

## Township of Breitung Agenda-Annual Meeting

**Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/12/2024 to be held at the  
Breitung Community Center at 8:30pm  
33 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Soudan, MN 55782**

- Call the meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Nominate a Moderator
- Reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes or motion to dispense with reading and approve as distributed or corrected
- Financial Report-Jorgine Gornick, Treasurer
- Road and Bridge Report-Tom Gorsma, Maintenance Supervisor
- Police Report-Daniel Reing
- Fire and Rescue Report-Trevor Banks, Fire and Rescue Chief
- McKinley Park Report-Susie Chiabotti, Park Manager
- Chairman's Report-Tim Tomsich, Chairman
- Tax Levy
- Ambulance Replacement
- TBWWB-Pond Capacity Data
- Altering and Vacating Portions of the Thompson Farm Road
- Tower-Soudan Historical Society Request
- Youth In Action Support
- Northwoods Partners
- Funds to Support Events
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Big Truck Night
  - Old Settlers
  - Cemetery
- Other Business
- Set Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn



**Township of Breitung Annual Meeting 03/14/2022-8:30 PM**  
**In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**  
**33 First Avenue, Soudan Minnesota**

**Residents Present:** Tim Tomsich, Dianna Sundahl, Jorgine Gornick, Tony Sikora, Greg Dostert, Matt Tuchel, Rolf Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Charles Tekautz, Nancy Tekautz, Carol Norberg, Eric Norberg, Dale Swanson, Stephanie Ukkola, Randy Winkler, Tom Gorsma

**Non-Residents Present:** Daniel Reing, Ivette Reing, Tana Johnson

Call to Order @ 8:45pm by Clerk Sundahl

Pledge of Allegiance

**Moderator:**

Motion by Stephanie Ukkola to name Tim Tomsich Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

**Minutes:**

Motion by Matt Tuchel to dispense with reading of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and approve as distributed

2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Ukkola

Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Greg Dostert to dispense with reading of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Town Meeting and approve as distributed

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

Motion passed unanimously

Question by Tony Sikora on how notification is distributed, Clerk Sundahl replied that Notice for the Town Meeting was posted and published as required by law.

**Reports:**

- Financial Report-read by Tim Tomsich

Motion made by Rolf Anderson to accept Financial Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Ukkola

Motion passed unanimously

- Road and Bridge Report-Maintenance Supervisor went over highlights and wanted to thank the Board for proper equipment

Motion made Greg Dostert to accept Road and Bridge Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Tekautz

Motion passed unanimously

- Police Report-Chief Reing stated it has been a busy 1<sup>st</sup> full year, cleaning office, evidence room. Citizens have mentioned there have been a lot of tickets handed out, but with 369 Traffic Stops in 2022, only 44 tickets have been given out. Will continue this year with community engagement activities, and business/residential checks.



Motion made by Chuck Tekautz to accept Police Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously

- Fire and Rescue Report-Highlights by Tim Tomsich-mentioned Breitung rendered Mutual Aid in 14 instances with 0 Mutual Aid Received. No talk of any merging with other departments other than Eagles Nest approaching Breitung Township. Tim Tomsich spoke of informal conversation with the City of Tower and encouraging the City to work on issues with their department.

Motion by Dianna Sunsdahl to accept Fire and Rescue Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

- McKinley Park Report

Tony Sikora asking if the Park is profitable for the township, and the report presented looks a lot like last year. Jorgine Gornick stated there is a McKinley Park financial report in the pack. Both positive and negative comments were made about local residents feeling uncomfortable. Encouraged to continue looking at costs/report to ensure park is profitable for the township.

Motion by Tom Gorsma to accept report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously

- Chairman's Report-read by Tim Tomsich

Motion made by Laurie Anderson to accept report as presented

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

Motion passed unanimously

- Tax Levy

Tim Tomsich reviewed the levy reports and findings for the 2024 year. Suggested to increase the R&B levy by \$34,000. \$4000 for Insurance and Wages and \$30,000 for Road Maintenance and Snow Removal. Number of things are changing and increasing in price-most notably heating, fuel, employee insurance, water, sewer and road improvements. Tony Sikora mentioned that his tax assessment for the dump is \$85/per year vs \$15/per year for ambulance replacement-something is wrong.

Motion by Tony Sikora to approve tax levy of \$690,000 for 2024 as presented with the noted increase of \$34,000 from 2023 under Road and Bridge as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously

- Tower Soudan Historical Society Requesting \$500.00 towards the Historic Fire Hall restoration

Motion by Matt Tuchel to donate \$500.00 to the TSHS Historic Fire Hall Restoration Project

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gorsma

Motion passed 15-1 with Tony Sikora opposed

- Embarrass Regional Fair Request for monetary donation as well as volunteers-Tana Johnson spoke of the work being done by the group, and how they are reaching out Regionally. Many positive comments from Soudan Citizens.

Motion by Chuck Tekautz to donate \$300.00 to the Embarrass Regional Fair Association

2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously



- Old Settlers Request-Township of Breitung to be the Sponsor  
Eric Norberg spoke of the Old Settlers Organization. Stated there are a lot of changes happening within the group. There is increased attendance at the event, will be increasing marketing and governance.  
Motion by Eric Norberg to have Breitung Township be the Sponsor for the Old Settlers Organization  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf Anderson  
Motion passed unanimously
- Ambulance Replacement-Chuck Tekautz spoke on the ad hoc committee working on a possible Joint Powers Board to oversee the Ambulance Department. New ambulance has been ordered at a cost of \$250,000. Breitung Board approved an increase in per capita funds from \$15.00 to \$30.00.  
Motion by Tony Sikora to increase the per capita funds for ambulance replacement from \$15.00 to \$30.00 for one year  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Dostert  
Motion passed unanimously
- Funds to Support Events-funds listed below are for year 2022
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Picnic-2k includes food and in-kind labor
  - Big Truck Night-\$300 food
  - Old Settlers-\$200 donation
  - Cemetery Association-\$3000 for upkeep, \$273 for Computer Software
  - Joint Recreation Board-\$300

