

Township of Breitung Agenda-Annual Meeting

**Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/14/2023 to be held at the
Breitung Community Center at 8:30pm
33 1st Avenue, Soudan, MN 55782**

- Call the meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Nominate a Moderator
- Reading of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes or motion to dispense with reading and approve as distributed or corrected
- Reading of the November 3rd 2022 Town Meeting Minutes or motion to dispense with reading and approve as distributed or corrected
- Financial Report-Jorgine Gornick, Treasurer
- Road and Bridge Report-Tom Gorsma, Maintenance Supervisor
- Police Report-Daniel Reing
- Fire and Rescue Report-Trevor Banks, Fire and Rescue Chief
- McKinley Park Report-Susie Chiabotti, Park Manager
- Chairman's Report-Tim Tomsich, Chairman
- Tax Levy
- Tower-Soudan Historical Society Request
- Embarrass Regional Fair Request
- Old Settlers Request-Township of Breitung to Sponsor
- Ambulance Replacement
- Funds to Support Events
 - 4th of July
 - Big Truck Night
 - Old Settlers
 - Cemetery
- Township Property on 4th Avenue
- Lifetime Animal License
- Language Change on Community Center Rental Agreement
- Other Business
- Set Date for Annual Meeting 2024
- Adjourn

Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/08/2022-8:30 PM
In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center
33 First Avenue, Soudan Minnesota

Residents Present: Tim Tomsich, Dianna Sunsdahl, Jorgine Gornick, Lori Tomsich, Tony Sikora, Greg Dostert, Matt Tuchel, Rolf Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Trevor Banks, Charles Tekautz, Nancy Tekautz,

Non-Residents Present: Daniel Reing

Call to Order @ 8:38pm by Clerk Sunsdahl

Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator:

Motion by Chuck Tekautz to name Tim Tomsich Moderator

2nd by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes:

Motion by Matt Tuchel to dispense with reading of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes and approve as distributed

2nd by Rolf Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Reports:

- Financial Report-read by Tim Tomsich
Motion made by Tony Sikora to accept Financial Report as presented
2nd by Trevor Banks
Motion passed unanimously
- Road and Bridge Report
Motion made Greg Dostert to accept Road and Bridge Report as presented
2nd by Rolf Anderson
Motion passed unanimously
- Police Report
Motion made by Chuck Tekautz to accept Police Report as presented
2nd by Laurie Anderson
Motion passed unanimously
- Fire and Rescue Report-Read by Trevor Banks, Chief
Motion by Laurie Anderson to accept Fire and Rescue Report as presented
2nd by Dianna Sunsdahl
Motion passed unanimously

- McKinley Park Report
Several comments on how well managed and maintained McKinley Park is
Motion by Matt Tuchel to accept report as presented
2nd by Chuck Tekautz
Motion passed unanimously
- Chairman's Report-read by Tim Tomsich
Motion made by Trevor Banks to accept report as presented
2nd by Tony Sikora
Motion passed unanimously
- Tax Levy
Motion made by Greg Dostert to accept the township levy with a 0% increase from 2022 and as presented, for a total tax levy of \$656,000.00 for 2023. The \$10k that was approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting for hockey boards was retained for the 2023 tax levy.
2nd by Dianna Sunsdahl
Motion passed unanimously
- Tower Soudan Historical Society Requesting \$1000.00 donation for ADA restrooms at the Historic Fire Hall in Soudan
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to donate \$500.00 to the TSHS
2nd by Dianna Sunsdahl
Motion passed with 1 nay by Tony Sikora
- No other business

Date for Next Annual Meeting:

March 14th, 2023


Adjourn:

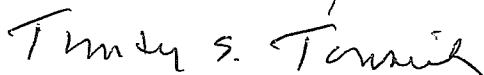
Motion by Greg Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:25pm

2nd by Rolf Anderson

Motion Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted


Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township



Timothy Tomsich

Moderator, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Special Town Meeting 11-03-22 at 06:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Residents Present:

Timothy Tomsich, Charles Tekautz, Gregory Dostert, Dianna Sundahl, Randy Winklar

Non-Residents Present:

Jodi Summit-Timberjay, Daniel Reing-Police Chief

Called to order by Clerk Sundahl @ 06:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator

Motion by Charles Tekautz to nominate Tim Tomsich as the moderator

2nd by Gregory Dostert

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moderator Tim Tomsich stated the business to be conducted

- A. For the Electors to authorize the Breitung Township Board to adopt an updated and amended Ordinance to further regulate Parking under Minn. Stat, 365.10, subd. 17 General Welfare Ordinance in rural towns

Discussion in regards to the alley between Superior/Gordon Streets is not plowed, but there is a fire hydrant there. Moderator Tomsich stated he would talk to Public Works Supervisor Gorsma.

Motion by Gregory Dostert for the Town Board to move forward with the updated Ordinance to Parking as presented

2nd by Randy Winkler

Motion Passed Unanimously

- B. For the Electors to authorize the Breitung Township Board to adopt an updated and amended Ordinance to further regulate Blight under Minn. Stat, 365.10, subd. 17 General Welfare Ordinance in rural towns

Discussion to update the Blight Ordinance as presented, with the addition of a \$10.00 late fee to be consistent with the Parking Ordinance

Motion by Dianna Sundahl for the Town Board to move forward with the updated Ordinance to Blight as presented with the addition of a \$10.00 late fee

2nd by Randy Winkler

Motion Passed Unanimously

- C. For the Electors to authorize the Breitung Township Board to start the process of formally recording N 2nd St as a Town Road described in Minn. Stat. 164.07

Discussion that N. 2nd St has been maintained by the Township for more than the 6 years required, will start the process by asking JPJ to survey and record as a town road. Per Minn Stat. 164.07

Motion by Charles Tekautz to move forward and start the process of recording N. 2nd St as a Town Road

2nd by Randy Winkler

Motion Passed Unanimously

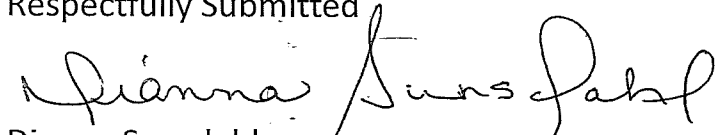
Adjourn:

Motion by Dianna Sundahl to adjourn the meeting at 06:12pm

2nd by Gregory Dostert

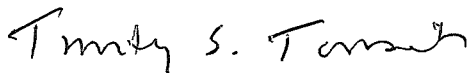
Motion Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted



Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township



TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

DECEMBER 31, 2022

LIABILITIES

Frandsen Bank and Trust ReHab Loan	395,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$395,000.00
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Reserve Funds

Frandsen Bank & Trust – MMD – Account #1110183438	
Recreation	0.00
Class 5 Gravel	7,228.67
Equipment Replacement	169,784.80
Building & Grounds	35,000.00
Sick Days	12,728.68
Police Car	32,147.29
Fireman's Pension	25,828.00
Fireman's Equipment Replacement	39,131.00
Town Hall Rehab Payments	20,000.00
McKinley Park Matching Funds	67,400.00

Total Reserve Funds	\$409,248.44
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Operating Funds

Frandsen - Now Checking #000086	13,655.30
Frandsen - MMD #86	279,368.45
Park State Bank - Now Checking #16402448	247.39
Frandsen - Water Dept. #1110100436	21,241.78
Frandsen - Water Dept. Svgs #50	<u>39,383.74</u>

Total Operating Funds	\$353,896.66
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Township of Breitung
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FBT - Reserve Account	409,248.44
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	279,368.45
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	13,655.30
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	247.39
Water Department - SBT NOW	21,241.78
Water Department - SBT Savings	39,383.74
Total Checking/Savings	<u>763,145.10</u>
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable - Water	27,884.08
County Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Assets	<u>51,443.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>814,588.29</u>
Fixed Assets	
1983 Caterpillar Grader	80,000.00
1998 Ford Water Tender	58,000.00
2001 Ford F-550 Fire Truck	101,904.04
2004 Polaris 4-Wheeler	2,500.00
2008 Custom Fire Truck	199,971.00
2013 24 Pulsecraft Fire Boat	95,500.00
2013 Arctic Cat Snowmobile	11,451.65
2013 Ford F-350 Truck/plow	56,321.98
2015 John Deere Loader	170,328.00
2016 John Deere Zero Turn Mower	8,766.00
2017 Ford Explorer Police Car	29,195.00
2017 John Deere Tractor 1025R	16,957.00
2021 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck	24,306.34
2023 International Dump Truck	149,792.47
Campground Office	262,500.00
Construction In Progress	246,097.22
Contents-Campground Office	22,500.00
Contents-FH,G,PO	48,750.00
Contents Police Office & Garage	39,375.00
Contents Truck Storage	16,875.00
Entrance Signs	22,000.00
Fire Dept Equipment	15,671.72
Fire Hall,Garage, Post Office	300,000.00
Garage Equipment	5,000.00
Land-Ballfield Complex	10,000.00
Land-McKinley Park Campground	292,700.00
Land-Township Complex	20,000.00
Land - Township Lots	88,300.00
MINOS Building	863,964.00
Police Equipment	12,000.00
Police Office & Garage	60,000.00
Truck Storage	50,625.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,381,351.42</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,195,939.71</u></u>

