

# **Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting**

**Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05/16/2024**

**Breitung Community Center 6:00 PM**

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 04/18/24 Regular Board Meeting
  - 04/30/24 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
- Approval of April 2024 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 48660 - 48734
  - Total Disbursements-\$116,776.04
  - Fund Balance-\$294,814.91
  - Voided Checks - None
- Correspondence
  - Minnesota Power – Rate Increase to Municipalities
  - Thank You to Breitung Police
  - MAT training
- Public Input

## **Reports:**

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board-See Rural Water Grant
- Ambulance Commission
- Housing - Attached

## **Old Business**

- Kultala/Breitung Property Exchange – Transfer Complete/Recorded w/ county
- Recreational Trail Development
- Hoodoo Point Loop Trail Project – Blandin Grant
- Animal Ordinance concerning chickens and other non-domestic/barnyard animals
- Hoodoo Point Road Bike Trail Loop
- Stuntz Bay Access Road
- 2023 Infrastructure Improvements
  - Preconstruction Conference

- Change Order #1
- 2024 Infrastructure - IRRR

### **New Business**

- G.R.E.A.T. Families Training
- Memorial Benches – Order and placement
- Pay Bills as presented
- Blight
- Facebook Account
- Community Picnic
- Application for non-domesticated animals - Zak

### **Next Board Meetings**

Regular Board Meeting June 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

### **Adjourn**

# **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 04-18-24 at 6:00 PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**

## **Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Clerk Amber Zak, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Terry Carlson (Tower News), Rose Blossom Chosa (Tower News), Anthony Sikora (left at 6:11 PM), Daniel Reing-Police Chief, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Trudy Hendricks, Jodi Summit (Timberjay)

Call to Order @ 6:02 PM by Chairman Tim Tomsich

## **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 03/28/24 Regular Board Meeting and 03/28/24 Reorganizational Meeting as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Approval of Treasurers Report**

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

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

Motion passed 3-0

## **Correspondence**

- IRRR – 03/26 (Bois Forte & Tower highlighted), 04/04 (McKinley Park Trail highlighted)
- 100 Rural Women – 04/11
- MN Rural Water Association – 04/03
- CDBG – 04/01, 04/03, 04/04
- St. Louis County Economic and Community Development – 04/02
- FreeConferenceCall.com – Donation Drive
- Letter from Charles Tekautz
- PERA – 04/03

Correspondence so noted

## **Public Input**

Mr. Sikora raised concerns regarding a housing survey recently sent out on Breitung Township letterhead; he was concerned that the cost of the personnel and office supplies should have

been publicly discussed. Chairman Tomsich answered his concerns stating that there was a Housing committee that Breitung Township was a part of and that Deputy Clerk Dianna Sundahl had been authorized in a prior meeting to conduct the survey for Breitung's share of the residents within the scope of the committee (surrounding areas). Mr. Sikora further expressed his dissatisfaction with the idea of the Housing Committee, stating that it should have been a matter for the public to vote on, he left after voicing his final thoughts on the matter.

## **Reports**

- Police - See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge - See Attached
- Recreation – Supervisor Tuchel discussed the Joint Powers Recreation Board stating they had recently received a funding request and he was hopeful that other groups would become more aware of them as a fund source so that the board could be as beneficial as possible to the community
- Wastewater Board-n/a
- Ambulance Commission-had not yet met, Supervisor Tuchel was hopeful that a contract would be in the works at the next meeting
- Housing – See Attached

Reports so noted.

## **Old Business:**

League of MN Cities – Fuller vs. Battin – Police Chief Reing gave a synopsis of the case; it was essentially a bogus case leveraged against officer Battin, which was recently dismissed.

LRIP – Chairman Tomsich discussed the funding for the Thompson Farm Road project, for which \$544k was awarded; the overall cost was to be \$633k leaving a funding gap of \$89k. It was likely there would be quite a lot of MNDot reviews associated with the project and it would mostly likely not get going until 2025; Chairman Tomsich noted that the funds would not expire until June of 2027 and that they were reimbursable funds, and that the Township could draw on them as portions of the project were completed. Chairman Tomsich had reached out to Senator Hauschild and Representative Skraba, among others, to fill the funding gap.

Gravel Pit-Material Pit Sales Agreement – Nothing new – defer to next meeting

Center Street & 2023 Infrastructure Improvements – BABA forms – John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering spoke on the forms received by the clerk's office. The federal government wants

more formal reporting for the Build America, Buy America HUD Entitlement Program and that Breitung Township would need to complete these forms.