Motion by Stephanie Ukkola to continue support above for all events as noted above

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

Motion passed unanimously

- Township Property on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Discussion that the DNR will be creating an ATV trail from the State Park to connect to Tower. The Town Board approved option 1 of the DNR's plan for several reasons- (1) to increase the size of the gravel pit, and (2) to prevent a trail and numerous ATV riders down Japer St in Soudan. Wayne Kultala owns a triangle piece of property south of Hwy 169 that would benefit Breitung Township. The benefit is both the expansion of the gravel pit and to allow the DNR access to build a portion of their trail to connect to the Taconite Trail. Discussion with Wayne Kultala by Chuck Tekautz and Wayne would like to possibly trade the property identified with the in-town property that the Township owns (Parcel ID 270-0110-02780) Block 26, Lot 2 which is approximately 50' X 107" with an estimated value of \$4100. Tony Sikora expressed his extreme displeasure with this idea.

Motion by Eric Norberg for the Township to move forward with the possible exchange of properties with Wayne Kultala

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

Motion passed 15-1 with Tony Sikora opposed

- Lifetime Animal License-this may be an incentive for residents to purchase an animal license should it be a lifetime vs yearly. Good to have animals identified for purposes of vaccinations,



and who the owner is should they become loose. Statement that if people don't follow the rules now, why would they if we add more rules that aren't enforced already.

Motion by Matt Tichel to request the Township look more in to the benefit of this proposal

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gorsma

Motion passed unanimously

- Language Change on the Community Center Rental Agreement-Currently the language states in 1. D. Organizations may not charge attendance or admission. This limits activities such as Bingo, Garage Sales, Fund Raising Events and other like events

Motion by Matt Tichel to have such events approved by the Town Board on a case-by-case basis

2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

- No other business

**Date for Next Annual Meeting:**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 immediately following the Township Election and Board of Canvass approximately 8:30pm

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Tom Gorsma to Adjourn the Meeting at 10:25pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Swanson

Motion Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

Timothy Tomsich  
Moderator, Breitung Township



**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**LIABILITIES**

Frandsen Bank and Trust	338,571.00
ReHab Loan	

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$338,571.00</b>
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**Reserve Funds**

Frandsen Bank & Trust – MMD – Account #1110183438	
Recreation	0.00
Class 5 Gravel	9,296.47
Equipment Replacement	84,864.85
Building & Grounds	40,000.00
Sick Days	18,429.26
Police Car	37,147.29
Fireman's Pension	30,828.00
Fireman's Equipment Replacement	7,500.00
Town Hall Rehab Payments	20,000.00
McKinley Park Matching Funds	29,977.97

<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$278,043.84</b>
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**Operating Funds**

Frandsen - Now Checking #000086	21,564.86
Frandsen - MMD #86	240,271.58
Park State Bank - Now Checking #16402448	257.79
Frandsen - Water Dept. #1110100436	24,560.08
Frandsen - Water Dept. Svgs #50	<u>44,691.98</u>

<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$331,346.29</b>
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**FBT Savings Certificates**

Cert # 1300319690	90,000.00
Cert # 1300266546	50,000.00

<b>Total Savings Certificates</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>
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# Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended - 2023

December 31,2023

FUNDS	Clerk's Balance Beginning of Year	Receipts	Transfer From Other Funds	TOTAL - Receipts Transfer & Balance	Disbursements Payments	Transfer to Other Funds	Disbursements and Transfers-TOTAL	Clerks' Balance End of Year	Treasurer's Balance End of Year
GENERAL	55,637.92	412,848.20	-	468,486.12	350,100.89	-	350,100.89	118,385.23	118,385.23
R & B	95,285.31	250,523.17	62,000.00	407,808.48	305,660.61	-	305,660.61	102,147.87	102,147.87
FIRE	37,955.83	168,997.17	-	206,953.00	160,036.43	-	160,036.43	46,916.57	46,916.57
PARK	21,670.60	211,454.40	-	233,125.00	184,279.27	25,000.00	209,279.27	23,845.73	23,845.73
REC	3,869.99	38,707.34	8,000.00	50,577.33	37,747.38	-	37,747.38	12,829.95	12,829.95
POLICE	65,050.34	235,037.45	-	300,087.79	191,059.06	45,000.00	236,059.06	64,028.73	64,028.73
PROJECTS	13,801.15	822,582.78	-	836,383.93	962,443.78	-	962,443.78	(126,059.85)	(126,059.85)
WATER	60,625.52	197,334.78	-	257,960.30	188,708.24	-	188,708.24	69,252.06	69,252.06
ARPA	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTALS	353,896.66	2,357,485.29	70,000.00	2,781,381.95	2,380,035.66	70,000.00	2,450,035.66	331,346.29	331,346.29

The foregoing summary of receipts and disbursements as well as the itemized statement of receipts and the itemized statement of disbursements of this account book have been examined and audited by us, and are hereby approved. Furthermore, we do hereby estimate that the following sums are necessary to meet the current and other authorized expenditures for the ensuing year.