Township of Breitung
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	44,277.30
Accrued Salaries	2,332.60
Payroll Liabilities	4,425.82
Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>74,594.83</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>74,594.83</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
FBT - Rehab Loan	395,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>395,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>469,594.83</u>
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,837,341.53
Retained Earnings	1,823,979.54
Net Income	65,023.81
Total Equity	<u>3,726,344.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,195,939.71</u></u>

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Cash Basis

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Asset Sales	32,250.00
Dog Tags	55.00
Donations	7,674.70
Fire Miscellaneous	7,750.00
Gravel Sales	50.00
Interest	2,219.36
McKinley Park Campground	174,039.00
Miscellaneous	141,589.98
Police Contract	69,578.37
Police Miscellaneous	3,538.78
Refunds	13,080.74
Rents	6,510.91
Road & Bridge Miscellaneous	6,243.43
Snow Assessment	1,745.85
St. Louis County	
Apportionment	655,203.21
DNR -PILT	160,123.59
Taconite Municipal aid	15,000.00
Taconite Prod Tax	23,412.00
Tax Forfeit Land	5,069.45
Town Road Aid	13,540.41
Total St. Louis County	872,348.66
State of Minnesota	
American Rescue Plan	48,385.73
Disparity Aid	6,439.00
Firefighter Traing & Educ Reimb	3,970.00
IRRRB	75,125.60
Local Government Aid	5,243.00
Miscellaneous	2,895.50
Police State Aid	4,173.51
Police Training & Vest	3,770.09
Total State of Minnesota	150,002.43
Water Department - Receipts	203,917.90
Water Dept Reimb	8,959.22
Total Income	1,701,554.33
Gross Profit	1,701,554.33
Expense	
Assistance	
Fire	7,950.00
General	22,688.68
Recreation	300.00
Total Assistance	30,938.68
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	
Fire	507.50
General	3,486.14
Police	2,898.78
Road & Bridge	107.75
Water	1,160.00
Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	8,160.17

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Cash Basis

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Electricity & Water	
Fire	1,840.77
General	2,738.58
Park	7,803.50
Police	1,606.02
Recreation	3,016.99
Road & Bridge	15,534.52
Total Electricity & Water	32,540.38
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
Fire	2,659.78
General	3,018.56
Park	517.53
Police	8,176.41
Recreation	961.00
Road & Bridge	18,210.03
Total Fuel - Fuel Oil	33,543.31
Insurance	
Fire	3,423.00
General	10,319.00
Park	4,142.00
Police	11,906.50
Recreation	1,937.00
Road & Bridge	16,142.50
Water	307.00
Total Insurance	48,177.00
Interest Expense	12,088.92
Mileage	
General	74.57
Police	236.35
Road & Bridge	35.10
Total Mileage	346.02
Payroll Expenses	
General	9,471.37
Police	37,274.99
Road & Bridge	50,040.76
Water	8,827.20
Payroll Expenses - Other	360,255.91
Total Payroll Expenses	465,870.23
Payroll Taxes	
General	495.86
Total Payroll Taxes	495.86
Seminars & Education	
Fire	4,200.00
General	81.00
Police	1,435.00
Road & Bridge	81.00
Total Seminars & Education	5,797.00

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Cash Basis

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
January through December 2022

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Services Rendered	
1099-NEC	85,319.50
American Rescue Plan	48,385.73
Fire	32,632.71
General	114,009.60
Park	4,093.21
Police	11,188.23
Recreation	16,565.80
Road & Bridge	38,014.05
Special Projects	346,637.56
Water	165,346.70
Total Services Rendered	862,193.09
Supplies	
Fire	9,382.20
General	18,517.60
Park	2,900.71
Police	7,809.76
Recreation	15,701.02
Road & Bridge	65,811.19
Special Projects	5,898.77
Water	4,524.45
Total Supplies	130,545.70
Telephone	
General	1,413.28
Police	3,386.00
Road & Bridge	1,034.88
Total Telephone	5,834.16
Total Expense	1,636,530.52
Net Ordinary Income	65,023.81
Net Income	65,023.81

McKinley Park Campground

2022	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	57,750.00	5,250.00	8,250.00	3,000.00	3,750.00	78,000.00
Monthly	6,700.00	6,450.00	10,775.00	19,525.00	13,850.00	57,300.00
Weekly-No Electric	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	195.00	585.00
Weekly - Electric	0.00	0.00	300.00	600.00	895.00	1,795.00
Daily-No Electric	236.00	1,652.00	1,121.00	1,783.00	1,266.50	6,058.50
Daily - Electric	1,803.00	1,884.50	1,743.00	2,654.00	1,544.00	9,628.50
Boat Launch	390.00	415.00	240.00	245.00	160.00	1,450.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	175.00	351.00	454.00	473.00	369.00	1,822.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,400.00	17,400.00
2022 Totals	67,249.00	16,002.50	22,883.00	28,475.00	39,429.50	174,039.00
2021	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL
Seasonal	58,500.00	5,000.00	9,450.00	1,300.00	3,750.00	78,000.00
Monthly	5,250.00	10,150.00	8,475.00	20,725.00	11,675.00	56,275.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weekly - Electric	275.00	550.00	275.00	275.00	0.00	1,375.00
Daily-No Electric	649.00	1,739.00	1,122.00	1,239.00	708.00	5,457.00
Daily - Electric	915.50	4,571.00	2,206.00	2,623.00	1,742.50	12,058.00
Boat Launch	270.00	580.00	345.00	320.00	240.00	1,755.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	68.00	437.00	435.00	490.00	354.00	1,784.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,200.00	16,200.00
2021 Totals	65,927.50	23,027.00	22,308.00	26,972.00	34,669.50	172,904.00
2020	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	51,400.00	6,300.00	10,900.00	3,500.00	700.00	72,800.00
Monthly	7,100.00	13,200.00	7,300.00	11,750.00	17,100.00	56,450.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
Weekly- Electric	50.00	750.00	550.00	275.00	0.00	1,625.00
Daily-No Electric	0.00	1,027.00	1,327.50	1,770.00	2,477.50	6,602.00
Daily-Electric	0.00	2,314.50	1,991.00	2,324.00	3,720.00	10,349.50
Boat Launch	235.00	275.00	220.00	200.00	260.00	1,190.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	63.00	394.00	376.50	391.00	495.00	1,719.50
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
2020 Totals	58,848.00	24,260.50	23,055.00	20,210.00	39,252.50	165,626.00

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

	2022	2021	2020
JANUARY			
Apportionment - County	\$9,802.50	\$ 7,941.63	\$ 6,518.24
Taconite Production Tax	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00	\$ 13,852.00
MARCH			
Town Road Aid	\$13,540.41	\$ 9,286.96	\$ 9,560.20
APRIL			
Tax Forfeit Land	\$5,069.45	\$ 905.08	\$ -
JUNE			
Apportionment - 70% - SLC	\$0.00	\$ 254,003.00	\$ 244,594.00
ARPA	\$33,385.73		
JULY			
Apportionment - SLC	\$375,744.73	\$ 107,461.34	\$ 104,825.81
LGA - Town Aid	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00	\$ 1,621.50
Apportionment - Late Pmt	\$5,313.98	\$ -	\$ 39,270.47
COVID - CARES	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 14,500.00
AUGUST			
Disparity Aid - State	\$3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00
Taconite Production Tax	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00	\$ 21,451.00
LEVY CERTIFICATION FORM	Aug 24 2022	Aug 30 2021	Aug 20 2020
SEPTEMBER			
Super PILT - DNR	\$160,123.59	\$ 160,122.13	\$ 160,095.61
Police Aid - State	\$4,173.51	\$ 18,365.14	\$ 18,902.07
Taconite Municipal aid	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
NOVEMBER			
ARPA Funds	\$15,000.00		
DECEMBER			
Apportionment - SLC	\$259,238.80	\$ 232,728.55	\$ 217,968.01
League of MN Cities Dividend	\$4,605.00	\$ 6,692.00	\$ 2,490.00
Disparity Aid - State	\$3,219.00	\$ 3,219.00	\$ 3,219.00
Apportionment - SLC	\$3,462.36	\$ -	\$ -
LGA - Town Aid	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00	\$ 1,621.50