### **New Business:**

#### **Pay Bills as Presented**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Pay Bills as Presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

#### **Animal Ordinance**

- Chickens and other non-domestic/barnyard animal policy questioned
- Clerk Amber Zak agreed to research other local laws and work to update Breitung's ordinance to be clearer, would present at the Regular May meeting

#### **Townships/Municipalities Maintenance Requests**

There would be no new known requests at this time, Tom Gorsma would still be the contact person for the County Public Works Department

#### **Shelter Use Fee Waiver Request**

Sarah Hansen with Tower-Soudan Early Childhood Family Education sent in a request for a fee waiver for use of the Soudan Park for the annual ECFE picnic.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the fee waive

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

Motion passed 3-0

**Recreational Trail Development** – Supervisor Tuchel discussed a request to convert an existing ATV trail to walking-use only and create a new trail running parallel to provide ATV access. He indicated that a group was eventually interested in creating a full natural-terrain walking/running course through the area. Chairman Tomsich indicated that prior to adjusting the current trails, a full overview of the intended plans would be helpful. Concerns included the Township needing to enforce the pedestrian-only rule and whether the intended plans would work with the current plan of extending the bike trail around the full Hoodoo Point Road Loop. Supervisor Tuchel agreed to get more information on the intended plans.

**St. Louis County-Classification of tax forfeited lands**-Consensus by the Town Board that there is not a need for this land and does not wish to claim in, nothing further needs to be done.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to allow land to go back to county as tax forfeited

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

Motion passed 3-0

FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending – Consensus by the Town Board that the Township would forego an application this year as there are no other big projects being considered at this time. Supervisor Tuchel indicated that it was likely that the City of Tower would be making an application for funds for work on wastewater infrastructure.

**Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting**

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

**Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 7:05 PM

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

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Amber Zak  
Clerk, Breitung Township

**Township of Breitung Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting 04/30/2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center**

**In Person**

Present: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick (left at 1:30 PM), Clerk Amber Zak

Public: Ben Thomas - St Louis County Assessor, Paul Cherry - St Louis County Assessor, Mitchell Mesojedec, Dana Anderson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tomsich at 1:00 PM

**Property Discussion:**

Mitchell & Ginger Mesojedec:	270-0020-01415
Dana Anderson:	270-0110-01910
John & Julie Poderzay:	270-0110-02500

Mitchell & Ginger Mesojedec: Mitchell Mesojedec in attendance to discuss. Mitchell questioned whether the shape of lakeshore (a point versus a flat strip) was taken into consideration when lakeshore values were being calculated; Ben Thomas stated that yes, the shape of lakeshore is taken into account and Paul Cherry indicated that Mitchell was receiving a 30% discount due to the pointed shape of his lakeshore property. Mitchell further questioned why his taxes had gone up 18% for the 2024 tax year; Ben Thomas explained that taxes are based on the sales of similar properties. In this case, Ely Island provides its own tax comparisons as its sales tend to be dissimilar from other islands; in the past year, Ely island had seen 4 sales which indicated that the values are up for this particular area of land.

Dana Anderson: Dana Anderson in attendance to discuss. Dana lodged a complaint that his current taxes went up several hundred dollars from the year prior and questioned why this would be so. Ben Thomas indicated that sales in prior years had driven up the property value and that Dana's home had received a higher valuation due to these sales; however, the sales from 2023 indicated a downturn and he would be receiving a tax cut in 2025. Dana further questioned why other homeowners had lower taxes than he did; Ben Thomas explained that there might be many factors that contribute to that including special statuses (disabled, veteran disabled, etc) and the condition of the interior of the house. Ben further offered to set up a time to meet with Dana to view the interior of his home so that the value could potentially be lowered – or raised – depending on the condition of the home. Ben Thomas did indicate that if property taxes had been significantly raised, tax form M1PR could be filed to receive a property tax refund from the State of Minnesota.

Julie & John Poderzay: A letter was received from John and Julie indicating that their property should be receiving a homestead classification but that they had not filed for the homestead on time. Ben Thomas indicated that he would be unable to change the classification at the meeting but that he would send out a form to be signed in order to get the classification changed.

Ben Thomas explained that an assessment is generally based off square footage, age, and the best guess of inside condition.

Supervisor Matt Tuchel explained that when property taxes go up, Breitung Township does not receive that – the levy that is voted on is the levy that is set for the year; further, property taxes received do not go to the state, they go to the county, school board associated with the area, and local taxes. The only exception to this is a 1% tax on recreational use properties (cabins).

