

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 07-27-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**

### **Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Jim Battin, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Preston Tripp JPJ Engineering

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

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 06/22/2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Approval of Treasurers Report**

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

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Propane Bids**

2 companies brought in sealed bids for propane for Breitung Township, Lakes Gas and Edwards Oil which are on file in the clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the 3-year term proposed by Edwards Oil @ 1.345 per gallon for 25, 500 gallons.

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Correspondence**

- LMC-\*Upcoming Events, \* Safety & Loss Control-so noted
- MAT-\*July Newsletter, \* District 10 Meeting/Election-so noted
- IRRR-\*July 12<sup>th</sup> Ranger-so noted
- St. Louis County-\*Public Health Updates, \*New Website for Projects, Plans, Studies-so noted
- On Systems-Thank You to Maintenance Staff, Park Staff and Guests-so noted, park guests pleased with service
- Alice Arola-Thank You for the Community Picnic-so noted
- MN Department of Human Services-Update Medical Information-so noted
- PERA-Newsletter-so noted

## **Public Input**

None

## **Reports**

- Police-See Attached. 162 Calls for the month of June, increase in Speed Enforcement and increase in fraud calls
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma will be requesting quotes on the roof for the building at the Park, will need to notify insurance when work complete
- Recreation-No Report
- Wastewater Board-Halfway through the manhole project. Looking to JPJ for hard numbers for expansion pond project
- Ambulance Commission-Supervisor Tuchel unable to attend, Joint Powers committee to meet in August

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Old Business:**

Infrastructure Projects-Currently waiting for Mesabi Bituminous update. No updates on Poplar Street, Mesabi Bit currently doing trail work. 2023 Infrastructure on hold. Supervisor Tuchel met with USDA, no new information. USDA only funds water & sewer (maybe some storm/sanitary but minimal). JPJ is aware of project qualifying for USDA. Would need a new Median Income done, and would need resident participation if going this route. USDA offers more loan dollars than grant dollars. Chairman Tomsich ready to go back to IRRR for 2023 Infrastructure Project. Currently the project sits @ 626k, look to see where costs can be reduced (there are 2 cost estimates, possibly reduce 1 of the 2). PFA a possibility, but may be needed for Mesabi Trail project as the pipe under the bridge needs to be changed, and may need to take a draw. Will discuss more at the August meeting.

### Outdoor Recreation Project-McKinley Park

- Flagship Recreation and Landscape-Chairman Tomsich working with Stacey and will make a plan to meet with the company and park employees. Will take measurements during meeting. Stephanie Ukkola happy to volunteer time if and when needed.

Blight-Jasper St cleaned up some but still dealing with excessive items in the yard. Chief Reing working with residence on Poplar St and building rapport with homeowner

Care Crossings Update-Vermilion Park Inn held an informal Q&A on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from Noon-2pm, Supervisor Tuchel was in attendance. Owner of VPI stated that she never applied for a CUP through St. Louis County. All Supervisors getting questions from residents in regards to the sober living home. Correspondence from St. Louis County is that nothing is happening

because a CUP has not been applied for. Commissioner Nelson asking for the public's feedback. Just a reminder that ambulance can not go to the sober living until police have arrived.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to send a letter to St. Louis County Planning and Zoning informing them that the Township is now aware that the Vermilion Park Inn never applied for a Conditional Use Permit and is operating without one

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

Motion passed 3-0

#### Police Department Updates

- Impounded Vehicle 2015 KIA Truck-Chief Reing state he should have title in 30 days
- Goombaz Updated Security Proposal-Board awaiting proposal to approve for OSHA Safety Grant

DNR Grant-Soudan Park-The DNR has denied the grant request for the Soudan Park/Recreational Area. Many applicants, not enough funding

Thompson Farm Road Relocation-No word from Wayne Kultula on agreement of exchange of property. JPJ Engineering to start sketch work

#### New Business

##### Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pay bills as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

##### Grant Opportunities

- IRRR 50k Engineering Fees for Stuntz Bay-Engineering Fees not covered by State Park Account, Chairman Tomsich to talk with Chris at the IRRR to see if funding available
- DNR Community Forestry-This could be used at McKinley Park or Wayside Rest Area
- MPCA Grant-Preston from JPJ to look at for 2023 Project(s)

##### Resolutions

- 2023-19 Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor to accept resolution 2023-19 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

- 2023-20 Entering into a Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept resolution 2023-20 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to apply for and accept funds for the 50k in engineering fees for the Stuntz Bay Access Road

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

Motion passed 3-0

Fire-Request purchase of 2 lunar camera @ a cost of \$2018/each. Misunderstand on the part of MacQueen, and they sent 2 cameras with order of other Fire Equipment. After the Fire Department looked at cameras, the department thinks this is a good investment, and will work in conjunction with other fire departments that have these cameras

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the purchase of 2 lunar cameras @ a cost of \$2018/each

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest

Letter of Support-the City of Tower is looking into the purchase of the County Building and property at Marina drive, Breitung Township would like to get salt and sand from there vs out in Kuglar township should the option be available. Consensus by the board to send a letter of support to the City of Tower.

Approve Payment for Force Main Improvements-Payment request from JPJ to pay 2EZ the amount of \$52,305.79 when the Township receives payment from the TBWWB (received payment as of today)

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve payment in the amount of \$52,305.79 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Road and Bridge Request-Bid for installation of fans by Amptek included in packet, Supervisor Gorsma also discussed additional cost of lift rental of \$1000 to do the work

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve bid as approved with additional charge of \$1000 for rental of lift

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

Motion passed 3-0

Housing Institute-Request to have Clerk Sundahl participate and attend Housing Institute Forum

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel with his thank you for Clerk Sundahl to participate and attend the Housing Institute Forum for the next 18 month

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

Motion passed 3-0

**Next Regular Board Meeting**-Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 12N Breitung Community Center

**Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:15pm

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

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township