

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02-23-23 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, Matt Tuchel, Preston Tripp-JPJ Engineering, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Trudy Hendricks (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 01/26/2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the January 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMC-Award Nominations and Upcoming Events-so noted
- IRRR-The Ranger 01/25/23, 02/08/23, 02/09/23, and 02/22/23-so noted
- St Louis County-Noxious Weed Training-consensus by the Board to present at the Reorganizational Meeting

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached with Training Schedule
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-No Report
- Recreation-Joint Power Rec Board asked by Wagoner Ski Trails to create a subcommittee and create a charter so they could be the fiscal agent for the Trails.
Discussion to find out if they have their own EIN Number, meeting in March to follow

up. Lost a lot of ice at the rink due to warm weather, Hockey Days for kids under 12 this Saturday 02/25/23.

- Wastewater Board-SEH moving forward on the Water Treatment Project. Project remains short 2.275M pending with possible funding from the States Bonding Bill this year, but can still start project. Manhole and Lift Station Project still on track to be started this winter. New RV Park off of Marina Drive is not tied into system, but could be at a later date.
- Ambulance Commission-Ambulance Commission met February 6th, 2023 and Ad Hoc committee met on February 22nd to continue to discuss alternatives such as a Joint Powers Board. Greenwood Township continues to not participate in meetings.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

ATV Trails-Supervisor Tekautz to continue wo have open dialogue with property owner Wayne Kultula with Clerk Sunsdahl to research next steps of the possible trade of properties.

Infrastructure Project 2023-Chairman Tomsich has done the initial CDBG Application for \$150,000 and the award amount from CDBG would be \$75,000. This project would include 1st Ave to Gordon St, Church St Corner to Mud Ditch and sewer line @ Jasper to the alley. Will be asking IRRR for additional funding.

Culture and Tourism Grant-Projected budget and timeline of 60k project(s) presented by Chairman Tomsich, awaiting to hear when next IRRR meeting is scheduled. Stuntz Bay Association to donate \$7500 towards dock Replacement

IRRR 5-year plan-Chairman Tomsich sent over approval letter from CDBG grant and 5-year plan. Awaiting to hear when next IRRR meeting is scheduled.

Broadband-No update from CTC, Clerk Sunsdahl to follow up with Richard Hanson as he is advocating for the City of Tower

McKinley Park Trail Update-Project currently 61k over budget. McKinley Park Revenue to assist in paying a portion of overrun cost.

- DNR Grant Contract Extension-DNR has granted an extension on the grant until 2024
- IRR Grant- Chairman Tomsich spoke with Jim Plummer from IRRR Trails Program and Jim Plummer stated he can support 50% of the gap funding.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to apply for and receive funding from the IRRR Trails program with a resolution to be presented at the next meeting

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Club Mesabi-Request to use Breitung Township Community Center and Outdoors as a turn-around and rest stop for bike tour August 5th, 2023

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve application for facility use as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Fire Department-Request and recommends the following Officers/Relief Association Officers and Pay effective 02/01/23. All officers and pay to remain the same with the exception of the Relief Association Secretary will be Chris Suihkonen, Lance Dougherty has stepped down.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the BFD and Relief Association Officers and pay as presented by BFD and give a big thank you to the BFD for the terrific job that they do.

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Workman's Comp Deductible-Various options presented for Workman's Comp Deductible

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to choose Option#2-Deductible Premium Option with a \$10,000 deductible per occurrence

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Congressional Spending

Motion by Supervisor Dostert for Clerk Sundahl to send a letter from the Breitung Town Board to support the TBWWB application(s) to Congress

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Police Department Halt Suit-Chief Reing stated this suit will be for Taser Training for Breitung and surrounding communities

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz for Chief Reing to purchase the HALT Suit at a cost of approximately \$855.25

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-05-DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant, Jennifer Tarnowski from JPJ Engineering is Working on the MN DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application. Cost still yet to be determined. Looking at Playground equipment, new fencing, trees, lighting and disc golf.

Consensus by the board to have Clerk Sundahl request letters of support from Joint Recreation Committee, Athletic Association and TS Elementary School.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve the Resolution as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-06-Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the town of Breitung, Minnesota temporary general obligation utility revenue note to the City of Tower. Chairman Tomsich explained that original loan will be expiring, and will be refinanced when Water Treatment project is complete.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Board of Audit: February 23rd, 2023 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Township Elections: Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 10am-8pm

Board of Canvass: Immediately following the Township Elections, Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

Annual Meeting: Immediately following the Board of Canvass, Tuesday March 14th, 2023

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 at 12noon

Reorganizational Meeting: Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:32pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township