Chairman Tim Tomsich noted that if the taconite homestead credit change goes through the State Legislature, there will be a straight dollar amount credit for all homesteaded properties in Breitung Township.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to make no changes to Mitchell & Ginger Mesojedec, Dana Anderson, and John & Julie Poderzay  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich  
Motion Passed 2-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich  
Motion passed 2-0

Saint Louis County Spreadsheet on file in the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Zak  
Clerk, Breitung Township



# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Apr-24

GENERAL	73,323.49
ROAD & BRIDGE	39,617.57
FIRE	32,788.29
PARK	23,092.57
RECREATION	6,930.10
POLICE	12,221.83
PROJECTS	16,290.82
WATER DEPT	70,550.24
ARPA	20,000.00
TOTALS	294,814.91

# RATE INCREASE NOTICE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

**MAY 2024**

## Accessibility Accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (i.e., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7834 at least one week in advance of the meeting. **Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.**

## Evidentiary Hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Power's proposal are scheduled to start on May 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources, the Office of Attorney General—Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Kimberly Middendorf, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164 or by email to [oah.webmaster@state.mn.us](mailto:oah.webmaster@state.mn.us).

## Effect of Rate Changes

Below are examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Minnesota Power's customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

Customer Classification	Avg. monthly kWh usage	Avg. current monthly cost	Net interim monthly increase	Proposed final monthly increase*
Residential	691	\$94	\$8	\$11
Residential Dual Fuel	970	\$96	\$8	\$11
General Service	2,683	\$361	\$31	\$43
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	3,598	\$344	\$30	\$45
Large Light & Power	258,754	\$26,403	\$2,293	\$3,172
Large Power	49,194,469	\$3,999,252	\$344,917	\$478,966
Lighting	156	\$64	\$5	\$8

\*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.

The rate changes described in this notice have been requested by Minnesota Power. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

## For More Information

You may examine our current and proposed rate schedules and our request for new rates by visiting our website at [www.mnpower.com/RateReview](http://www.mnpower.com/RateReview), or you may contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Energy Division at 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101, Phone: 651-539-1500.

**Web:** <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> and select 23 in the year field, enter 155 in the number field, click on Search and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

**Need help translating this text?** People who communicate in a language other than English can request translation services by calling Minnesota Power at 800-228-4966. We also offer a translation option at [mnpower.com](http://mnpower.com).

# RATE INCREASE NOTICE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

**MAY 2024**

Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately 17.2% or \$127.9 million overall. Included in the proposal is a 5.2% or \$38.8 million annual reduction in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item on your bill. Depending on customer class and usage, the actual percent will vary based upon final approval by the MPUC. The MPUC will make its decision regarding final rates in early 2025.

## Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf has scheduled public hearings to give customers an opportunity to present their views regarding Minnesota Power's request to increase electric rates (MPUC Docket No. E-015/GR-23-155 and OAH Docket No. 21-2500-39686). Any Minnesota Power customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Power's service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
<b>Monday, May 20, 2024</b>	1:00 p.m.	Little Falls, MN	Morrison County Govt. Board Room 213 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave SE
	7:00 p.m.	Cohasset, MN	Cohasset Community Center 305 NW 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue
<b>Tuesday, May 21, 2024</b>	10:00 a.m.	Eveleth, MN	Range Recreation Civic Center 901 Hat Trick Ave
	2:00 p.m.	Hermantown, MN	AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy
	7:00 p.m.	Cloquet, MN	U of M Forestry Center 175 University Rd
<b>Wednesday, May 22, 2024</b>	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Only	<a href="https://minnesota.webex.com">https://minnesota.webex.com</a> Meeting number (access code): 2492 688 9582 Meeting password: bgUKT6paE82

**Bad weather?** To find out if a meeting is canceled, call 651-201-2213 or (toll-free) 1-855-731-6028, or visit [www.mn.gov/puc](http://www.mn.gov/puc).

## The MPUC welcomes comments from customers. There are several ways to participate:

**Online:** [www.mn.gov/puc/get-involved](http://www.mn.gov/puc/get-involved) (for convenience, a link to a comment form is provided on this page) **Email:** [www.consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:www.consumer.puc@state.mn.us)

**US Mail:** 121 7th Place East, Suite #350 St.  
Paul, Minnesota 55101

**Fax:** 651-297-7073

**Comments must be received by May 30, 2024. Be sure to include docket number 23-155.**

**Important:** Comments can be viewed by the public on the MPUC website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

For questions or help with the public comment process, contact the MPUC at: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782. Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.

