

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 09-22-22 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 (arrived 12:04pm), Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

**Absent:** Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Preston Tripp-JPJ, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Matt Tuchel, Rachel Brophy-Timberjay, Valeda McDonald, Jim Battin (left at 12:40pm), Crystal Waurin-Comp Secretary for Low Impact Excavators (left at 12:40pm), Jim L. (Mesabi Fit Coalition (left at 12:55pm), Matt Jamnick-Mesabi Bituminous (left @ 12:50pm), Jessica Hanine-Tower News (arrived at 12:07)

Call to Order @ 12:05pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Clerk Sunsdahl requested that Mesabi Fit move up on the agenda since there was a representative in the audience.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda with change to Mesabi Fit

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

- 08/25/22 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 08/25/22 Meeting as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

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

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

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Correspondence**

- Truck Night-so noted
- Couri & Ruppe Law Office-so noted
- LMC Peer Counselor-so noted
- IRR Iron Ranger-Chairman Tomsich pointed out that Breitung Township is in this edition for the Recreation Area

**Public Input-**Jim Battin spoke up both as a citizen living off Hwy 169, and as a Police Officer. Mr. Battin has concerns in regards to the noise created by trucks "jake braking" between Jasper St in Soudan and the entrance to the City of Tower. Mr. Battin also has concerns in regards to speeding in this area as well. This section of road has 21 entry and exit points and

feels as though it is a safety/hazardous area of concern. Has many suggestions and will put them in writing to the Clerk. Chairman Tomsich suggested that Supervisor Dostert speak with MnDOT as he is on the 169 Task Force, Supervisor Dostert stated he would speak to Duane Hill, the District I Supervisor of MnDOT.

### **Reports**

- Police-as attached and Chief Reing reports that it was a busy August, Police Department dealing with break-ins and theft, has 1 Officer Assaulted but sustained no injury, body cams came in and will be up and running in November, October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Police Fundraiser at the Community Center with Taco's, Beans and Rice from 1-5pm.
- Fire-No Report, Chief is on vacation
- Road and Bridge-as attached, and Gorsma reports there are residents requesting water shut offs and will be working at McKinley Park
- McKinley Park-Camp winding down. Last day of camping will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Recreation-Supervisor Dostert reports that the light poles are down, thanks to resident Ken Hinkle. Gorsma and crew have been working on shortening boards at the rink by 6" and working on an estimate for repairs.
- Wastewater Board-Force Main Project to start next month. Breitungs match funding for this project is the McKinley Park Trail. May be a gap in financing but there is a lot more money coming in due to the increase in rain this year and because billing is variable. Currently there are lower expenses with an increase in income, but the timing of financing is off and may have to use PFA Loan as an option.
- Ambulance Commission-Supervisor Tekautz attended a meeting out in Greenwood Township last evening in regard to the EOY Study they are doing. Breitung Township is in a Basic Life Support Area. The Greenwood Township Board does not want to pay for 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance at this time.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Old Business:**

- McKinley Park Trail Bids- 3 bids received by Clerk Sundahl on time, bids opened and read aloud by Chairman Tomsich, and given to Preston from JPJ afterward for review
  - KGM-\$513,245.00
  - Low Impact Excavators-\$370,151.79
  - Mesabi Bituminous-\$361, 640.00
- Infrastructure Project 2022-Update Addendum #1-this update and extension of the bid is to give suppliers and bidders more time to research costs

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept Addendum #1 as presented and call for bids and to open at the 10/27/22 Board Meeting @ 12noon

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Infrastructure Project 2023-Chairman Tomsich stated he needs cost estimates and maps from JPJ for this work which will be used for grant funding cycle for CDBG and IRRR
- Stuntz Bay Road Project-Chairman Tomsich requested Preston from JPJ to email the county again, and to send himself and Gorsma the final updates
- Blight-3 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice letters done and served to homeowners. Chairman Tomsich asked Chief Reing to check with the City of Chisholm to see what further actions can be taken
- Rink Estimates
  - Lighting Estimate-received from Amptek, does not include trenching, so this would be approximately another 10k in costs
  - Kickplates-received from Rink Systems Inc

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept estimates as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **New Business:**

- Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Request for support-Mesabi Fit Coalition-Jim L from Mesabi Fit Coalition was in attendance and spoke of the importance of the Mesabi Family Y Facility in Virginia, and keeping it open to families for recreational activities and their organization is looking for support (non-monetary at this time)
  - Resolution 2022-27 Supporting the Mission of the Mesabi Fit Coalition

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to approve resolution 2022-27 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Safety Grant Program-Clerk Sundahl attended Safety Training this past month, and MNOSHA is offering 10k grants for Safety items. Clerk Sundahl and Chief Reing would like door monitor and communications systems at the door to allow the public entry. Discussion was that there is glass in the front window and with a possible active shooter, this would not prevent entry of an individual(s). Clerk Sundahl had Custom Theaters Inc come and look, and will continue research on a possible solution. Support and consensus by the Board for the Clerk to continue research on this.
- Fiscal Disparity Changes-so noted by the Board
- Ambulance Vehicle Aid Agreement-so noted by the Board
- First Aid-CPR Training-Clerk Sundahl suggests that Chief Reing and Matt Tuchel provide Township employees (to include youth) training in December. The cost could be up to \$24 if an individual would like a card.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to have First Aid/CPR Training for Township Employees  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Conflict of Interest-Supervisor Tekautz requests Clerk to work with the Township Attorney regarding possible conflict of interest of an employee running for a Supervisor position, as what happened in the 2022 Township Election

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve Clerk Sunsdahl to work with Township Attorney  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Ordinance 93-07-This ordinance is an ordinance regulating the parking of vehicle on any township of Breitung Roadway, and the matter has been brought to the Boards attention that amendments could be made for better enforcement of this ordinance. See Draft Ordinance 93-07A included in packet.

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to have Clerk Sunsdahl work with MAT to follow appropriate statutes on moving forward with suggested amendments as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-28 Appointing Additional Election Judges

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve resolution 2022-28 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Consensus by the board to hold a special meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 11:00am

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00pm

**Next Special Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:00am

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:12pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township