DATE

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

2/22/2024

*Timothy S. Turner*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*



1:42 PM

01/02/24

Cash Basis

**Township of Breitung**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FBT-Savings Cert #1300319690	90,000.00
FBT-Svgs Cert #1300266546	50,000.00
FBT - Reserve Account	278,043.84
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	240,271.58
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	21,564.86
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	257.79
Water Department - SBT NOW	24,560.08
Water Department - SBT Savings	44,691.98
Total Checking/Savings	749,390.13
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable - Water	27,884.08
County Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Assets	51,443.19
Total Current Assets	800,833.32
Fixed Assets	
1983 Caterpillar Grader	80,000.00
1998 Ford Water Tender	58,000.00
2001 Ford F-550 Fire Truck	101,904.04
2004 Polaris 4-Wheeler	2,500.00
2008 Custom Fire Truck	199,971.00
2013 24 Pulsecraft Fire Boat	95,500.00
2013 Arctic Cat Sowmobile	11,451.65
2013 Ford F-350 Truck/plow	56,321.98
2015 John Deere Loader	170,328.00
2016 John Deere Zero Turn Mower	8,766.00
2017 Ford Explorer Police Car	29,195.00
2017 John Deere Tractor 1025R	16,957.00
2021 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck	24,306.34
2023 International Dump Truck	149,792.47
Campground Office	262,500.00
Construction In Progress	246,097.22
Contents-Campground Office	22,500.00
Contents-FH,G,PO	48,750.00
Contents Police Office & Garage	39,375.00
Contents Truck Storage	16,875.00
Entrance Signs	22,000.00
Fire Dept Equipment	15,671.72
Fire Hall,Garage, Post Office	300,000.00
Garage Equipment	5,000.00
Land-Ballfield Complex	10,000.00
Land-McKinely Park Campground	292,700.00
Land-Township Complex	20,000.00
Land - Towship Lots	88,300.00
MINOS Building	863,964.00
Police Equipment	12,000.00
Police Office & Garage	60,000.00
Truck Storage	50,625.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,381,351.42
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,182,184.74</b>



## Township of Breitung

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	44,277.30
Accrued Salaries	2,332.60
Payroll Liabilities	4,384.58
Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	74,553.59
Total Current Liabilities	74,553.59
Long Term Liabilities	
FBT - Rehab Loan	338,571.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	338,571.00
Total Liabilities	413,124.59
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,837,341.53
Retained Earnings	1,889,003.35
Net Income	42,715.27
Total Equity	3,769,060.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	4,182,184.74



# Township of Breitung

## Profit & Loss

January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dog Tags	20.00
Donations	13,238.81
Fire Miscellaneous	6,500.00
Gravel Sales	636.00
Interest	7,311.20
McKinley Park Campground	190,217.50
Miscellaneous	3,722.84
Police Contract	80,528.32
Police Miscellaneous	5,008.11
Projects/Grants/CDBG	334,719.72
Refunds	2,106.04
Rents	6,759.78
Road & Bridge Miscellaneous	8,491.20
Snow Assessment	2,667.30
St. Louis County	
Apportionment	646,900.97
ARPA	20,000.00
CDBG	90,000.00
DNR -PILT	154,893.12
Miscellaneous	0.00
Taconite Prod Tax	38,432.00
Tax Forfeit Land	356.28
Town Road Aid	9,818.35
Total St. Louis County	960,400.72
State of Minnesota	
Criminal Fines	66.66
Disparity Aid	6,312.00
Firefighter Traing & Educ Reimb	7,416.32
IRRRB	298,488.90
Local Government Aid	6,311.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Police State Aid	10,889.42
Police Training & Vest	3,582.00
Total State of Minnesota	333,066.30
Water Department - Receipts	195,128.59
Water Dept Reimb	12,095.49
Total Income	2,162,617.92
Gross Profit	2,162,617.92
Expense	
Assistance	
Fire	15,900.00
General	14,965.51
Recreation	300.00
Road & Bridge	5,000.00
Total Assistance	36,165.51
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	
Fire	1,385.00
General	3,398.05
Park	595.00
Police	3,005.88
Recreation	66.00
Water	1,260.00
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses - Other	-34.00
Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	9,675.93



**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
Electricity & Water	
Fire	2,521.30
General	2,585.93
Park	8,384.55
Police	2,499.76
Recreation	2,344.72
Road & Bridge	12,806.11
Total Electricity & Water	31,142.37
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
Fire	2,251.15
General	4,042.68
Park	1,332.54
Police	7,154.12
Recreation	1,063.17
Road & Bridge	24,614.47
Total Fuel - Fuel Oil	40,458.13
Insurance	
Fire	3,740.09
General	11,430.06
Park	5,086.38
Police	13,908.70
Recreation	2,139.49
Road & Bridge	19,691.28
Water	317.00
Total Insurance	56,313.00
Interest Expense	10,824.62
Mileage	
Fire	517.45
General	502.02
Police	275.10
Total Mileage	1,294.57
Payroll Expenses	
General	9,100.47
Police	34,638.72
Road & Bridge	54,265.78
Water	9,916.34
Payroll Expenses - Other	372,665.44
Total Payroll Expenses	480,586.75
Payroll Taxes	
Police	1,424.00
Total Payroll Taxes	1,424.00
Seminars & Education	
Fire	2,911.60
General	468.65
Police	1,045.00
Seminars & Education - Other	1,134.23
Total Seminars & Education	5,559.48



**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through December 2023**

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	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Services Rendered	
1099-NEC	93,158.75
Fire	9,857.05
General	9,590.29
Park	19,272.56
Police	9,106.22
Recreation	9,330.61
Road & Bridge	19,824.23
Special Projects	952,243.03
Water	149,408.73
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Total Services Rendered	1,271,791.47
Supplies	
Fire	92,242.86
General	11,946.79
Park	1,880.77
Police	15,607.40
Recreation	5,996.96
Road & Bridge	19,468.98
Special Projects	10,286.65
Water	10,466.94
Supplies - Other	325.80
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Total Supplies	168,223.15
Telephone	
General	1,429.50
Park	241.69
Police	3,737.60
Road & Bridge	1,034.88
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Total Telephone	6,443.67
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Total Expense	2,119,902.65
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Net Ordinary Income	42,715.27
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Net Income	42,715.27



# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Dec-23

GENERAL	118,385.23
ROAD & BRIDGE	102,147.87
FIRE	46,916.57
PARK	23,845.73
RECREATION	12,829.95
POLICE	64,028.73
PROJECTS	(126,059.85)
WATER DEPT	69,252.06
ARPA	20,000.00
TOTALS	331,346.29



