

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 12-01-22 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
Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Keith Nyman-PT Police, Rachel Brophy-Timberjay, Larry McCray (EN Fire Chief) Frank Sherman (EN Supervisor), Tom Gorsma-Public Works, Jessica Hanine-Tower News, Susie Chiabotti-Park Manager

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda with the addition of Eagles Nest Fire Department as an addition under New Business

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 11/17/22 Special Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the October 2022 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMCIT-2022 Property/Casualty Dividend Refund-so noted
- IRRR-The Ranger 11/10 & 11/22 edition-so noted, McKinley Park and improvements in the Newsletter
- MAT November Newsletter-so noted
- Zielies Tree Service-Vegetation Management-so noted
- T-Ball Thank You-so noted
- Northwoods Partners-so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached

- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-Park Manager stated it was a very good year, increased revenue. Daily visitors and boat launch traffic down. Electric and garbage costs decreased. New maps helped visitors and campers tremendously. Quiet, safe family campground. Manager very thankful for the help she receives from the Breitung Township staff.
- Recreation-Supervisor Dostert complimented R&B Department on the good work being done at the rink. Board to seek grant funding for light in back of soccer field and lights to ballfield. Will possibly set Tuesday's and/or Saturdays as Pizza night at the rink
- Wastewater Board-Manhole project should be starting soon, relief valves hard to purchase. TBWWB held its budget meeting and will keep rates variable. MP&L bought the Solar Farm. TBWWB possibly looking for an auditor to do the books if unable to self-audit.
- Ambulance Commission-No new updates

Acceptance of Reports

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

ATV Trails-No new updates, clerk received a call from Timothy Rund-member of an Eagles Nest Group gathering information on ATV Trails and would like to speak to Town Board. Consensus by the Board to invite him to the next Board Meeting in December.

Infrastructure Project 2023-Chairman Tomsich met with Chris Ismal from IRRR. IRRR would like to see a 5-year plan for Breitung Township, Chairman Tomsich to speak with John Jamnick at JPJ Engineering in regards to this. IRRR would also like to see an application made to USDA for assistance in funding this project. Application to IRR and CDBG currently in progress.

Stuntz Bay Project-Remains under review with the St Louis County

Winter Help-5 people lined up for rink labor, looking for parent volunteers to work Sunday's

Safety Grant Program offered by MNOSHA-No new updates from Chief Reing

Hwy 169 Road Reduction, Signage, Speed Limits-No new updates, Hwy 169 Taskforce reactivated

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

McKinley Park Rates-Board discussion with Park Manager on increase of rates, reviewed various campgrounds in the area.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to increase the 2023 Monthly Electric rate from \$975 to \$1025, and the Seasonal rate from \$3000 to \$3200 with all other rates to remain the same

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Eagles Nest Fire Department-Fire Chief Larry McCray spoke of EMS as being a high priority, looking at neighboring communities to partner with, and possibly create a Joint Powers Board/Fire District. Stated it would be much better to work and train together, create an Emergency Management Plan. Mentioned the Laurentian Group but seems as though they may be disbanded. Would like to keep the conversation going and talk with the Fire Department. No action taken, Board would like to remain in the discussion.

Fire Department

- Contract Agreement-Discussion by the Board that this contract agreement was at the suggestion of the Township Attorney to eliminate any conflict of interest. Fire Department has their monthly meeting on December 8th, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Contract Agreement as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Resignation of Volunteer Eric Monson-due to moving out of the area

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept resignation of Eric Monson with regret

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Police Department

- Resignation of P/T Officer Trace Swanson-due to moving out of the area

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the resignation of Trace Swanson with regret

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Lease for Tasers-Discussion by the Board in regards to lease, this lease is for 3 tasers (2023 model) and Cartridges. The Post Board requires the Police Department to have a less lethal option than a gun. The lease with Axon Enterprise, Inc would be a savings of \$2739.60

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the lease agreement with Axon as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- 2023 Police Contract with the City of Tower-No action taken, The City of Tower will vote on this at their next City Council Meeting

Light for Sliding-Correspondence from Kalee Bjorgo asking for lighting behind the soccer field. Discussion by the Board that there will be an Outdoor DNR Grant available next March, will seek funding for lighting, possibly solar lighting as there is no power that way.

Resolution 2022-32-Resolution Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2022-32 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Resolution 2022-33-Designation of Polling Place

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2022-33 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Notice of Absentee Voting-So noted by the Board

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to cancel the Regular Board Meeting on December 22nd, 2022,
and hold a Special Meeting on December 20th, 2022 in its place

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Public Hearing: Thursday, December 8th, 2022 @ 11:00

Next Special Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 @ 12noon

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:45pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township