

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03-28-24 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: Amber Zak, Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Nancy Tekautz, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Trudy Hendricks, Vince Vesel, Brian Zak, Amelie Zak, Owen Zak, Terry Driscoll

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel 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 02/22/24 Regular Board Meeting, 02/22/24 Board of Audit, 03/06/24 Special Board Meeting and 03/12/24 Board of Canvass Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- MAT-02/23, 02/29, 03/11 and 03/15
- IRRR-02/23 and 03/06 Newsletter
- Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging 02/28
- MN Pollution Control-03/04
- MN DOT 03/05
- PERA 03/19
- Letter from Eagles Nest Township

Correspondence so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-None
- Recreation-None, see updates under old business
- Wastewater Board-Currently looking for additional funding for 2 separate projects, the Water Filtration Plant and the Pond Expansion. 1M awarded for the Pond Expansion from Congressional Spending.
- Ambulance Commission-Commission met 02/26/24 to review current agreement, no final draft, members bringing to their perspective boards for review. All representatives agreed to terms except Greenwood. The Commission will be meeting again 4/29 at Vermilion Lake Township and they have invited Greenwood Town Board and Embarrass to come to the table.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Cost estimate came in at 521k for the whole project, township would have to come up with a 25% match with the DNR grant. Would have to do all ADA compliance items on the list at a minimum which is \$117k. Consensus by the board members to hold off till next year before applying for the grant, this will give the Recreation Board more time to review, make changes and update.

- Resolution 2024-#04 Supporting DNR Outdoor Rec Grant Application

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to not pass Resolution 2024-#04 at this time

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

PFA Loan- Fryberger continues to work on easements, one hurdle will be the DNR property as the DNR does not do easements, they do licenses. Fryberger will continue working on it.

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sunsdahl has attended a few meetings in Tower, and virtually. The Committee is currently awaiting the Maxfield Study which should come in soon. Surveys to go out the beginning of April, will continue to keep the board updated.

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Letter of inquiry sent to the Blandin Foundation which could potentially help with prework needed before this project could be funded. Nancy Larson currently working on that. Goal is 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.

Gravel Pit-Material Sales Agreement-No action taken on this item yet, more discussion needed with Mesabi Bituminous. Breitung Township Board would like to negotiate on item #2 the \$2.00/cy. Since contract is for 10 years. Would like to add language to not sell our pit run for other projects than the townships because we are not in the gravel business. If an emergency came up, a proposal could go before the board for approval.

CEDA-Pictures and videos uploaded to the Clerk's computer, for use on the website

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Swearing in of New Officers

➤ Erin Peitso sworn in as the new Board Supervisor by Clerk Sundahl

➤ Amber Zak sworn in as the new Clerk by outgoing Clerk Sundahl

Police & Fire-Grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

Chief Reing and Chief Banks have been working together to put this grant together for this quarter-April 06th deadline. Per Supervisor Tichel, there are also add-ons for both fire and police that would be beneficial and asked Chief Reing to research further.

➤ Resolution 2024-#11-Firehouse Sub Grant-Make application and accept funds

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve resolution 2024-11 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

McKinley Park Trail

➤ Change order from JPJ Engineering

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve change order as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Final Payment

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve final payment as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Completion Letter to the DNR-this letter is need to submit to the DNR for reimbursement of \$150k along with various other items Chairman Tomsich has submitted. Consensus by the Board to approve.

St. Louis County-Classification of tax forfeited lands-Consensus by the Town Board that there is a need for this land, nothing further needs to be done.

2024 MAT By-Laws-So noted by the Board

Accepting Donations

- Resolution 2024-#10-Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve Resolution 2024-#10 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 3-0

Order Setting Forth a Hearing Date-Thompson Farm Road

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve order setting forth a hearing date for the Thompson Farm Road as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Northeast Cooperative Letter-Consensus by the Board to wait for Roger Desilets (IT) input before responding to the Northeast Cooperative letter.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Reorganization Meeting-Thursday March 28th, 2024 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn

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

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Outgoing Clerk, Breitung Township