ROAD AND BRIDGE 2023 REPORT

January

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging

Continue maintenance and flooding at rink

Made new dock sections for McKinley Park docks

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Cleaning snow away from fire hydrants

(4) frozen water laterals

(1) frozen sewer lateral

February

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging

Continued maintenance and flooding at rink

Made new dock sections for Stuntz Bay dock

Maintenance of equipment

(1) frozen water lateral

(1) frozen sewer lateral (police building)

March

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging

Continued maintenance at rink (closed March 12th)

Thawed culverts
Assembled bike racks and benches
Set up township election
Oil changes and maintenance on equipment
Jetted sewer lateral for police building 4 times
(6) frozen water laterals
(1) frozen sewer lateral
(1) frozen sewer main
Closed skating rink
Manhole inspections

April

Plowed snow on the 14th for the last time of the year
Finished year at 76.2 inches of snow (slightly above average)
Removed snow fence and prepared campground to open
Thawed culverts
Oil changes and maintenance on equipment
Sweeping streets
(2) frozen water laterals

May

Lowered docks and McKinley Park and Stuntz Bay
Prepared baseball field and hosted ball games

Installed new benches at McKinley Park

Cleaned up and cut trees from storm on May 13th

Sweeping streets

Assisted AMPTEK with electrical upgrades at McKinley Park

Mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Ground stumps at monument (ballfield area)

Repairing gravel roads

June

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Flushed hydrants

Usual mowing and trimming

Site restoration at McKinley Park from electrical work

Spraying weeds

Assisted in concrete pour for benches around town

Grading roads

Hauling and spreading class 5 on gravel roads

Weed whipped guard rails

Dust control done on all gravel roads

Painted all curbs

Assisted Mesabi Bituminous with street patches

Brushing around town

Cleaned up from storm on the 21st that took down light poles and welcome sign
Mesabi in gravel pit crushing class 5
Removed old mulch and placed new mulch in playground

July

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games
Usual mowing and trimming
Preparing for 4th of July picnic
Grading roads
Mesabi Bituminous paved corner of South Street
2EZ construction finished sewer project
Site restoration at McKinley Park from electrical work
Removed "Welcome to Soudan" sign after storm damage
Worked on hydrant repair with Minnesota Rural Water
Maintenance at McKinley Park
Brushing and trimming trees
Setting up and helping with Old Settlers
Maintenance on boardwalk at McKinley Park (damage from high water)
Maintenance on gravel roads
Adjust valve boxes and patch around them
Assisted with maintenance on grader

August

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games (total of 20 home games)

Bituminous patching around town

Grading roads

Maintenance on gravel roads

Cutting trees from storm damage

Grinding stumps at monument and ballfield area

Set up election

Cleaned storm drains

Seed and mulch at monument and ballfield area

Repaired bleachers from storm damage

Working on "Welcome to Soudan" sign

Usual mowing and trimming

Brushing and tree removal

Repairing hockey boards

September

Usual mowing and trimming

Finished repair of "Welcome to Soudan" sign

Grading roads and maintenance

Maintenance on culverts

Continued maintenance on hockey boards

Prepared for and hosted BIG TRUCK NIGHT

Class 5 and maintenance to gravel roads

Preparing for bituminous patches around town

October

Usual mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Closed McKinley Park for season

Flushed hydrants and winterized

Put up snow fence

Lifted docks

Added class 5 to gravel roads

Finished repair of hockey boards for this year

Worked with AMPTEK on new lighting for skating rink

Extensive maintenance on equipment

Cleaning and maintenance of culverts on Echo Point Road

November

Set up election

Added class 5 to gravel roads

Snow plows on equipment

Extensive plowing and sanding for November

Beaver dam removals after trapping

Removed dock and Stuntz Bay

Maintenance on equipment

December

Extensive plowing, sanding, and winging

Maintenance on equipment

Opening skating shack and flooding rink

Put up snow fence at Echo Point

Working on new hockey boards in shop

Rink attendants and myself attended CPR training

Extensive maintenance on 1025R and snowblower

Extras

(16) sewer laterals were televised for point of sale

Over 800 yards of class 5 used on gravel roads

Approximately (18) seasonal residents had water turned on and then back off



Breitung Police Department

Chief Daniel Reing

41 1st Ave. Box 6 Soudan, MN 55782

218-753-6660 (office) 218 753-2407 (fax)

daniel.reing@breitungtownship.org

Honorable Community Members,

2022 was a successful year. Our police department was back for a full year. It was a busy year with many service calls, community engagements, and reaching our goals. My mission for the community is to be fair, transparent, accountable, and having integrity. In this past year I felt the community members and the department earn each other's trust and establish a good working relationship.

As with all police departments it is now common place to see roster changes. Officers are leaving the profession, moving to different locations, or prospective officers are choosing other career paths. Breitung is no different from these circumstances. Officer George Burger a long-time member of the Ely Police Department and an officer for Breitung resigned in the spring. Burger now lives in Arizona and does not work in law enforcement anymore. Officer Cody Vail was hired full time for the Sebeka Police Department and resigned from our department for geographic reasons. Trace Swanson was an Officer that I had worked with previously in Warroad. He was hired on in the spring and stayed on through the summer. Unexpectedly, Officer Swanson started dating a female friend and moved to Montana to be with her. Officer Swanson stated that he would love to come back to the department if he moves back to Minnesota. I stated to him he would be welcomed back. This past summer we hired Officer James Vukad, formerly a Captain in the Chisholm Police Department. Officer Vukad brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. He fit right in to our group. Officer Vukad stated that he loved the change of pace, he enjoys working with the guys on the department, and loves the area.

I also want to thank Officer Keith Nyman, Officer James Battin, and Officer Brad Roy for their help this year as well. We have an excellent department and I am proud of the work we have done.

Our department continues to undergo transitions. I would like to highlight that Officers Vukad, Nyman, and myself with the help of Trudy were able to deep clean, and organize our entire office including the upstairs. It is as clean as it has ever been. We have all worked hard to keep our home away from home clean and functional. In addition, we have implemented two new monitors that have made it easier to complete our report writing tasks and computer work. We are also now equipped with a finger printing kit that will be made available to our community if anyone should need fingerprints for employment or background checks. We are currently keeping our eyes open for new or used lockers for our department.

As you can see, 2022 was an eventful year. I am proud of the direction we are heading and we will work hard to make the Breitung Police Department the best it can be. It is with honor that we serve.

Thank you for your support, trust, and faith in our department. Happy 2023.

Daniel Reing



Community Engagements 2022

Our service has stressed community involvement. We visited areas schools throughout the year. I coached football again at Northwoods High School in my off time. We participated in the Kids, Cops, and Cars Event in May at the Iron Trail Arena in Virginia. Area agencies met with community members and displayed the squad cars and had a meet and greet.

- On October 8th we hosted a Tacos with Cops event. I must give a grand thank you to my wife Ivette, my family, friends, and volunteers who donated their time to make this happen. We ran out of food in less than two hours! We plan to be even bigger in 2023. Our community members were very generous in donating to our department. With the funding received we will be purchasing equipment, and using it for trainings.
- Last winter Officer Nyman and I visited the locals at the Finlander Bocce ball.
- Hockey Day In Soudan was successful, I was able to deescalate a physical dispute on the ice.
- We partnered with Vermilion Country School for a first aid and CPR class in November to help students prepare for hunting season.
- During Safety week I made a visit to Little Beginnings preschool. The children toured the squad car and had a Q&A session with me.
- Fourth of July had full deployment with all officers working various shifts. It was a successful and safe weekend, with numerous positive interactions with locals and visitors.

Tacos with Cops, Outreach to the schools, CPR/First Aid classes, being present at community events. We would like to host a child car seat check for the community sometime in 2023.

Professional Development & Training 2022

- On November 21st, our body cameras went online. It was an adjustment but our officers are used to wearing them now. The video quality is good, even at night. I want to thank all of the community members who donated, I am so appreciative of your generosity and appreciation for our police department.
- In August, Officer Nyman attended Taser instructor training. He is now certified to teach our department and other officers. This training will save on our department budget as we no longer must outsource for the training.
- I attended Defensive Tactics instructor training in December. I am now certified to teach our department and other officers as well. This will further save on our annual budget as we no longer must outsource for the training. We will have to recertify in the future. Both courses that are taught are mandatory to maintain our officer's licensure.