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DEAR CHIEF OF POLICE

DANIEL REINS,

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN APRIL  
IN COOK HUN., WHEN MY CAR  
WAS HIT ON HWY 53. I APPRECIATE  
YOUR STOPPING AND OFFERING  
HELP AND YOUR KINDNESS. YOU  
HAD A CALMING MANNER IN  
WHAT WAS A VERY BAD EXPERIENCE  
FOR ME AND I WAS GRATEFUL  
FOR THAT. YOU WERE THE  
ULTIMATE PROFESSIONAL AND I  
HOPE THAT MY GRATITUDE LIVES  
YOUR DAY WHILE YOU GO ABOUT  
DOING WHAT IS SOMETIMES A  
THANKLESS JOB.

THANKS AGAIN!

PATRICIA KELLAR

(BLACK FORD ESCAPE)

**From:** Minnesota Association of Townships <info@minnesotaassociationoftownships.ccsend.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2024 9:47 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** Upcoming Event: Town Law Review



The MAT Town Law Review is an annual training event aimed at bringing presentations to township officers on core and complex topics from the township attorneys who help townships every day. All township officers are welcome to attend this training. Townships engaged in land use management are encouraged to attend for refreshers on zoning ordinance basics and for in-depth training on specific zoning issues.

**Please complete this pre-registration link: [PRE-REGISTRATION LINK](#)**

**DATE:** Friday, May 31, 2024

**TIME:** Registration opens at 8:00 AM, and the event begins at 9:00 AM and ends in the afternoon.

**LOCATION:** Rockwoods Event Center in Otsego, MN, 9100 Quaday Ave NE, Otsego, MN 55330

**COST:** \$65 per officer, which includes breakfast, lunch, and printed materials.

**HOTEL:**(if needed): Wyndham Gardens in Otsego, Call (269) 692 5417 and mention code: 053024MN or book online through our [MAT Town Law Review webpage](#).

**TOPICS:** Open Meeting Law, Developer Agreements, Land Use 101, Recurring Road Disputes, Cartways Step-by-Step & Interesting Issues, Ordinance Enforcement, Conflicts of Interest and Speed Limits

**PRESENTERS:** [Troy Gilchrist](#), [Jason Hill](#), [Jason Kuboushek](#), [Andrew Tiede](#), [Bob Ruppe](#), [Mike Couri](#), [Scott Witty](#), and [Ken Bayliss](#).

**Please complete this pre-registration link: [PRE-REGISTRATION LINK](#)**

Minnesota Association of Townships | 805 Central Ave East, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, MN 55376

[Unsubscribe clerk@breitungtownship.org](#)



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER**

**PHONE: (218) 753-6660**

**41 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE • P.O. BOX 6**

**DANIEL REING**

**FAX: (218) 753-2407**

**SOUDAN MN 55782**

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Spring is coming fast, although a late snow storm to end the month was all too familiar. With 62 calls for service, we were down slightly from April's 2023 total. Overall, we are ahead of last year's pace however. Much of the month was spent planning for May and the summer events upcoming. The final preparations were completed for the annual in-service joint training with the Babbitt Police Department. I also completed two TZD special enforcement shifts as well.

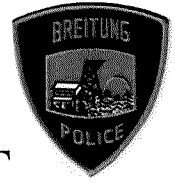
The Northwoods 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the Tower 4<sup>th</sup> grade completed their G.R.E.A.T. class. The students loved the program and it was well received by staff as well. I hope to teach the program for many years to come.

I also again want to remind everyone that when you see emergency lights and hear a siren, please pull over to the side of the road as soon as you are safely able.

The speed limit from Jasper St. in Soudan and Alder St. in Tower is 50 mph. Please drive accordingly. We are receiving many complaints of speeding. This area will be strictly enforced. The proper of Soudan is also a 25-mph speed limit. Please drive with care.

Fishing opener is coming soon. Please wear a life jacket.

Daniel Reing  
Chief of Police  
Breitung Police Department



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## April 2024 Police Report

**Calls for Service (ICRs):** 62

**Citations:** 9

- 1 adult male citation for Driving After Revocation (DAR)
  - 1 adult male citation for Driving After Revocation (DAR)
  - 1 adult male citation for Speed (70 mph in a 50-mph zone)
  - 1 juvenile male citation for Speed (88 mph in a 60-mph zone)
  - 1 adult female citation for No Proof of Insurance
  - 1 juvenile female citation for Speed (77 mph in a 60-mph zone)
  - 1 adult male citation for Speed (76 mph in a 60-mph zone)
  - 1 adult female citation for No Proof of Insurance (last proof was for 2021)
  - 1 adult female citation for No Proof of Insurance
- 1 citation for a Breitung Township parking violation

**Investigations:** A felony criminal damage to property case. The 4 juvenile suspects have been identified. Charges are pending.

**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**April 2024 Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 04/10/2024.

This month's training consisted of Fire Boat, pump operations, and other equipment related to remote firefighting . The Fire Boat was put into service at the end of April.

