

# **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 01-25-24 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 Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Terry Carlson-Tower News

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 12/21/23 Regular Board Meeting as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Approval of Treasurers Report**

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

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Correspondence**

- MAT-Dec 2023 & Jan 2024 Newsletter
- IRRR-Dec 2023 & Jan 2024 Newsletter
- Widseth
- Habitat for Humanity
- Minnesota Power-Notice to counties and municipalities of proposed change

## **Public Input**

None

## **Reports**

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-None
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-None

- Recreation-Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday. Stephanie has stepped down and there are 2 new members. Supervisor Tuchel thanked Stephanie for her hard work. Outdoor Rec Grant due at the end of March. Supervisor Tuchel will be doing a First aid class for rink attendants
- Wastewater Board-No meeting held in January. Board extended bids on the Water Filtration Plant until February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Ambulance Commission-Met on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, will discuss more under new business, Tower Ambulance Donation agreement

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Old Business:**

#### **Infrastructure Projects Updates**

- 2023 Infrastructure-Bid openings at 11:00am this morning with 3 Contractors in attendance with only 2 sealed bids being submitted. JPJ recommends award going to Mesabi Bituminous with low bid at \$286, 944

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the low bid of \$286, 944 from Mesabi Bituminous for the 2023 Infrastructure Project

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

Motion Passed 3-0

#### **Scott Lilya Property-Puncher Point**

Township attorney did not approve order of hearing date set for 02/15/24 for property on Puncher Point so no hearing is needed, Attorney stated homeowner will need to file paperwork with the District Court.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to cancel public hearing @ property located @ 5737 Puncher Point Road on February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm

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

Motion passed 3-0

2024 CDBG Grant-This grant is being requested for the Center St Project. Received Initial Funding Recommendation of \$75,000 from St. Louis County

PFA Loan- JPJ Engineering continues to work on descriptions and Exhibits and will have by next week. Fryberger also working on information gathering. Steve Abrahamson will work on appraisals except for property owned by Vermilion Land Office due to a conflict of interest. Looking at 2-3 months out before PFA Loan funded.

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Chairman Tomsich and Clerk Sundahl met with members from the City of Tower. All members on Board and would like to see a completion of the loop trail. All in agreement that they would like to see JPJ Engineering do a scope and cost of project as a first task to get done and then the committee will see where to go from there. Depending on cost will have to talk to County and LCP representatives for easements if trail goes on the road.

IRRR grant suggested, DNR grant as well as possible funding from Mesabi Trail. Nancy Larson may also know of some funding sources. There could be several studies to be completed before March of 2025 as it appears that a realistic goal would be to apply for funding in March of 2025 with Trail completion to be done June of 2027.

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Please see notes in "Committee Reports"

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sundahl continues to attend meetings either in Grand Rapids and/or the City of Tower. Maxfield Study to be done with 5k assistance from TEDA and 2k from the City of Tower as the group has expanded the scope of the initial study proposed.

### **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

#### **Safe and Sick Leave Policy**

➤ Stand Alone Policy

➤ Township Employee Handbook

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Stand Alone Safe and Sick Leave Policy and the Breitung Employee Handbook as Presented

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

Discussion: Supervisor Tuchel wants to ensure that any additional accumulation of sick leave is forfeited and not paid out. Clerk Sundahl to work with Township Attorney.

Motion DID NOT pass 0-3

MPCA Grant-Supervisor Tuchel states that this grant is eligible to use for mapping of stormwater drainage, ditching, as well as televising the townships storm water system.

Supervisor Tuchel and John from JPJ to attend the next meeting

LMC-Liability Coverage Waiver Form-In years past the Board has Chosen "DOES NOT WAIVE"

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to choose "Does Not Waive" on the Liability Coverage Waiver

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

Motion passed 3-0

Request for Reimbursement-Anthony Zavodnik turned in receipts for siren parts purchased for the township in the amount of \$1010.36. Supervisor Tuchel mentioned to Tony he would prefer to order parts in the future

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reimburse Anthony Zavodnik in the amount of \$1010.36 for siren parts

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Resolutions**

➤ Resolution 2024 #01-Election Judges

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2024 #01 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Resolution 2024 #02-Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve Resolution 2024 #02 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Resolution 2024 #03-Apply for and Accept Funds from IRRR

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve Resolution 2024 #03 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Discussion on multiple projects to include on the application along with the Center St Project. Roads could include Jasper St, Echo Pt Rd, Thompson Farm Road and South St. Echo Pt Road may also qualify for USDA Loan.

**Next Regular Board Meeting**-February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 12N @ Breitung Community Center

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to adjourn the meeting @ 1:28pm

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

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township