Training standards for police officers are changing, and are consuming a large percentage of most department budgets. As I align our goals to maintain and develop our training strategies; we have begun a system that allows the officers and I to participate in trainings that certify us to become instructors. We have created a co-op training agreement with the Babbitt police department to help reduce costs.



Goals 2022

- ✓ activation of the body cams
- ✓ updating department policies
- ✓ applying for grants
- ✓ Currently in the final stages of completing the mission statement of our department

Goals 2023

Continue community engagement
Continue community outreach
Introduce G.R.E.A.T to families/schools
Facilitate Bike Safety class
Facilitates First Aid/CPR classes
Connect/Build networks with businesses
Complete mission statement
Continue fundraising

2022 Officer Roster

Chief Daniel L. Reing

Officer Keith Nyman

Officer James Battin

Officer Brad Roy

Officer James Vukad

Officer Trace Swanson (Resigned) Moved to Montana, no longer works in law enforcement.

Officer George Burger (Resigned) Moved to Arizona, no longer works in law enforcement.

Officer Cody Vail (Resigned) He now works full time for the Sebeka Police Department.



Crime statistics 2022

➤ 1165 Calls for Service (Jan 01-Dec 31 2022)

Category	2021	2022
Business Checks	58	282
Residential Checks	19	69
Tobacco Checks	0	1
Alarms	03	15
Fraud	0	7
Community Engagement	03	24
Public/Motorists Assistance	20	22
Animal	04	18
Medical	07	58
Traffic Accidents	34	15
Agency Assist	15	68
Assaults	01	04
Fire	03	03
Suspicious Activity	02	09
Mental Health	03	04
Theft	08	15
Burglary	01	3
Welfare Checks	04	15
Civil Paper Service	04	03
General Calls/Nuisance/Property	32	78
Firearms permits	04	7
Open-door	0	3
Criminal damage to property	0	11
Traffic Stops	34	369
Traffic Citations	N/A	44
Non-Traffic Citations	N/A	03
Parking Complaints	N/A	16
Disturbances	N/A	20
DWI	0	11
Arrests	1	14
Civil Cases	N/A	16
ATV complaints	N/A	20
Blight	N/A	16
Drug related	0	1
Deaths	0	1



Tacos with Cops 2022



Tacos with Cops 2022



2022 Annual Report

2022 Highlights

- *Participated on the 4th of July Celebration and Township*
- *Membership contributed 96 man hours for Fire Dept and community events*
- *Membership contributed 200 man hours for emergency calls*
- *COVID issues made training and monthly meeting a slight challenge for 2021*
- *Never missed an emergency because of COVID and able to receive PPE to respond*
- *Applied for an AFG Grant for the replacement of 10 sets of PPE.*
- *Applied for the DNR 50/50 grant which we were awarded for 2023*

McKinley Park Annual Meeting Report 2022

The 2022 Season was a very good Camping Season. The overall revenue was up \$1200 overall.

Expenses were: Electricity down-\$300.00

Garbage down-\$200.00

There was a drop in daily electric and boat launch revenue which was undoubtedly due to high gas prices.

Thanks to Breitung Township for the upgrades in electrical service, dock work and picnic tables. The Township is always ready to help whenever and with whatever the Campground needs.

Thanks to Chairman Tomsich who oversees the campground, as well as Chuck and Dusty. Thanks to Jorgine and Dianna in the office-they are both amazing!! Tom, Keith and the crews are always ready and willing to help us, and thank you to the Breitung Police Department and their patrols and stopping by.

Jerry and Susie Chiabotti

Township of Breitung
March 14, 2023
Chairman's Report

Following are highlights of the past year:

- The contract for the trail reconstruction was awarded and is expected to be completed this summer replacing the existing trail from Soudan to McKinley Park. A DNR grant of \$150,000 and an IRRRB grant of \$162,500 were awarded for this work and funding is reserved from McKinley Park revenues.
- The contract was awarded for work to our roads and sewer system includes the blacktopping of the Spring Road, sewer work on Poplar Street and rebuilding a section on Church Street adjoining Highway 169. Funding for these improvements was approved by the IRRRB of \$200,00 and CDBG of \$90,000.
- The new dump/plow truck was finally received after delays related to supply chain issues. The \$150,000 expenditure was funded by our equipment replacement fund and the previous truck was sold at a high market price. This equipment will help support Tom and Keith to keep providing excellent road and maintenance services.
- The fire department transition has been successful with Trevor Banks leadership as chief. We are grateful that the fire department can be relied upon to provide excellent fire and rescue services with the membership being well trained and actively involved.
- Future ambulance services and equipment replacement has occupied the advisory commission's time with Chuck Tekautz providing experienced and knowledgeable representation for our township.
- The police department continues with Dan Reing as the full-time police chief, the contract with Tower was extended through 2023 and a 3-year (2023 thru 2025) labor contract was agreed upon with the union.
- Extensive improvements were made to the rink after a storm blew through including new lighting, new dasher boards on about half the rink and a shrinking of the rink size. New dock decking and electrical improvements were made at McKinley Park as well. Most of the work was completed by our own maintenance crew and was partially funded by the IRRRB culture grant and St. Louis County.

- New benches were installed on various locations, crosswalks were painted on key intersections and new traffic signs installed all to help make walking on our streets safer. This effort was partially funded by the IRRRB's streetscapes program.
- The wastewater board's project for forcemain manhole repairs is underway and additional funding for the water filtration plant upgrade is being actively pursued to supplement the \$3.3 million grant in place.
- Funding was approved by the DNR for upgrades to the Stuntz Bay Road and specifications for bids are under review.
- Grant funding for improvements to McKinley Park, the recreation area and additional water, sewer and road work are prepared and some are already under review by various funding agencies.

Thank you to the employees and volunteers for the work that you perform at high standards each day to provide the services that the citizens of the Township of Breitung expect.

end of 2022

**Bretling Township
Equipment Replacement Fund**

	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Beginning Balance	\$494,403	\$412,903	\$476,536	\$501,658	\$510,058	\$54,136	\$169,635	\$236,335	\$169,785	\$200,785	\$291,785	\$212,785	\$253,785	\$309,785	\$400,785	\$160,308
Contribution June	25,000	25,000	17,200			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contribution Dec	25,000	25,000				25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Surface building lease	30,000	30,000	24,922													
Fire Department @ \$500/month	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Police Dept @ \$200/mo. (ended Mar)	1,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	600										
Rehab payments (total = 362,422)						58,899	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	23,523	

Expenditures

1) 2013 Ford Truck																
2) John Deere Tractor/Mower																
3) 2016 John Deere Loader	154,000	16,367	17,000						80,000			50,000				
4) 1988 CAT Grader & repairs	7,500															
5) 2023 Int'l Truck & Plow & box								7,672								20,000
6) 2000 Ford F550 Mini pumper rescue					101,900			149,878			20,000					
7) 1998 Ford F8000 Tender/Pumper - Fire												150,000				
8) 2008 Peterbilt Pumper - Fire																
9) Fire boat modifications & replace engines																300,000
10) Zero turn mower													20,000			
11) Building Rehab loan					362,422								15,000			
12) 2021 GMC pickup & Vplow -2024							24,300			10,000						
Ending Balance	<u>\$412,903</u>	<u>\$476,536</u>	<u>\$501,658</u>	<u>\$510,058</u>	<u>\$54,136</u>	<u>\$169,635</u>	<u>\$236,335</u>	<u>\$169,785</u>	<u>\$200,785</u>	<u>\$291,785</u>	<u>\$212,785</u>	<u>\$253,785</u>	<u>\$309,785</u>	<u>\$400,785</u>	<u>\$160,308</u>	<u>\$216,308</u>

Township of Breitung
Budget Changes

	<u>2018 vs 2017</u>	<u>2019 vs 2018</u>	<u>2020 vs 2019</u>	<u>2021 vs 2020</u>	<u>2022 vs 2021</u>	<u>2023 vs 2022</u>	<u>2024 vs 2023</u>
Previous Year levy	\$489,660	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000
<u>Police:</u>							
Wages - Full and part time							
<u>Fire Department</u>							
Programs & Rebuilding		10,000					
Ambulance subsidy			2,500				
<u>Recreation</u>							
Engineering/Architectural planning		2,000					
Skating rink boards					10,000		
<u>General</u>							
Cemetery assistance			1,500				
Liability insurance							
Town Hall improvements loan payment			40,000				
<u>Road & Bridge</u>							
Training-replacement employee			30,000				
Medical insurance, benefits & wages							4,000
Road maintenance & snow removal		5,000			30,000		30,000
Water Commission - infrastructure		15,000					
Minos/Surface building utilities	20,340						
<u>Energy</u>							
gasoline and diesel fuel pricing							
Heating fuel - propane							
Total Change in budget	<u>20,340</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>74,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,000</u>
 Total levy	 \$510,000	 \$542,000	 \$616,000	 \$616,000	 \$656,000	 \$656,000	 \$690,000
 Percent change in levy	 <u>4.15</u>	 <u>6.27</u>	 <u>13.65</u>	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>6.49</u>	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>5.18</u>

Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended - 2022

December 31, 2022

FUNDS	Clerk's Balance	Receipts	Transfer From	TOTAL - Receipts	Disbursements	Transfer to	Disbursements and	Clerk's Balance	Treasurer's Balance
	Beginning of Year		Other Funds	Transfer & Balance	Payments	Other Funds	Transfers-TOTAL	End of Year	End of Year
GENERAL	115,968.31	390,565.67	-	506,533.98	450,896.06	-	450,896.06	55,637.92	55,637.92
R & B	61,997.47	532,814.35	-	594,811.82	499,526.51	-	499,526.51	95,285.31	95,285.31
FIRE	39,107.13	104,306.61	-	143,413.74	90,457.91	15,000.00	105,457.91	37,955.83	37,955.83
PARK	8,796.87	198,254.43	-	207,051.30	185,380.70	-	185,380.70	21,670.60	21,670.60
REC	19,506.38	45,225.43	-	64,731.81	60,861.82	-	60,861.82	3,869.99	3,869.99
POLICE	44,213.60	220,512.64	-	264,726.24	174,675.90	25,000.00	199,675.90	65,050.34	65,050.34
PROJECTS	41,031.94	313,478.37	40,000.00	394,510.31	380,709.16	-	380,709.16	13,801.15	13,801.15
WATER	51,657.85	205,633.35	-	257,291.20	196,665.68	-	196,665.68	60,625.52	60,625.52
ARPA	-	48,385.73	-	48,385.73	48,385.73	-	48,385.73	-	-
TOTALS	382,279.55	2,059,176.58	40,000.00	2,481,456.13	2,087,559.47	40,000.00	2,127,559.47	353,896.66	353,896.66

The foregoing summary of receipts and disbursements as well as the itemized statement of receipts and the itemized statement of disbursements of this account book have been examined and audited by us, and are hereby approved. Furthermore, we do hereby estimate that the following sums are necessary to meet the current and other authorized expenditures for the ensuing year.

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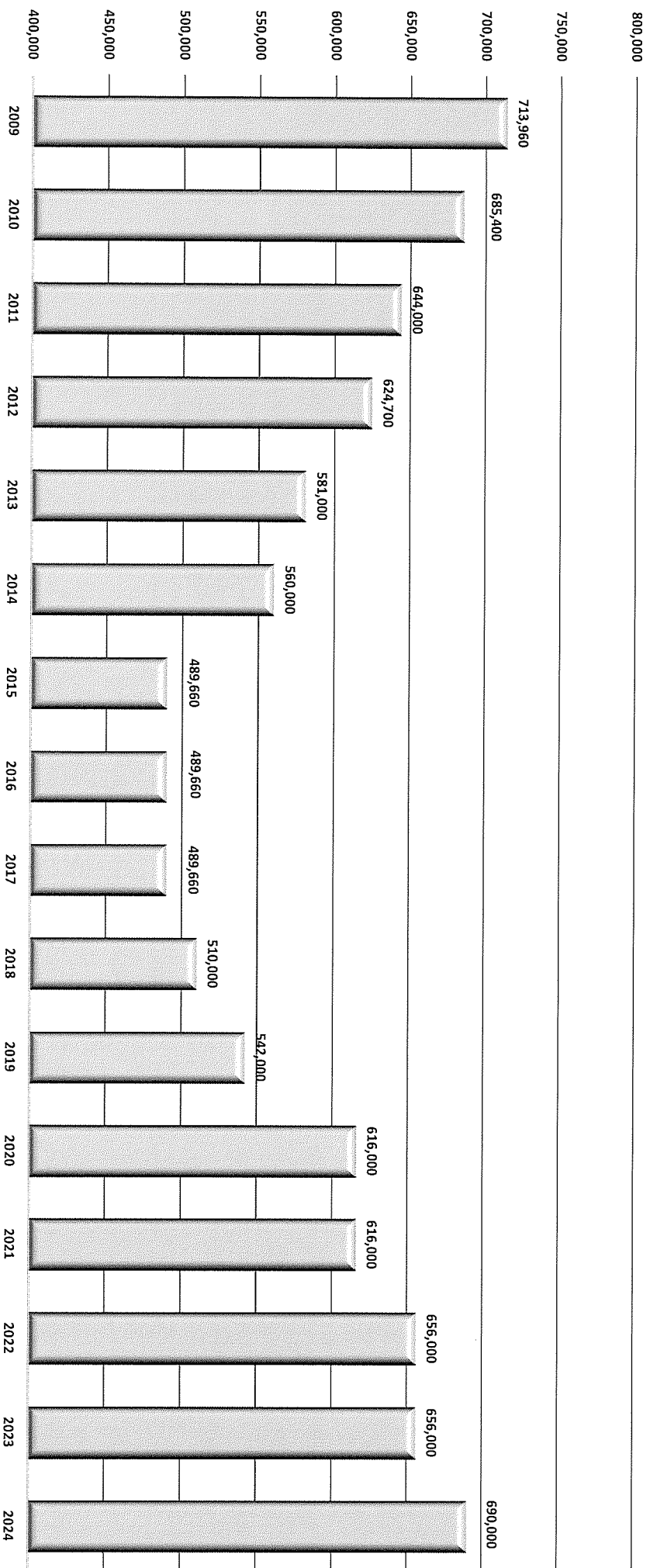
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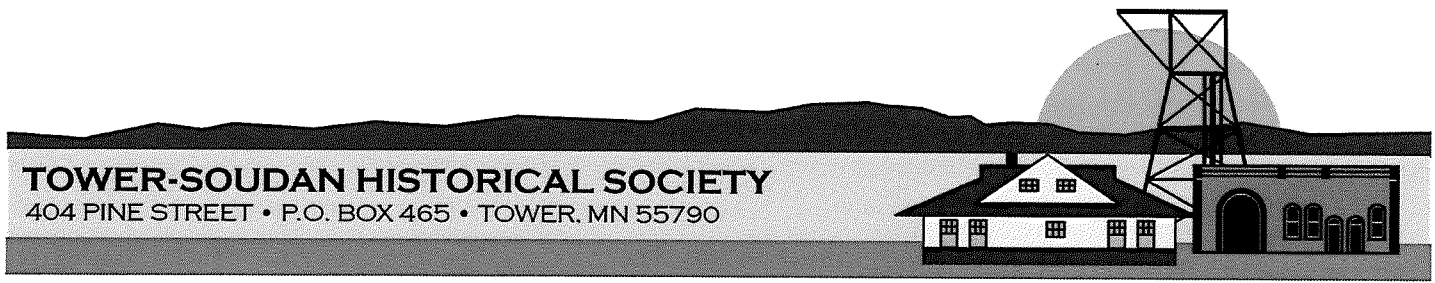
Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Breitung Township Levy





February 2, 2023

Breitung Town Board
P.O. Box 366
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Town Board,

We are writing to the Town Board to request a donation to the Tower-Soudan Historical Society (TSHS). Your donation will be used to support the restoration of the Historic Tower Fire Hall at 504 Main Street. We ask for your support of \$500 in 2023.

We are making progress! The restoration is at the mid-point of a multi-phase project. A new roof and windows and doors were replaced and restored in 2019 and 2021. To complete the sealing of the building envelope and prevent further deterioration, in the summer of 2022 the major exterior masonry rehabilitation started and will be completed in 2023. Handicap-accessible restrooms will be constructed in spring of 2023.

In summer 2023 we will start the building's interior masonry wall restoration and repair. In addition to the \$20,000 raised through our TSHS volunteer efforts and community support with the Charlemagne Attic Sale events held in the fire hall, we have secured \$235,000 from the Blandin Foundation, Northland Foundation and the Mortenson Family Foundation which will support this first phase of interior improvements. Community support was an important factor in receiving these three grants.

We must continue to reach out to the community and ask for continued investment in the project. We have received over \$60,000 over the past 3 years through pledges and annual donations from residents, seasonal visitors, and local businesses. All donations provide evidence of community support in grant requests planned this year to the Minnesota Historical Society and the Department of Iron Range Resources Rehabilitation.