We received several calls for the month of April which included a structure fire at the Soudan Underground Mine Engine House, a large dumpster fire at the St. Louis Canister Site. We received other minor calls which we had been cancelled before responding. Several members did a walk through at the new St. Louis County Garage on Hwy 21.



## **Road and Bridge May 2024**

**Usual mowing and trimming**

**Sweeping streets and trails**

**Grading and repair of gravel roads**

**Flushed hydrants**

**Prepared baseball field and hosted ball games**

**Lowered docks ext... and prepared campground to open**

**Topsoil, seed, and mulch switchbacks on bike trail**

**Miller roofing completed shingle replacement at McKinley park**

**Continued to televise sewer laterals on Church St.**

**lateral replacement has started on Church St.**

**Assembled and put in Stuntz Bay Association dock**

**Installed new playground equipment at McKinley Park**

# Housing Committee Report

May 2024

Dianna Sunsdahl

- Tower Area Collaborative has not met for the Month of May yet, looking to do so the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- TAC received their Housing Study back from Maxfield Research, there were some errors in data, and they were corrected, will review with Consulting Company to have a Q & A Session with them before meeting in May/June.
- Next MHP Housing Workshop is May 21<sup>st</sup> in Grand Rapids from 9am-3pm.
- MHP is hosting Northeast Building Summit at the Iron Trail Motors event center in Virginia on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This summit is aimed at building partnerships with potential developers and address challenges in NE MN and work towards solutions.
- Housing Survey-82 of 255 Surveys returned for 32% rate for Breitung Township. 26% returned in total to include Tower/Breitung and Bois Forte. Note: Bois Forte has not returned any surveys to date.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Dianna Sunsdahl @  
[deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org](mailto:deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org)

*Dianna Sunsdahl*



Office of the County Recorder  
St. Louis County, Minnesota  
Recorded on 04/22/2024  
at 2:12 PM

Document No. 01486485

Wendy Levitt  
County Recorder

By J Worgren Deputy  
AFR 400989

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Auditor

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Recording Fee: \$46.00  
Well Certificate Fee: \$0.00

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Notes:

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Deed Transfer

No delinquent taxes and transfer entered

This 22 day of April, 2024

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor

By Sydney Pallen Deputy

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## WARRANTY DEED

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Business Entity to Individual(s)

Form 10.1.7 (2016)

eCRV number: \_\_\_\_\_

DEED TAX DUE: \$ 1.65DATE: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
(month/day/year)FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

(Insert name of Grantor)

a body politic \_\_\_\_\_ under the laws of Minnesota ("Grantor"),hereby conveys and warrants to WAYNE DALE KULTALA

(Insert name of each Grantee)

("Grantee"), as

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ tenants in common,  
☐ joint tenants,

(If more than one Grantee is named above and either no box is checked or both boxes are checked,  
 this conveyance is made to the named Grantees as tenants in common.)

real property in ST. LOUIS County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:Lot 2, Block 26, Plat of Soudan 270110Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ☐

together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto, subject to the following exceptions:

- (i) building and zoning laws, ordinances, state and federal statutes and regulations;
- (ii) utility and drainage easements of record;
- (iii) real estate taxes and special assessments to be paid in 2024 and thereafter if any;
- (iv) easements, restrictions, and reservations of record;
- (v) reservation of any minerals or mineral rights to the state of Minnesota;
- (vi) facts that may be disclosed by an accurate survey;
- (vii) the rights of parties in possession.

Return to:

Johnson Killen SeilerAFR # 400989Cash 46 Chg

Consideration is less than \$500.

270-110-2780 +

## Check applicable box:

- ☒ The Seller certifies that the Seller does not know of any wells on the described real property.
- ☐ A well disclosure certificate accompanies this document or has been electronically filed. (If electronically filed, insert WDC number: .)
- ☐ I am familiar with the property described in this instrument and I certify that the status and number of wells on the described real property have not changed since the last previously filed well disclosure certificate.