Bretlung Township  
Equipment Replacement Fund

	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Beginning Balance	\$494,403	\$412,903	\$476,536	\$501,658	\$510,058	\$54,136	\$169,635	\$236,335	\$169,785	\$224,865	\$225,865	\$146,865	\$187,865	\$243,865	\$334,865	\$94,388
Contribution June	25,000	25,000	17,200			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contribution Dec	25,000	25,000				25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Surface building lease	30,000	30,000	24,922													
Fire Department @ \$500/month	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Police Dept @ \$200/mo. (ended Mar)	1,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	600										
Rehab payments (total = 362,422)						58,899	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	23,523	
Interest earned on CD's									2,618							

Expenditures

1) 2013 Ford Truck												50,000				
2) John Deere Tractor/Mower			17,000							80,000						
3) 2015 John Deere Loader	154,000	16,367														
4) 1988 CAT Grader & repairs	7,500							7,672			20,000				20,000	
5) 2023 Int'l Truck & Plow & box								149,878								
6) 2000 Ford F550 Mini pumper rescue					101,900											
7) 1998 Ford F8000 Tender/Pumper - Fire											150,000					
8) 2008 Peterbilt Pumper - Fire															300,000	
9) Fire boat modifications & replace engines													20,000			
10) Zero turn mower													15,000			
11) Building Rehab loan					362,422											
12) 2021 GMC pickup & Vplow -2024							24,300			10,000						
13) Fire Dept SCBA's									38,538							
Ending Balance	<u>\$412,903</u>	<u>\$476,536</u>	<u>\$501,658</u>	<u>\$510,058</u>	<u>\$54,136</u>	<u>\$169,635</u>	<u>\$236,335</u>	<u>\$169,785</u>	<u>\$224,865</u>	<u>\$225,865</u>	<u>\$146,865</u>	<u>\$187,865</u>	<u>\$243,865</u>	<u>\$334,865</u>	<u>\$94,388</u>	<u>\$150,388</u>



# BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

	2023	2022	2021
JANUARY			
Apportionment - County	\$ 9,501.49	\$9,802.50	\$ 7,941.63
Taconite Production Tax	\$ 11,684.00	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00
MARCH			
Town Road Aid	\$ 9,818.35	\$13,540.41	\$ 9,286.96
APRIL			
Tax Forfeit Land	\$ 356.28	\$5,069.45	\$ 905.08
JUNE			
Apportionment - 70% - SLC	\$ 268,161.00	\$0.00	\$ 254,003.00
ARPA		\$33,385.73	
JULY			
Apportionment - SLC	\$ 113,351.51	\$375,744.73	\$ 107,461.34
LGA - Town Aid	\$ 3,092.00	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00
Apportionment - Late Pmt	\$ -	\$5,313.98	\$ -
COVID - CARES	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
AUGUST			
Disparity Aid - State	\$ 3,220.00	\$3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00
Taconite Production Tax	\$ 11,748.00	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00
LEVY CERTIFICATION FORM	5/25/2023	8/31/2022	Aug 30 2021
SEPTEMBER			
Super PILT - DNR	\$ 118,553.12	\$160,123.59	\$ 160,122.13
Police Aid - State	\$ 10,889.42	\$4,173.51	\$ 18,365.14
Taconite Municipal aid	\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Super PILT - DNR	\$ 36,340.00		
NOVEMBER			
ARPA Funds	\$ 20,000.00	\$15,000.00	
DECEMBER			
Apportionment - SLC	\$ 252,869.82	\$259,238.80	\$ 232,728.55
League of MN Cities Dividend	\$ 1,350.00	\$4,605.00	\$ 6,692.00
Disparity Aid - State	\$ 3,219.00	\$3,219.00	\$ 3,219.00
Apportionment - SLC	\$ 3,017.15	\$3,462.36	\$ -
LGA - Town Aid	\$ 3,092.00	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00



# ROAD AND BRIDGE 2024 REPORT

## January

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging  
Shoveling snow off of roofs  
Continue maintenance and flooding at rink  
Painting and building hockey boards in shop  
Oil changes and maintenance on equipment  
Cleaning snow away from fire hydrants

## February

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging  
Continued maintenance and flooding at rink  
Cutting trees on Echo Pt. Road  
Maintenance of equipment  
(2) frozen water laterals  
(1) frozen sewer lateral (police building)  
Televising sewer laterals on Poplar St.



## **March**

Usual plowing, sanding, and winging

Continued maintenance at rink (closed March 6th)

Found and had water leak on 4th Ave. repaired

Thawed culverts

Set up township election

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

(1) frozen water laterals

(1) frozen sewer lateral

Continued televising sewer laterals on Poplar St.

## **April**

Plowed snow on the 21st for the last time of the year

Finished year at 81.9 inches of snow (slightly above average)

Thawed culverts

Removed snow fence and prepared campground to open

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Sweeping streets

Installed siren on roof

Finished televising sewer laterals on Poplar St.

Working with AMPTEK on electrical maintenance at McKinley Park



## **May**

Lowered docks and McKinley Park and Stuntz Bay

Prepared baseball field and hosted ball games

Cleaned up trees from storm damage

Sweeping streets

Mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Flushed hydrants

Repairing gravel roads

Dealt with beaver issues on State Park road

## **June**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Replaced broken curb stop

Usual mowing and trimming

Site restoration at McKinley Park from electrical work

Repaired water line at McKinley Park

Spraying weeds

Grading roads

Hauling and spreading class 5 on gravel roads

Weed whipped guard rails

Dust control done on all gravel roads

Painted all curbs



Painted all parking lines and crosswalks in town

Brushing around town

## **July**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Usual mowing and trimming

Set up and hosted 4th of July picnic

Grading roads

Repaired water line at McKinley Park

Maintenance at McKinley Park

Brushing and trimming trees

Setting up and helping with Old Settlers

Maintenance on gravel roads

Adjust valve boxes and patch around them

Repair and replace hockey boards

## **August**

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Formed and poured bench pads on bike trail

Bituminous patching around town

Grading roads

Maintenance on gravel roads



Cutting trees from storm damage

Working with Mesabi Bituminous on bike trail and Poplar St.