Historic preservation is a valuable redevelopment tool for our communities and was acknowledged in the Breitung-Tower Comprehensive Plan as a priority. The fire hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As a member of the Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion community, TSHS asks that you make an investment in our community project. There are many benefits to the Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion community and region. It preserves a historic building to create greater awareness of our area history and creates a History Education Event Center; expands social and economic opportunities through collaborative relationships with local artisans, residents, food industry entrepreneurs, and a commissary kitchen proprietor; and leverages additional resources to build a sustainable future as it revitalizes Main Street with the building offering a venue for multiple pop-up events and dining experiences.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to your commitment regarding our \$500 request. We welcome any questions you might have regarding the Tower-Soudan Historical Society or our Historic Fire Hall Restoration Project. Attached please find our 2022 accomplishments in bringing our history alive!

Regards,

Nancy Larson

Nancy Larson, TSHS President

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TSHS Annual Meeting

September 27, 2022

Accomplishments by the Numbers

Train Depot Museum 2022

- 1,785 registered visitors at Train Depot Museum and train cars
- 19 Volunteer Greeters at Train Depot Museum
- \$868 collected in visitor donations

Historic Fire Hall 2022

- \$9,300 Charlemagne's Attic Sales conducted over 5 days
- 600 shoppers/visitors to the Historic Fire Hall during the Charlemagne's Attic Sale
- 42 public tours of the Historic Fire Hall to date during 2022

Volunteers 2022

- 66 TSHS volunteers to date in 2022
- 1,021 Volunteer hours reported to St Louis County Historical Society through June 2022

Community Networking, Marketing and PR 2022

- Participated in a Community Meet and Greet with other nonprofits in May 2022
- 3 Main Street History Talks with total of 178 people in attendance
- 50 days during the summer that the Train Depot Museum was open to the public, staffed mainly by volunteers
- 101 days during the summer that the train cars were open to the public, opened in AM and closed/locked in PM by volunteers
- 6 events held in Coach Car 81 during 2022 (3 meetings; 1 family dinner; 1 birthday party; 1 wedding)
- Herbert R. Lamppa legacy interpretive sign created by the TSHS was installed by the city at the Tower Civic Center in July 2022
- Distributed the Historic Landmarks and Places of Interest maps at 24 places of business; 9 businesses provided support to TSHS
- Increased our presence on Facebook with regular (65) posts
- 30 community members, business owners, civic leaders, volunteers and TSHS BOD interviewed for the Strategic Thinking session

TSHS Memberships 2022

- 58 new memberships in 2022 to date
- 230 total 2022 TSHS memberships to date—up from 136 in December, 2021—69% increase

Financial Support

- \$21,660 toward Historic Fire Hall, with 24 people pledging to date since 2018
- \$16,493 in contributions made to support Historic Fire Hall restoration since 2018
- \$300 in memorials and honorariums received to support the Historic Fire Hall restoration to date in 2022
- \$663,118 in grants awarded to date for Historic Fire Hall restoration and Coach Car improvements
- \$15,899—two year total 2021-2022 from Charlemagne's Attic Sales supports Historic Fire Hall restoration
- \$1,060 raised in 2022 from Can Recycling Project (now on pause due to high transportation cost and low aluminum price) toward operating expenses
- \$2,300 in 2022 dues toward operating expenses
- 2022 St. Louis County funding, as well as various individual and group donations, toward operating expenses
- We are extremely grateful for any and all support in fulfilling the TSHS mission and vision

Administrative Accomplishments

- New logo better reflecting the scope and activities of the TSHS was designed for letterhead and communications
- Mission and Vision Statements updated
- 9 monthly BOD meetings held in the Herbert R Lammppa Civic Center in Tower and Breitung Community Center in Soudan
- Committee job descriptions and committee structure established, and volunteers assigned to various committees
- Created an Advisory Board with 10 Advisory Board members on the roster
- Created an outline format for a new website
- Engaged services of a bookkeeper
- Historic Fire Hall exterior masonry restoration and repair project began in August 2022
- Established a volunteer program of weekend Depot Museum greeters and daily opening/closing of train cars in order to minimize expenditures on staff and to keep the facility open to the public
- Revised the Coach Car 81 train rental agreement, PR materials, pricing and procedures

Committee Accomplishments

- 2 Oral History interviews were completed
- Herbert R. Lammppa Legacy Interpretive Sign was created to honor Lammppa's civic leadership and impact on Tower
- 65 Facebook posts to date in 2022
- Coach Car 81 train had electrical updated
- Train cars painting projects were completed by volunteers
- Bids received for installing two restrooms in the Historic Fire Hall
- Veterans Memorial exhibit was displayed in the train depot museum Memorial Day through July 4
- Strategic Thinking session was conducted on September 11, 2022 to prioritize future plans for the TSHS in serving the community
- New signage posted on the train cars and depot building for visitors
- Online cemetery records updated throughout the year
- The Soudan Miners' Memorial Project made significant progress with six volunteers researching over the winter months. A death record, newspaper article, mine inspector's report, family record (photo, oral history, written story), or cemetery record was found for 128 of the 144 miners lost in mine-related deaths. Only 16 miners who died in 1896-97 need more documentation. Research will continue this fall/winter, and it is hoped the exhibit will open in 2023.

Future Activities

Historic Train Depot

- City will replace roof and paint interior of the train depot's space known as the ticket office

Historic Fire Hall

- Restroom in the fire hall and siding of addition to the building will be completed by summer 2023
- Exterior masonry repair and restoration of the fire hall will be completed in early summer 2023
- Construction documents for the interior masonry wall restoration and HVAC system will be developed in 2023

Administrative

- Volunteer recruitment plan will be developed
- New website will be built in 2023
- Board and Volunteer Code of Ethics will be developed
- Past Perfect museum collection and contact management will be updated to a web-based software program
- Digital newsletter will be explored for future implementation
- Priorities identified in the Strategic Thinking session will be followed up

Committees

- History Talks planned for summer 2023
- Oral History interviews planned for 2023
- Charlemagne's Attic Sale planned for July 2023
- Grants to be requested include the fire hall HVAC system installation and interior masonry wall repair and restoration
- Continuation of auditing/editing the collection in the train depot museum in preparation for a renovation/redesign of the museum
- Coach Car 81 facility update plan will be developed and presented to BOD

EMBARRASS REGIONAL FAIR ASSOCIATION
4855 HIGHWAY 21, TIMBER HALL
EMBARRASS MINNESOTA 55732

01/19/2023

To whom it may concern:

Unknown by most, the entire property, often referred to as Timber Hall, or fairgrounds, is owned and managed solely by the Embarrass Region Fair Association, which is a 100% volunteer operated non-profit organization. Embarrass Region Fair Association manages the Timber Hall property year-round in addition to hosting the annual Embarrass Region Fair, all with volunteers.

Our main event, the annual fair has been a family friendly event serving our region for over 80 years and attracts thousands of members from the region throughout the weekend. In addition to the annual fair, the Timber Hall, arena, outbuildings and grounds are used throughout the year by residents from Ely, to the Quad Cities and all the townships and communities in between.

We are actively seeking directors, members, and volunteers to advance the vision of the Timber Hall into a true community event center, offering a variety of events monthly as well as growing the association, retaining the yearly fair, preserving the assets, and managing the Timber Hall property year-round. **Your promotion and encouragement for the Embarrass Region Fair Association throughout your township and communities are very appreciated.** We exist for the communities we serve.

There are many opportunities to be involved on a continual or as-will basis of your choosing. We are particularly looking for people to serve on the board of directors, stand-up committees as well as a fair manager, advertisement specialist, and event coordinator, among many more. For more information, please contact grants@timberhall.org or 218-269-1331.


As one of long-standing original townships included in the region, we also request **your financial support in the form of a monetary donation and/or administrative or maintenance labor hours** to continue our mission of connecting people and joining communities. Past donations throughout the region were greatly appreciated and well used. Thank you!

Thank you for your consideration and support. With your help the Embarrass Region Fair Association will continue to promote the growth and welfare of the Embarrass Region, bringing people together in competition and friendships, and display the arts, crafts, skills and agriculture of our communities for another 80+ years.

We hope to see you this year at the Fair!



Tana Johnson
Embarrass Region Fair Association
Grant Committee Chair



Gustave Schroeder
Embarrass Region Fair Association
Chairman

Connecting People ~ Joining Communities

The Embarrass Region Fair Association

- The Embarrass Region Fair Association owns and manages the Timber Hall and 40 acres of property.
- The Association is a non-profit organization that is run 100 % by volunteers
- Volunteers manage and maintain the Timber Hall, the grounds and host the Embarrass Region Fair for over 80 years.

