a home-based business at this address. Discussion that homeowner has access to her property off the Swamp Rd, and Chairman Tomsich mentioned he talked to her neighbors and they are aware of home owners' business

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve writing a letter stating the homeowner has access to the address 1523 Echo Narrows Rd from the Swamp Rd

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Use of Township Parking Lots/Property-This item on the agenda due to the fact that someone had parked a camper "For Sale" in a Township Parking Lot without asking Permission. The owner was asked to move it, and they did. Discussion around the Wayside Rest Area, and other Township Properties. Signs were mentioned, but no action taken. Consensus by the Board to have Clerk Sundahl make note on the Township Website of requesting prior approval before Parking Overnight on Township property, and the board will work on an ordinance during the winter months.
- Fire Department-Request for Promotion-Assistant Fire Chief Matt Tuchel said since one of the Fire Departments Training Officer recently resigned, the officers would like to promote Detton Koski to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Officer position.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Detton Koski as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Officer

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- JPJ-Final Pay Estimate

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve the Final Pay Estimate as presented subject to the punch list being completed

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

Motion passed 3-0

- St Louis County Planning and Community Development-Short Term Rentals and Maximum Human Occupancy-Supervisor Dostert will reach out to the County in regards to this request, as well as ask if there is a limit on how many rentals a town can have

- Resolution 2022-24 Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2022-24 as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00pm

**Next Special Meetings:** August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:00am

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township