Cleaned storm drains

Usual mowing and trimming

Brushing and tree removal

Repair and replace hockey boards

Landscaping around hockey rink

Assisted AMPTEK with installation of new ceiling fans in shop

Cleaned all light fixtures in shop

## **September**

Usual mowing and trimming

Mesabi working on bike trail, Poplar St, and Spring road

Grading roads and maintenance

Maintenance on culverts

Prepared for and hosted BIG TRUCK NIGHT

Removed mulch and playground equipment from McKinley Park

Tree and brush removal

Class 5 and maintenance to gravel roads

Preparing for bituminous patches around town

Flushed hydrants and winterized



## **October**

Usual mowing and trimming

Grading roads

Closed McKinley Park for season

Put up snow fence

Lifted docks

Added class 5 to gravel roads

Worked with CW Dirt Works ditching Echo Pt. road

Installed benches on bike trail

Extensive maintenance on equipment

Tree removal and brushing

CW dirt works ditching mud ditch

## **November**

Added class 5 to gravel roads

Snow plows on equipment

Limited plowing and sanding for November

Beaver dam removals after trapping

Removed dock from Stuntz Bay

Maintenance on equipment

Mesabi finished bike trail and did as much as they could on other street projects

Re-routed prospector trail



## **December**

Limited plowing and sanding

Maintenance on equipment

Prepared rink to open but couldn't due to warm temperatures

Put up snow fence at Echo Point

Dock repair at McKinley Park

Removed dock at McKinley that will be replaced

## **Extras**

(12) sewer laterals were televised for point of sale or road construction

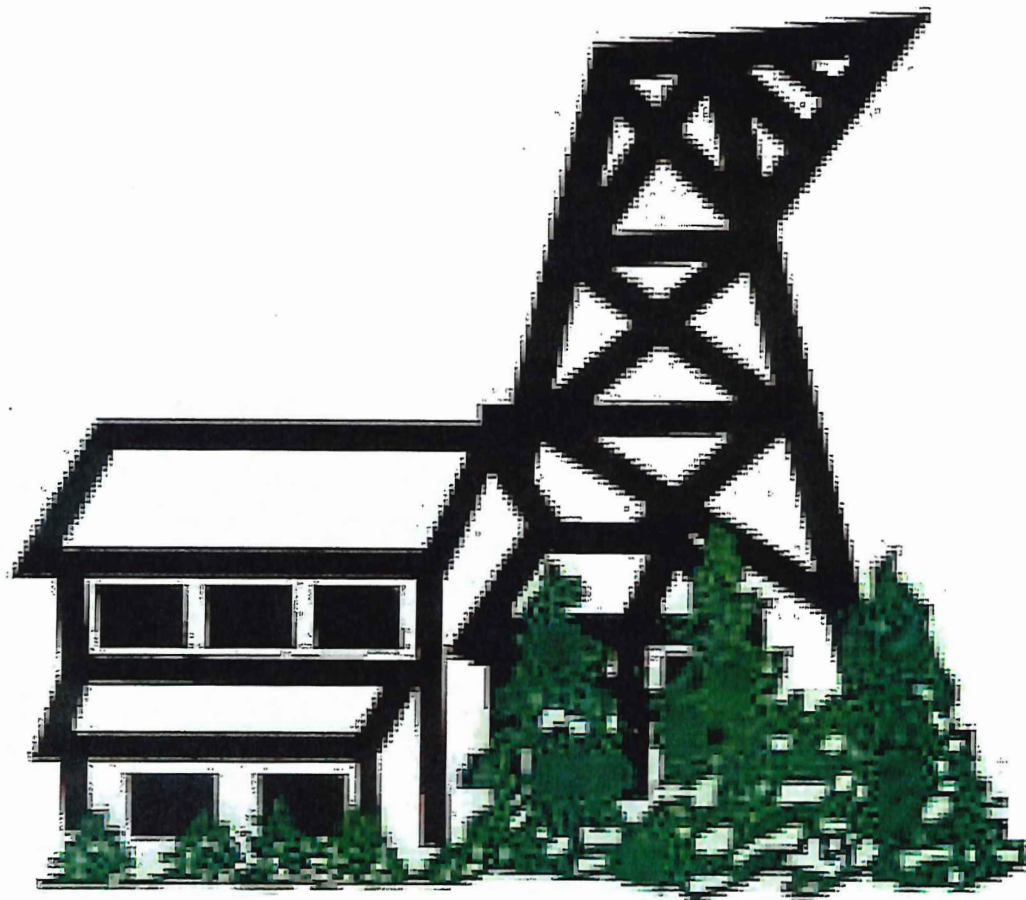
Over 900 yards of class 5 used on gravel roads

Approximately (18) seasonal residents had water turned on and then back off



**2023**

Breitung Police Department  
Annual Report





## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the Breitung Police Department 2023 Annual Report. This year we continued our focus on these three pillars: Honor, Honesty and Integrity. Everything we do each day as a department incorporates them from engaging with the community to our officers themselves. The interconnection of the three pillars guide the department in making Breitung Township and Tower safe. The pillars also form the foundation of the department's plan to keep transparency and commitment to our communities.

### **Honor**

Operate using best practices to ensure protection from danger, risk, injury, and death.

### **Honesty**

Ability to maintain mental, psychological, physical health and state of readiness.

### **Integrity**

Capacity to prepare for, recover from, and adapt to stress and adversity.

It is an honor to work with the dedicated and professional staff within the Breitung Police Department who serve you each day. On behalf of our officers, professional staff, and volunteers, we look forward to continued partnerships to provide the best possible service to our residents and community.

**Dan Reing**  
**Chief of Police**





## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF (CONTD.)

This year I attended Taser Instructor Training in the fall. I will now instruct our officers and neighboring agencies who attend our annual in-service training. As many agencies are learning, it is much more cost effective to complete mandatory training in-house.