Why We Matter to You: ERFA's mission is to in part to promote the growth and welfare of the Embarrass Region and the surrounding communities by bringing people together in competition and friendship, and by providing opportunities to showcase the arts, industry, culture and traditions of the region.

- ERFA rents out the Timber Hall for events such as the Ride Raffle and Roll for ALS, meetings events and for weddings, celebrations of life and other family & private events, and sponsors arts & crafts show.
- From October through May ERFA holds a monthly Pancake Breakfast which frequently brings together over 200 people.
- The arena is used for Playdays, Horse Show, Team Penning, Ranch Sorting
- The Embarrass Region Fair, a 3-day annual Fair that features – Car show, live music, Demo Derby, Team penning & Ranching Sorting, parade, Flying Finn 5K Race, exhibits and much more

ERFA's **vision** is to make Timber Hall and property into a true community event center. Offering more opportunities for events, classes and for friends and neighbors to gather and bond.

➤ 2022 accomplishments

- 180 volunteers Logged nearly 2900 hours
- Increased attendance at the pancake breakfast; bringing more people together than ever before
- Welcomed over 4000 people to the annual fair
- Won the Touchstone Energy Community Award from Lake Country Power

➤ 2023 Goals include

- Expanding the Board of Directors to 12; to draw Board members from more communities
- Improved redesigned webpage; community engagement.
- Professional puppet show, and other new attractions to the fair; bringing community together
- Seek more community input; supporting community wants

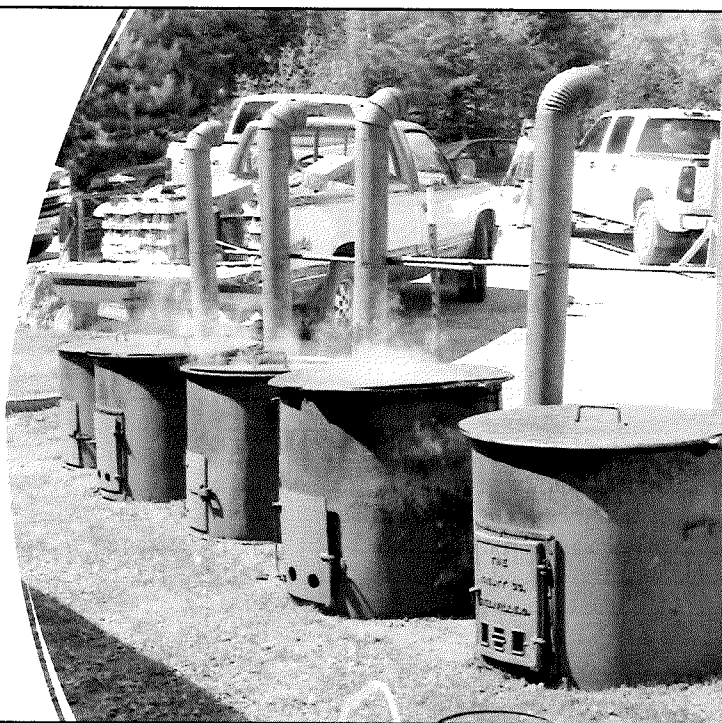
It's a very exciting time to be a part of the ERFA and to have a say in to how best to serve the region and community members.

What You Can Do: We wholeheartedly appreciate your past support, in whatever form it may have been. Share positive communication, attend at events, provide financial support, and become a volunteer are requested. As a 100% volunteer operated organization, there are many opportunities to support the ERFA. Whether you want to engage on a regular basis or as an ad-hoc volunteer, we will help you find a place to serve. Please contact ERFA@embarrassfair.org or 218-269-1331 for more information.

Vermilion Range Old Settlers Association

Update to Township of
Breitung

March 2023



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Old Settlers organization in transition

- Long-serving chef (Nick Tekautz) and secy/treasurer (Kathy Hoppa) have retired. Eager replacements learning fast!
- 2022 reunion (108th year at McKinley Park) successful after Pandemic cancellation. 190 attendees and financials in black☺. Booyah prep and serving went well!
- Dedicated volunteers for peeling veggies, cooking, serving, reception, and prizes.
- Governance:
 - i. Eric Norberg, President
 - ii. Matt Tuchel, 1st Vice President
 - iii. Ari Picard, 2nd Vice President
 - iv. Directors:
 - 1. Kristine Jonas
 - 2. Gary Torma
 - 3. Joe Morin – Sec'y/Treasurer + Bank signator
 - 4. Laura Majerle
 - 5. Casie Skala
 - 6. Tim Lind
 - 7. Dena Suihkonen – Bank signator
- Strong interest to continue tradition and honor Vermilion Range history.

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Goal: “Modernize” to establish sound footing for next 10-20 years.

1. Advertising/Marketing

- Augment local papers with Social Media
- Expand focus to include rest of Vermilion Range (Ely)
- Encourage pre-sales

2. Improve event

- Microphone
- Historical content/references
- Focus on younger audience
- Invite/recognize notable supporters

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Modernize Old Settlers (Cont'd)

3. Governance

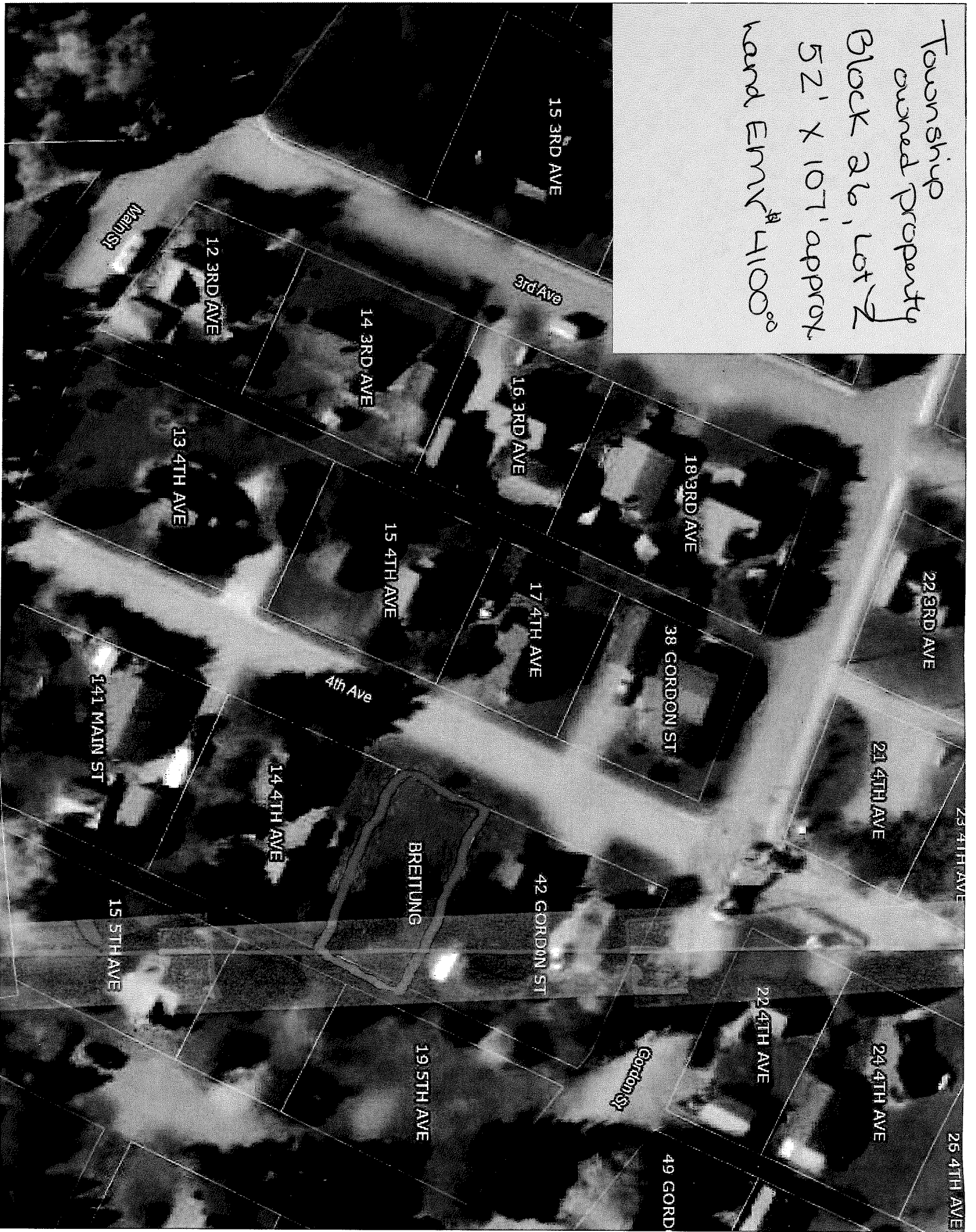
- Continue Old Settlers Association as an “Unincorporated Association”
- Affirm Old Settlers Reunion is Township Sponsored Event (Why? Insurance, facilities use)
- Maintain separate Old Settlers Bank account
- Each Aug/Sept: Report to Town Board:
 - a) Updated Officers and Directors (Note: 50% from Tower, Soudan, and surrounding townships) + Bank signators
 - b) Financials (Income and expenses, balance) + Bank reconciliation
- Future option: Establish Old Settlers as formal Township Committee.