Grantor

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

(name of Grantor)

By: Timothy S Tomsich  
(signature) Timothy S. Tomsich

Its: Chair, Board of Supervisors

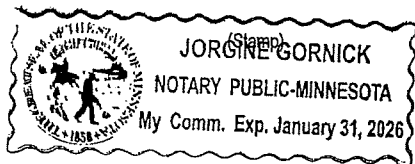
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By: Dianna Sunsdahl  
(signature) Dianna SunsdahlDeputy  
Its: Clerk

(type of authority)

State of Minnesota, County of St. LouisThis instrument was acknowledged before me on 3/28/24, by Timothy S. Tomsich  
(month/day/year) (name of authorized signer)as Chair, Board of Supervisors

(type of authority)

and by Dianna SunsdahlDeputy Clerk  
as Clerk (name of authorized signer)  
(type of authority) of Township of Breitung  
(name of Grantor)Jorgine Gornick  
(signature of notarial officer)Title (and Rank): Notary PublicMy commission expires: January 31 2026  
(month/day/year)THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:  
(Insert name and address)Robert C. Pearson, Esq.  
Johnson, Killen & Seiler, P.A.  
230 W. Superior Street, Ste 800  
Duluth, MN 55802

TAX STATEMENTS FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO:

(Insert legal name and residential or business address of Grantee)

Wayne D. Kuitala  
P.O. Box 356  
Soudan, MN 55782



Office of the County Recorder  
St. Louis County, Minnesota  
Recorded on 04/22/2024  
at 2:12 PM

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Wendy Levitt  
County Recorder  
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By J Worgren Deputy  
AFR 400989

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Auditor

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Recording Fee: \$46.00  
Well Certificate Fee: \$0.00

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This 22 day of April, 2024  
Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor  
By Sydney Keller Deputy

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Johnson Killen Seiler  
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WARRANTY DEED  
Individual(s) to Business Entity

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks  
Form 10.1.3 (2018)

eCRV number: \_\_\_\_\_

DEED TAX DUE: \$ 1.65

DATE: March 28th, 2024  
(month/day/year)

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, WAYNE DALE KULTALA, an unmarried person  
(Insert name and marital status of each Grantor)

\_\_\_\_\_, ("Grantor"),

hereby conveys and warrants to TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
(Insert name of each Grantee)

a body politic under the laws of Minnesota ("Grantee"),  
real property in St. Louis County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of Highway 169.

**St. Louis County Planning  
& Zoning Department**

Subdivision Ordinance 60 Review

By: Ada Tse

Title: Planner

Date: April 2, 2024

Permit Reference No. SD-001233

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ☐

together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto, subject to the following exceptions:

- (i) building and zoning laws, ordinances, state and federal statutes and regulations;
- (ii) utility and drainage easements of record;
- (iii) real estate taxes and special assessments to be paid in 2024 and thereafter if any;
- (iv) easements, restrictions, and reservations of record;
- (v) reservation of any minerals or mineral rights to the state of Minnesota;
- (vi) facts that may be disclosed by an accurate survey;
- (vii) the rights of parties in possession.

Consideration is less than \$500.

270-20-2774 \* DIV.

## Check applicable box:

- ☒ The Seller certifies that the Seller does not know of any wells on the described real property.
- ☐ A well disclosure certificate accompanies this document or has been electronically filed. (If electronically filed, insert WDC number: \_\_\_\_\_.)
- ☐ I am familiar with the property described in this instrument and I certify that the status and number of wells on the described real property have not changed since the last previously filed well disclosure certificate.

Grantor

Wayne Dale Kultala  
(signature) WAYNE DALE KULTALA

(signature)

(signature)

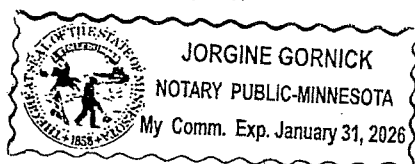
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State of Minnesota, County of St. Louis

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(month/day/year)  
person

(insert name and marital status of each Grantor)

(Stamp)



Jorgine Gornick  
(signature of notarial officer)  
Title (and Rank): Notary Public  
My commission expires: January 31 2026  
(month/day/year)

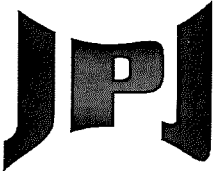
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Soudan, MN 55782





## PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

### BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

### STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD

SAP #069-600-051

PROJECT NO. 21-923

April 25, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

#### OWNER

Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782  
(218) 753-6020

#### ENGINEER

JPJ Engineering, Inc.  
John P. Jamnick, P.E.  
P.O. Box 656  
Hibbing, MN 55746  
(218) 262-5528

#### CONTRACTOR

Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.  
P.O. Box 728  
Gilbert, MN 55741  
(218) 741-8291

1. Sign-In / Introductions Sign-In Sheet attached.
2. Contract Document Status:
  - Agreement Date May 1, 2024
  - Contract Completion Date August 31, 2024
  - Contract Amount \$280,313.68
  - Role of County Need.
3. Contractor Information
  - Project Superintendent (email / cell phone):  
Matt Jamnick, 218-780-6043
  - Subcontractors Superior Diamond Concrete Cutting, Knife Lake Concrete and Range Landscape
4. Schedule – No schedule received from Contractor. Contractor to start end of June 2024 and to start near bottom of the project by the boathouses.  
Discuss construction sequence and anticipated time schedule. Contractor should outline the anticipated sequence of operation and provide anticipated starting dates.
5. Construction General Information
  - Shop Drawings Submit to JPJ Engineer for review.
  - Prior to submittal of shop drawings to the Engineer, the Contractor shall provide written certification that they have been reviewed.