We also attended the annual Kids, Cops, and Cars community event in Hibbing this past May. We were able to interact with different community members outside of our community. It is a fantastic opportunity to network with others. The 2024 event will be in Virginia.

We welcomed a new officer in the fall of 2023. Isaac Karolczak joined us in November. He has done a good job learning and getting to know the work. He is from the area and enjoys visiting with community members. I want to thank Officer Karolczak for his help during the year.

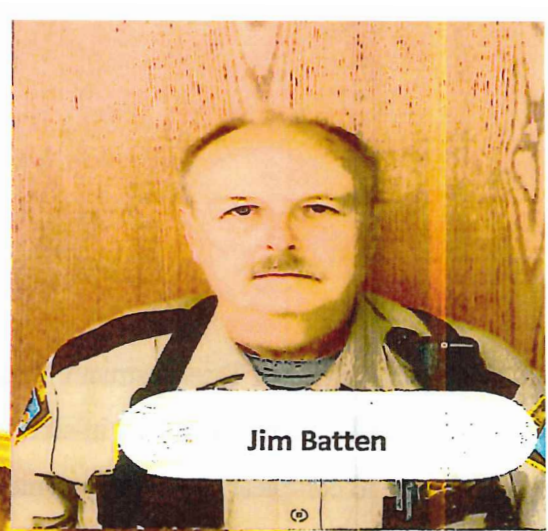
I also want to take the time to thank our other officers for another year. Officer Jim Battin helped cover shifts and was always there to help. I want to thank James Vukad for his contributions. He has a wealth of knowledge and helps with some of our investigations. Thank you to Officer Brad Roy for helping with calls throughout the year and during the July 4th holiday. Thank you to our neighboring agencies for also helping us throughout the year as well. Your work is always helpful and appreciated.



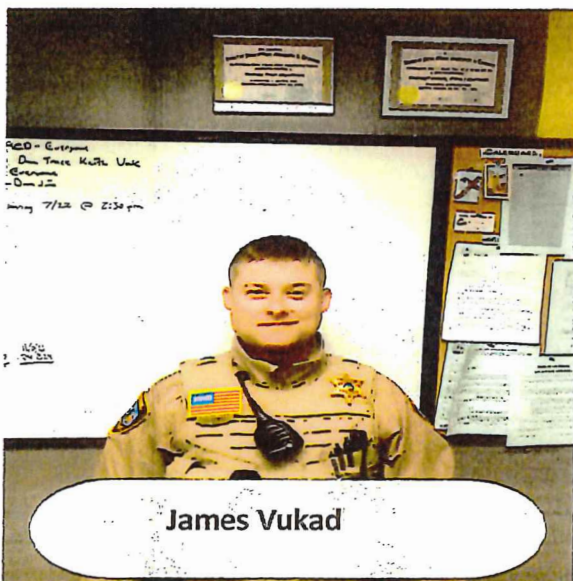
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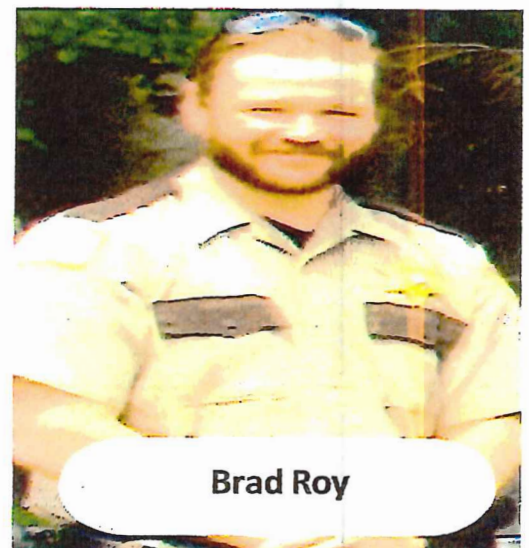
Issac Karolczak



Jim Batten



James Vukad



Brad Roy



# Breitung Police Crime Stats

	2021	2022	2023
Business Checks	58	282	262
Residential Checks	19	69	59
Traffic Stops	34	369	363
Traffic Citations	0	44	76
DWI arrests	0	11	12
Total Arrests	1	14	20
Community Engagement	3	24	38
Disturbances	0	20	32
Motorist Assistance	20	22	19
Animal	4	18	25
Medical	7	58	37
Traffic Accidents	34	15	23
Outside Agency Assistance	15	68	42
Assaults	1	4	6
Fire Calls	3	3	5
Suspicious Activity	2	9	11
Mental Health Crisis	3	4	9
Theft	8	15	10
Burglary	1	3	6
Welfare Checks	4	15	13
General Calls	32	78	28
Firearms Permits	4	7	9
Open Door Calls	0	3	0
Criminal Damage to Property	0	11	6
Tobacco Checks	0	1	1



# Breitung Police Crime Stats

	2021	2022	2023
Alarms	3	15	1
Fraud	0	7	1
Parking Complaints	0	16	15
Non-Traffic Citations	0	3	5
Civil Cases	0	16	17
Civil Paper Service	4	3	6
ATV Complaints	0	20	12
Blight Complaints	0	16	13
Drug Calls	0	1	6
Deaths (DOA)	0	1	3
Public Assistance *	0	0	25
Check Hazard *	0	0	12
Informational Calls *	0	0	23
911 Disconnects *	No Data Collected	No Data Collected	6

Total Year End Calls	2021	2022	2023
	260	1165	1142

The measurement of crime through statistics teaches our community about specific criminal activities that were handled by the Breitung Police Department. This year our reports have been modified to create more clarity and transparency. It is our goal to provide as much data as possible to open dialogue between our department and the community we serve. This data is making a difference in a number of areas. These include:

- Response Planning
- Improving community relations
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Identification





**Kids, Cops and Cars**



**Tower Cafe  
Community  
Breakfast**



**G.R.E.A.T  
Graduates**



**Northwoods  
Elementary  
Books and Bagels**



**Coach Reing  
Northwoods Football**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONTINUED)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## 2nd Annual Tacos with Cops

Our 2nd annual Tacos with Cops went very well again....

