

# **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02-22-24 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, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Trudy Hendricks

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

## **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 01/25/24 Regular Board Meeting and 02/15/24 Special Board Meeting as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Approval of Treasurers Report**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the January 2024 Treasurers Report as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Correspondence**

- MAT-Spring Short Courses, Township Days,
- IRRR-Jan & Feb 2024 Newsletter
- St Louis County-Liquor License

Correspondence so noted

## **Public Input**

None

## **Reports**

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

- Recreation-Committee met and Jennifer from JPJ putting together a cost estimate. Committee recommendation to improve skating shack building to be more ADA compliant and user friendly
- Wastewater Board-See Attached Flow Sheet  
Plant rebid only received 1 bid that came in from a local contractor at 9M. Expected to receive 5M WHIFF and with committed Army Corp money there would be a 1M shortfall, Board looking at opportunities to move forward because project cost keeps increasing. PFA would like an audit of Breitung Township Water & Sewer for 2023, but no monies received yet. Could be combined with the City of Tower audit at a cheaper cost. Treasurer Gornick had some questions on audit since no monies received in 2023. Supervisor Tuchel to find out more information on this.
- Ambulance Commission-Monday 02/26/24 is next meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Old Business:**

PFA Loan- JPJ Engineering completed Exhibits and Supervisor Tuchel to review and then turn over to Attorney.

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Please see notes in "Recreation Committee Reports". Currently no cost estimate from JPJ Engineering

- Resolution 2024-#04 Supporting DNR Outdoor Rec Grant Application-No action taken at this time. Board will wait to review cost estimate of project

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sundahl continues to attend meetings, survey presented to Board members that committee has approved. Clerk Sundahl asking to approve cost of mailing out survey's to Breitung Township residents.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Clerk Sundahl to send out Housing Survey with a return stamped envelope to the township

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

Motion passed 3-0

McKinley Park Roof Bids-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma received 2 updated bids from previous contractors that bid on the roof, one bid came in lower than original bid. Gorsma awaiting bids from a few other contractors. No action by the Board at this time.

Pre-Discussion on Budget/Levy and Equipment Funding-Cost estimate came in at \$921,500 for Echo Pt Rd Improvements. Board would like to include Echo Pt Rd, Thompson Farm Rd and Center St into the 2024 Road Improvement. Current funding for Thompson Farm Rd through LRIP, Center St funding through CDBG, Chairman Tomsich to talk with IRRR to see if there is IRRR Funding, and could use other funding sources as a match to IRRR. Scope and cost of 2024 Road Improvement project unknown at this time. Board does know there will be a probable increase in Ambulance Funding for the coming year. No action taken at this time

AFG Grant-Nancy Larson from Community Coaching is working on the Fire Departments AFG grant. Fire Department asking for funding to help pay for the cost of grant writing.

➤ Resolution 2024-#5 Apply for Grant Writing Assistance

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2024 #05 as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Cost estimate of \$785,300 came in from JPJ engineering, still unknown of exact route. Presented to members of the Tower Committee as well. Chairman Tomsich spoke to a representative from St. Louis County, and their initial correspondence is that they are very interested in the project, and would like to be involved in the planning phases if the project moves forward. The trail is currently designed along their ROW. 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. Could potentially receive DNR, IRRR and other funding sources for the project.

### **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

Tent Rental-Resident interested in renting the Township's tent and having it put up during rental of the community center in June. Would require employees to come in on overtime pay.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reject this request

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

Motion passed 3-0

9 Month CD-The current \$50k CD held at Frandsen Bank comes due on 02/24/2024, discussion to renew or pull out. Monies currently out of the Equipment Reserve Fund, the bill for R&B Toolcat equipment of approximately \$80k due on 02/27/24 and is currently in reserve fund.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reinvest \$25k back into CD with remaining \$25k back into Reserve Fund

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

Motion passed 3-0

MMUA Safety Program Cost Increase-Clerk Sundahl presented cost increase of 2024 Safety Training due to adding improved and more training for 2024. Cost to increase in 2025.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve cost increase of Safety Training as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Worker's Comp Premium and Deductible-In years past the Board has chosen \$10,000

Deductible Premium Option. Supervisor Tuchel pointed out it takes 10 years to see a return on investment when choosing the 10k option.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to choose \$250 deductible per occurrence

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

Motion passed 3-0

Police

- Police Pursuit Policy-Chief Reing explained this is a new mandate by the POST Board

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve policy as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

- Resignation of Officer Keith Nyman-Supervisor Tuchel stated that he personally called officer Nyman and thanked him for his 11 years of service to Breitung Township.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the resignation of Officer Keith

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

Motion passed 3-0

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

Board of Audit-Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 12Noon Breitung Community Center, immediately following the regular Board Meeting

Board of Canvass-Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 immediately following the Election

Annual Meeting-Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 immediately following the Board of Canvass

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 12Noon

Reorganization Meeting-Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

**Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:05pm

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

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township