- Domestic Iron and Steel \_\_\_\_\_
  - Safety – Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Safety Representative Matt Jamnick, 218-780-6043
  - Gopher State One Call Contractor's responsibility.
6. Contract Labor Provisions – Need wage compliance on-site.
- Prevailing Wages – State / Federal Wage Rates
  - Prevailing Hours: State 8 hours/day, 40 hours/week  
Federal 40 hours/week
  - Wage Determination and Required Postings shall be posted on-site in a prominent location at all times.
  - Certified Payroll Reports to be submitted weekly to the Engineer by prime and all subcontractors. Prime to review all subcontractors.
  - Project Labor Agreement ✓
7. Owner – Owner to issue all communications to the Contractor through the Engineer.
8. Engineer – Engineer will be the Owner's representative during the construction period.
- Site Visits / Regular Meetings \_\_\_\_\_
  - RPR To be determined.
  - Construction Staking Need 48-hour notice.
  - Pre-Final & Final Inspection At appropriate times.
9. Partial Pay Estimates – Thru County's One Office program.
- Certified payrolls must be received prior to payment.
  - NPDES Construction Stormwater documentation must be received prior to payment.
  - IC-134 forms must be submitted prior to final payment.
10. Change Orders – Thru County's One Office program.
- Authorized Changes in the Work \_\_\_\_\_
  - Unauthorized Changes in the Work \_\_\_\_\_
  - Execution of Change Orders \_\_\_\_\_
  - Variation in Work (Minor) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Storm Water Management (NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit) ✓  
Application for permit is being prepared.
- a) Contractor to provide name(s) of individuals with Minnesota Construction Site Management Certification, or documented training and provide such documents prior to start of construction.
  - b) Contractor to provide name(s) of installers with Minnesota Inspector/Installer Certification or documented training and provide such documents prior to the start of construction.

- c) Contractor to provide the necessary inspections for compliance with the NPDES permit and provide copies to the Engineer weekly.
- d) Contractor is responsible for complying with the NPDES permit at all times during construction.

## BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD

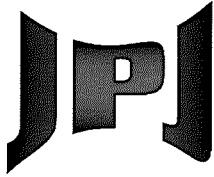
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## PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE SIGN-IN

April 25, 2024 1:00 p.m.

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## PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

### BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

#### 2023 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 22-126

April 25, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.

#### OWNER

Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782  
(218) 753-6020

#### ENGINEER

JPJ Engineering, Inc.  
John P. Jamnick, P.E.  
P.O. Box 656  
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(218) 262-5528

#### CONTRACTOR

Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.  
P.O. Box 728  
Gilbert, MN 55741  
(218) 741-8291

1. Sign-In / Introductions      Sign-In Sheet attached.
  
2. Contract Document Status:      Contracts completed and executed copies sent out on February 28, 2024.  
Agreement Date      January 26, 2024  
Notice to Proceed Date      March 1, 2024  
Substantial Completion Date      July 1, 2024  
Final Completion Date      July 15, 2024  
Contract Amount      \$286,944 for the Base Bid.  
\*Will prepare Change Order to change Final Completion Date to August 31, 2024.
  
3. Contractor Information
  - Project Superintendent (email / cell phone):  
    Matt Jamnick, 218-780-6043
  - Subcontractors Range Landscape and C&C Winger.
  - \*Need price for sewer crossing on Church Street.
  - \*Need price for drain tile.
  
4. Schedule – Start end of June. Contractor did not submit schedule.  
Discuss construction sequence and anticipated time schedule. Contractor should outline the anticipated sequence of operation and provide anticipated starting dates.

5. Construction General Information
  - Shop Drawings Submit to Engineer for review.
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  - Domestic Iron and Steel ✓ / BABA requirements.
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  - Gopher State One Call Contractor's responsibility.
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2023 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT #22-126

*PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE SIGN-IN*  
*April 25, 2024 1:30 p.m.*

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**From:** Diane Jamnick <djamnick@jpieng.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:44 PM  
**To:** Amber Zak  
**Cc:** John Jamnick  
**Subject:** Breitung Township, 2023 Infrastructure Improvements - Project #22-126  
**Attachments:** \_22-126 CO #1 TO BREITUNG TWP.pdf

Good Afternoon Amber:

Attached is Change Order #1 for the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements project which changes the Final Completion Date to August 31, 2024.