4. Cooperate with Township to seek IRRRB Grant

- Old Settlers priorities:
 - a) Portable sound system (other Township uses)
 - b) Tables for food cooking area
 - c) Professional Marketing program (to guide next 5 years)
 - d) Potato peeler

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Township
owned property
Block 26, lot 2
52' x 107' approx.
hard EMV \$4100⁰⁰



WELLMAN DRIVE 11/11/74

KULITTA WAY NEED

STATE OF MINNESOTA

HARRINGTON

PLANTION HANKS & MARSH 201

ANTON HANKS & MARSH 201

Options 2 and 3 would both stay on MndOT Right-of-Way and Township property. These options would require more signage and effort to keep ATVs from using Jasper St as main travel route.

30ft x 30ft square needed to cross private land

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Would require landowner permission from Wayne Kulitla or Forest Concrete. Best Option for keeping riders from using Jasper St as main travel route.

#1

#2

#3

TOWN OF BREITLING

FORN ST CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC

The Trail into Taconite State Trail to south and continue west to Tower and Soudan

FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND SAVE HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR USE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG COMMUNITY ROOM

Adopted October 10, 2019

We, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that we have been authorized to use/rent the community room at The Township of Breitung, Soudan, MN for a special event. We further recognize that this includes the use of the kitchen adjacent to the community room, restrooms and grounds. We understand the FACILITY USE AND RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS as adopted on September 25, 2019 and are hereby attached as part of this agreement for the use and rental of said facility.

We hereby agree that we will responsibly use the facility. We will inspect the facility prior to use and agree to be responsible for any damages that result from our use and to pay for the repair of any damages caused by our negligent use of said facility and equipment. We further agree to save the Township of Breitung harmless from any and all claims, either by us or those who participate in the use of the facility or Township owned equipment.

I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the group seeking to use the facilities and that I personally, on behalf of said group, accept responsibility for any damages to said facility. I also certify that I have read and will comply with the rules and regulations on the use of the facility.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Name: _____ Group Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date Needed: _____

Time Needed: _____

Purpose: _____ Adult Sponsor: _____
(for youth groups only)

Signature: _____

Township Office Use only: ☐ Scheduled ☐ Key Picked Up ☐ Key Returned ☐ Fee Paid

THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

FACILITY USE AND RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted: October 10, 2019

The Township of Breitung Buildings and Grounds are a gift to our community due to the support of our township residents and taxpayers. These buildings and grounds are an asset to our community and we want them to remain so. The Community Room was created primarily to serve the Township's government operations and the residents of the Township of Breitung. Use of the Community Room is governed by the Town Board and is set as follows:

PRIORITY FOR USE

In the event of conflicts or multiple requests, use of the Community Room will be permitted according to the following priorities

1. Township of Breitung Operations:
Town Board meetings, township governing bodies and administrative board meetings. Activities or events sponsored or presented by the Town Board.
2. Township of Breitung Community Organizations:
Local organizations and groups serving the Township of Breitung such as non-profit educational, civic or cultural organizations and groups operating within the Township of Breitung or who have a member residing within the Township.
3. Other non-township events such as: weddings, showers, birthdays, anniversaries, family gatherings, graduations, individual and/or groups for community meetings, or support groups.

RULES

1. FEES

- A. The Community Room may be reserved free of charge by any organization that meets the definition of Priority One or Two per above provided that the estimated attendance is 75 or less. If attendance is estimated to be over 75, then the fees are based on section B.1 that follows unless the fees are adjusted by pre-approval of the Town Board.
 - B. For non-public events that meet the definition of Priority Three per above the following fees on a daily (full or partial) basis apply:
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- 1) For residents of the Township a total fee of \$100 will be collected for rental fee, (\$50 refundable cleaning deposit). This must be collected within 72 hours of reserving the room and before use of the room. This must be collected in the form of one check or money order for \$100 made out to the Township of Breitung. The \$50 cleaning deposit will be refunded by mail within 30 days after the key is returned and the room is left as specified below in Section 4.
 - 2) For non-residents of the Township a total fee of \$150 will be collected at the time of reserving the room (\$100 rental fee, \$50 cleaning deposit). This must be collected within 72 hours of reserving the room and before use of the room. This must be collected in the form of one check or money order for \$150 made out to the Township of Breitung. The \$50 cleaning deposit will be refunded by mail within 30 days after the key is returned and the room is left as specified below in Section 4.
- C. For any organization serving alcohol in any Township building or grounds, an additional \$200 cleaning deposit will be collected and returned in the same manner of the normal \$50 cleaning deposit.
- D. Organizations using the Community Room may not charge for attendance or an admission charge to any event.

2. RESERVATIONS

- A. Reservations must be made in advance at the Township of Breitung clerk's office. All requests are honored on a first come, first serve basis.
 - B. Only adults can reserve the Community Room and an adult must be present while the room is in use.
 - C. The Community Room is available from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight. EXCEPT for the Township of Breitung Operations (i.e. the posted hours of operation for the office of the clerk and treasurer, etc.)
 - D. Those who use the Community Room may set-up the day before **ONLY** if the room is not in use.
 - E. The Community Room may only be reserved for one day at a time unless specifically pre-approved by the Town Board.
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3. REGULATIONS

- A. The Township of Breitung reserves the right to limit use of the Community Room by organizations whose activities interfere with township operations, adversely affect public safety or cause public disturbances. Any modifications to this policy or one time exceptions shall be pre-approved upon a vote by the township supervisors.
 - B. The person renting the room whose signature appears on the Facility Use Agreement form is fully responsible for any damages. If damages are found, the cleaning deposit shall be forfeited as to that portion which is necessary to repair such damage. If the cost of said repairs exceeds the deposit, damage charges will be invoiced by the Township of Breitung clerk's office to the lessee and shall be paid in full no later than one month following the date on the invoice.
 - C. The Township of Breitung buildings are a smoke free environment. Event attendees desiring to smoke should be directed outside and at least 30 feet away from all entrances to the buildings.
 - D. Serving of alcohol is prohibited except for pre-approval of the town board and which is subject to the additional \$200 deposit described above, the presence of either an off duty or hired law enforcement officer for the duration of the event and proper evidence of liability insurance coverage for their event.
 - E. Parking on the grass is prohibited. Parking should be limited to the designated parking areas and adjacent parking lots or streets.
 - F. All equipment, furniture, tables, chairs, etc. contained within the Community Room shall remain inside the building and shall not be removed at any time during the event.
 - G. The Township of Breitung board and its employees are not responsible for injuries or damage to any member of a party of the equipment they bring in for set up or use.
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4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF USE

- A. Leave the room and grounds in a clean and orderly condition. Wipe down all tables and chairs before restacking them or setting the tables and chairs back to the original set up, unless otherwise directed.
- 8. Do not use tape on the walls or ceilings. Activities that may cause excessive wear on surfaces will be prohibited.
- C. Remove all trash from the building and grounds, it is the user's responsibility to properly remove and dispose of all garbage.
- D. Wash all dishes, utensils, etc. used, dry and place back where found.
- E. Sweep and/or mop the floor and vacuum where needed to bring the community room in a clean and orderly condition. Use the janitor's room sink to dispose of mop water.
- F. Clean the sinks, toilets and floor in the restrooms and empty trash.
- G. Adjust the setting on the thermostat back to the original setting.
- H. When you leave, turn off all the lights and make sure the doors are locked.
- I. Check the parking lot for any debris that guests may have left behind.

5. Other Guidelines

- A. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. Please report any other problems or concerns during business hours to the maintenance supervisor or the clerk's office.
- B. The person who signed the facility use agreement is responsible for the condition of the Community Room. Failure to comply with the above rules and regulations will be grounds for denying the groups' future requests to use the facility.
- C. The Township of Breitung is pleased to be able to offer our Community Room for use and we appreciate your assistance in helping us maintain our buildings and grounds.

The Breitung Township Board
