

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 12-20-22 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, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Preston Tripp-JPJ Engineering, Greg Junek and Tim Rund-both from Eagles Nest Trails Advocacy Group (both left at 12:40pm), Jessica Hanine-Tower News (arrived 12:02pm), Matt Tuchel (arrived 12:10pm)

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 approve the minutes of the 12/01/22 Special Board Meeting and 12/08/22 Informational Public Hearing as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- IRRR-The Ranger 12/07/22 edition-so noted
- Habitat for Humanity Newsletter-Clerk Sundahl to send a letter regarding available lot in Soudan
- MAT-Grant Fund-Chairman Tomsich to research for Outdoor Recreation Area
- Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Rate Change-so noted
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-Notice of Hearing-so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached, Body Cams up and running since November 1st, 2022
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached, appreciates residents shoveling around hydrants

- McKinley Park-Letters sent to Seasonal Rentals, Park Manager would like Township to send out letters next year.
- Recreation-Rink flooded 3X's to date, rink may be open this weekend, small sweeper/blower broken-had Winger assist with rink, Matt Tuchel helped w/sidewalks
- Wastewater Board-Manhole project should be starting soon, letter sent to Congress in regards grant funding and Army Corp of Engineers not responding. Unable to move ahead with Project. Hoping to get funding from State budget surplus, project was on the list and not funded last fiscal year
- 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-Supervisor Tekautz to contact Property owner Wayne Kultala after the holidays. Eagles Nest Trails Advocacy representative was given the floor to speak on the ATV trails. Tim Rund stated that their group was developed to try to figure out what is going on with the new trails. There has been increased ATV's traffic through Eagles Nest. The increase in traffic has posed a negative impact on the area with an increase in noise, volume of riders, annoyance (peace and quiet) with a 0% financial impact to the Township. The group found that there was 1300-1500 ATV's going through Eagles Nest this past year. There has been no increase in Public Safety Officers to manage the increase of ATV's traffic. The group is concerned with possible underage and intoxicated riders. They were glad to see that the Parks and Trails had come to Breitung Township with their request for a trail. The group would like to see the trails run outside of Eagles Nest Township and not through it. Chairman Tomsich spoke about how the Township is looking to take the trail outside of town, and not through Soudan Proper, and that there is both a negative and positive impact to Breitung Township and the City of Tower.
- Eagles Nest Fire Department-No updates
- Infrastructure Project 5 year Plan-Chairman Tomsich met with JPJ Engineering to look at a 4-5 year Draft Plan. Plan included in Public Packet. Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma had input into the plan. Plan excludes Waste Water. JPJ will go to the USDA for potential funding. This Plan is what the IRRR has suggested to increase the possibility of funding for projects. They do not want to see piecemeal projects. With a 4 to 5 year plan in place this will decrease overall cost and increase contractor competitiveness.
- Stuntz Bay Road-No new updates
- Safety Grant Program offered by MNOSHA-No new updates from Chief Reing
- Hwy 169 Road Reduction, Signage, Speed Limits-No new updates
- Contract Agreement with the Fire Department

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to reapprove the contract with the Breitung Fire and Rescue Department with the dates of the contract to be set from Jan 1st, 2023-April 1st, 2024

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- 2023 Contract with the City of Tower-Police

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Contract as Presented

2nd by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented to include request from JPJ to pay 2EZ Construction for materials received to date

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Fund Balance & Transfers-Treasurer Gornick mentioned that Tax Apportionment arrived in November this year instead of December like last year. True Fund balance will be between the week of Christmas and New Years to review

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to allow Chairman Tomsich to work with Treasurer Gornick to review fund balances

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Equipment Replacement Plan-No Action Taken, this is for review

- SOS Cigarette License Renewal

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve the Cigarette License Renewal as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2022-34 Resolution to Apply for and accept grant funds from the DNR

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2022-34 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, January 26th, 2023 at 12:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:02pm

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township