Please put this item on your agenda for Board approval. When available, please email me an executed copy. Thank You!

--  
Diane Jamnick  
Project Manager Assistant



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425 Grant Street  
P.O. Box 656  
Hibbing, MN 55746

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**CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

ORDER NO.: 1

DATE: May 1, 2024

STATE: Minnesota

COUNTY: St. Louis

CONTRACT FOR: BREITUNG, 2023 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Project No. 22-126

OWNER:

Breitung Township, P.O. Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782

TO: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specifications

Description of Changes (Supplemental Plans and Specifications Attached)	DECREASE In Contract Price	INCREASE In Contract Price
Change Final Completion Date from July 15, 2024 to August 31, 2024 as requested by the Contractor.	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE	\$0.00	\$0.00

JUSTIFICATION:

Change Final Completion Date to August 31, 2024 as requested by the Contractor.

The amount of the Contract Will Not be Changed:

\$0.00

The Contract Total Including this and previous Change Orders Will Be:

\$286,944.00

Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents.

The Contract Period Provided for Final Completion Has Been Changed to August 31, 2024.

This document will become a supplement to the contract and all provisions will apply hereto.

Requested

(Owner)

Date

Recommended

(Engineer)

Date

Accepted

(Contractor)

Date



## G.R.E.A.T. Families Training (GFT)

Specialized training is available for certified G.R.E.A.T. instructors who are interested in delivering the G.R.E.A.T. Families Component in their communities. This intensive training will prepare lead facilitators to plan, organize, and conduct the G.R.E.A.T. Families Program in their communities. Certified lead facilitators are authorized to train their own cofacilitation teams. Cofacilitators can include teachers, youth counselors, members of the faith community, parents, or other qualified adults who are committed to working with families and have been properly vetted by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The G.R.E.A.T. Families Training (GFT) is a 2-day course. Only certified G.R.E.A.T. instructors are eligible to attend GFT classes. See the GFT Training Schedule for a list of current training opportunities and the G.R.E.A.T. Families Training Application to apply for training.

For upcoming GFT dates, see Training Schedules.

### Expenses

Tuition for this course is \$250 per participant. Participants are responsible for their lodging, travel, meals, and miscellaneous expenses.

### Scheduling Training

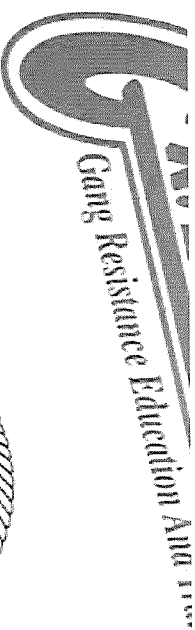
Due to reduced funding, GFT opportunities are currently very limited in the United States and are only scheduled on demand. Contact the G.R.E.A.T. Program Office at [information@great-online.org](mailto:information@great-online.org) for more information and to express your interest in this training.

**ESTABLISHING A G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM**  
**G.R.E.A.T. OFFICER TRAINING (GOT)**  
**G.R.E.A.T. FAMILIES TRAINING (GFT)**  
**G.R.E.A.T. OFFICER IN-SERVICE (GOI)**  
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# FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



**G.R.E.A.T. FAMILY TRAINING  
FOR G.R.E.A.T. CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS  
WITH 2 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE**



JULY 11-12, 2024  
PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL  
3535 E. MAYO BLVD.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85050

ATF G.R.E.A.T. program is sponsoring a G.R.E.A.T. Families training session. This free training opportunity is open to National Association of School Resource Officer's Conference attendees who are already G.R.E.A.T. certified instructors with 2 years of teaching experience. Selection preference will be given to NASRO conference attendees, however all who fit the criteria can attend the free training. The training will be held in Phoenix, Ariz. in the summer of 2024. Contact [ATFGREAT@ATF.gov](mailto:ATFGREAT@ATF.gov) by June 1, 2024

05/16/2024

Board Members:

We request to keep quail at our residence of 39 Jasper Street in Soudan. We request to have between 12 - 24 quail. Numbers are based on ratios of housing ability and relative size of the animal – quail require 1 square foot of space as compared to a chicken's necessary space of 4 square feet; quail are also less than half the size of typical chickens. We also request to keep roosters, however it should be noted that quail are much quieter than other birds and crows are similar to song bird sounds. The quail will be kept in secure, outdoor housing; housing will be cleaned and maintenance regularly. We do not intend to sell the birds (for meat or otherwise) or the eggs.

Respectfully,

Brian & Amber Zak