The community enjoys the opportunity for a unique meal. Many attendees commented that it was enjoyable to break bread with people that they do not have time to see often.

Attendees loved the authentic Mexican food. I have to thank everyone for coming. I could not have done the event without wonderful help. I have so many people to thank I could not list them all in a timely fashion. Thank you for all of your hard work. Our plan is to host our 3rd annual Tacos with Cops in early October of 2024.





# YOUTH EVENTS

## Northwoods 3rd Grade class

The Breitung Police Department provides guidance and leadership to ensure the safety of our youth, improve their lives, reduce crime, and better serve the community by building strong and trusting relationships. We accomplished many goals for the year. I attended G.R.E.A.T Instructor Training in Louisville, Kentucky in July. I had previously taught this class while I worked for the Warroad Police Department several years ago. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. It is not just an anti-gang class as many would suspect. The class is taught in grades 4-8. The curriculum lessons include bullying, conflict resolution, listening, communication, refusal skills, and other life lessons. I completed the first class in the fall at Vermilion Country School. The students were very receptive and gave positive feedback. The students said that they really enjoyed the class and the conversations that resulted. I will be teaching further classes in the Spring of 2024.





# TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Installation of the upgraded Dell desktop for our office

## Desktop Repalcement



Squad  
Shotgun  
Upgrade





## *2023 Annual Report*



## *Emergency Calls:*

- *4 public service or public assistance*
- *3 structure fires*
- *3 responded and canceled in route*
- *1 power line incidents*
- *1 snowmobile accident*
- *5 hazardous conditions*
- *4 auto accidents*
- *1 unattended or unauthorized burning*
- *1 auto Extrication*
- *1 Vehicle Fire*
- *1 uncontrolled permit burn*
- *1 Water Rescue*

*Mutual aid given 9 times and received 4 times*

*26 emergency calls for 2023 as compared to 22 in 2022.*

## *Equipment:*

- *2008 Peterbilt Custom Fire Class A pumper*
- *1998 Ford Water Tender with 400 GPM pump*
- *2001 Ford F-350 400 gpm mini pumper/rescue*
- *2013 Stanley 24Ft fire boat with twin 2014 115 HP Evinrude outboard motors*
- *2014 Arctic Cat Bearcat snowmobile*

## *Membership and meetings:*

- *Finished the year with 16 Members, one retirement and two resignations*
- *Monthly fire dept. meetings are second Wednesday of each month followed by monthly training sessions. A couple trainings were held on Thursdays with a new training company*
- *Officers meetings conducted on regular basis*



## *2023 Highlights*

- *Participated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Township*
- *Participated with the annual big truck night in Soudan*
- *Membership contributed 90 man hours for Fire Dept and community events*
- *Membership contributed 166 man hours for emergency calls*
- *Received the DNR 50/50 grant which was used to purchase and replace several sets of Wildland Fire PPE.*



## McKinley Park Annual Meeting Report 2023

Revenue was up in 2023. Rate increase is the reason for increase in revenue. Expenses up slightly. The park is benefiting from increased monthly camping.

We again thank the Township for all they do in keeping the Park up to date and running smoothly. We really appreciate the Fiber Optic and Wi-fi that was put in last year. We look forward to the new dock, new playground, and picnic tables planned for this season.

Thanks to Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, and Supervisor Tuchel. Thanks to Clerk Sunsdahl and Treasurer Gornick, they are so good at their jobs. Thanks to Tom, Keith and their crew which is always ready to help. Also, Breitung Police for doing their daily patrols.

We saw a great increase in Township kids and families using the beach this summer. It's YOUR beach Township residents, we welcome you to come down and enjoy it!!!

Susie & Jerry Chiabotti



## McKinley Park Campground

2023	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT/OCT	TOTAL
Seasonal	67,700.00	4,400.00	8,100.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	83,200.00
Monthly	8,025.00	9,600.00	11,925.00	15,275.00	25,200.00	70,025.00
Weekly-No Electric	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	485.00	680.00
Weekly - Electric	0.00	300.00	900.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,700.00
Daily-No Electric	678.50	641.50	839.50	905.00	1,091.50	4,156.00
Daily - Electric	2,084.50	1,487.00	693.00	1,821.50	2,513.50	8,599.50
Boat Launch	390.00	230.00	240.00	240.00	270.00	1,370.00
Shower/Washer/D	221.00	322.00	343.00	482.00	419.00	1,787.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,400.00	17,400.00
<b>2023 Totals</b>	<b>79,099.00</b>	<b>16,980.50</b>	<b>23,040.50</b>	<b>22,418.50</b>	<b>48,379.00</b>	<b>189,917.50</b>

2022	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	TOTAL
Seasonal	57,750.00	5,250.00	8,250.00	3,000.00	3,750.00	78,000.00
Monthly	6,700.00	6,450.00	10,775.00	19,525.00	13,850.00	57,300.00
Weekly-No Electric	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	195.00	585.00
Weekly - Electric	0.00	0.00	300.00	600.00	895.00	1,795.00
Daily-No Electric	236.00	1,652.00	1,121.00	1,783.00	1,266.50	6,058.50
Daily - Electric	1,803.00	1,884.50	1,743.00	2,654.00	1,544.00	9,628.50
Boat Launch	390.00	415.00	240.00	245.00	160.00	1,450.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer	175.00	351.00	454.00	473.00	369.00	1,822.00
Seasonal Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,400.00	17,400.00
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>67,249.00</b>	<b>16,002.50</b>	<b>22,883.00</b>	<b>28,475.00</b>	<b>39,429.50</b>	<b>174,039.00</b>



Township of Breitung  
March 12, 2024  
Chairman's Report

Following are highlights of the past year:

- The trail reconstruction is nearly completed which upgraded the existing trail from Soudan to McKinley Park. A DNR grant of \$150,000 and an IRRRB grant of \$202,500 were awarded for this work and funding from McKinley Park revenues.
- The work continues to our roads and sewer system which includes the blacktopping of the Spring Road, sewer work on Poplar Street and rebuilding a section on Church Street adjoining Highway 169. Funding for these improvements was approved by the IRRRB of \$200,00 and CDBG of \$90,000.
- The contract to reduce inflow into our sewer system was awarded that involves work on First Avenue and Church Street. Funding was approved by CDBG and the IRRRB.
- Future ambulance services and equipment replacement has occupied the advisory commission's time with Chuck and Matt providing experienced and knowledgeable representation for our township.
- The police contract with Tower was extended through 2024 with minor adjustments for coverage.
- A 3-year (2024 thru 2026) labor contract was agreed upon with the union representing our maintenance employees.
- Demolition work to replace the playground equipment at McKinley Park began with the new equipment scheduled for delivery this spring.
- The wastewater board's project for forcemain manhole repairs is complete and the PFA loan paperwork is ongoing.
- The contract for upgrades to the Stuntz Bay Road was awarded with construction set to start this year.
- Grant funding for improvements to the recreation area and additional water, sewer and road work are prepared and some are already under review by various funding agencies.

Thank you to the employees and volunteers for the work that you perform at high standards each day to provide the services that the citizens of the Township of Breitung expect.

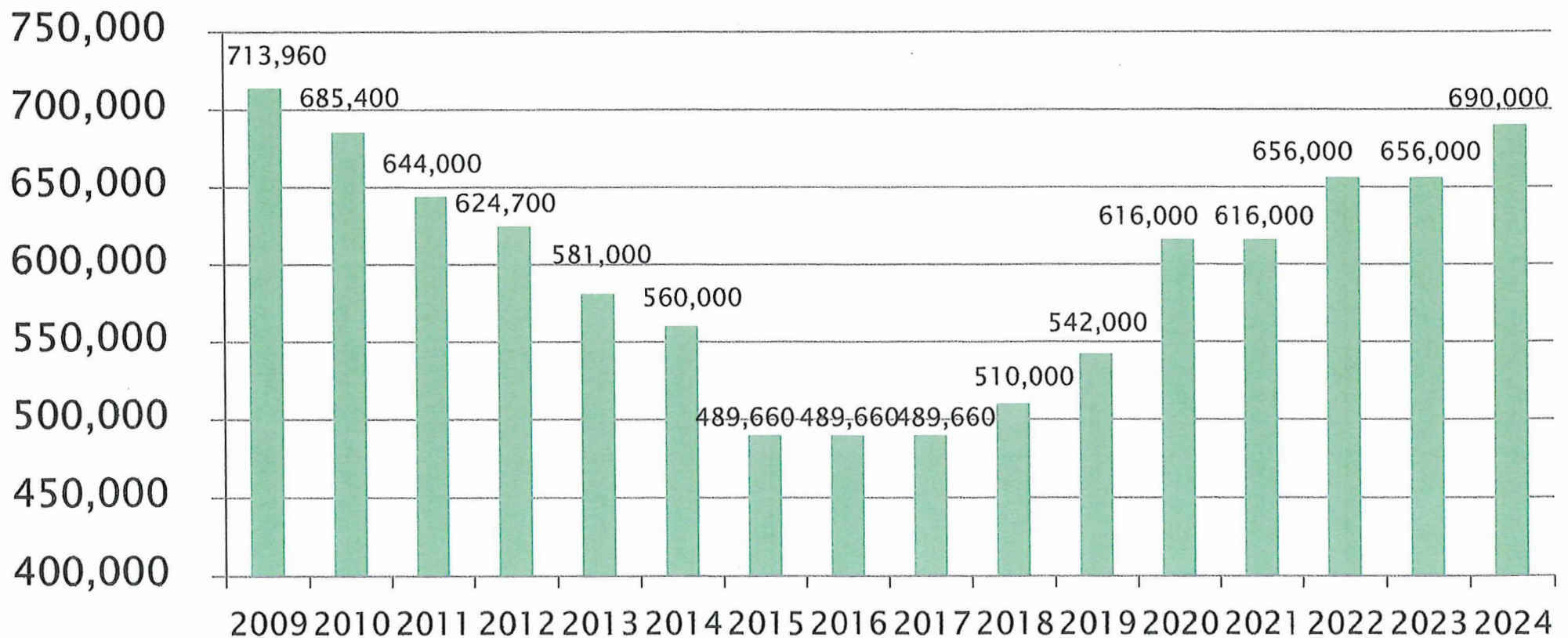


Township of Breitung  
Budget Changes

	<u>2019 vs 2018</u>	<u>2020 vs 2019</u>	<u>2021 vs 2020</u>	<u>2022 vs 2021</u>	<u>2023 vs 2022</u>	<u>2024 vs 2023</u>	<u>2025 vs 2024</u>
Previous Year levy	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000
<u>Police:</u>							
Wages - Full and part time							
<u>Fire Department</u>							
Programs & Rebuilding	10,000						
Ambulance subsidy		2,500					
<u>Recreation</u>							
Engineering/Architectural planning	2,000						
Skating rink boards				10,000			
<u>General</u>							
Cemetery assistance		1,500					
Liability & workers comp insurance							
Town Hall improvements loan payment		40,000					
<u>Road &amp; Bridge</u>							
Training-replacement employee		30,000					
Medical insurance, benefits & wages						4,000	
Road maintenance & snow removal	5,000			30,000		30,000	
Water Commission - infrastructure	15,000						
<u>Energy</u>							
gasoline and diesel fuel pricing							
Heating fuel - propane							
Total Change in budget	<u>32,000</u>	<u>74,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total levy	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000	\$690,000
Percent change in levy	<u>6.27</u>	<u>13.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Running Average change in levy	6.27	9.96%	6.64%	6.61%	5.28%	5.27%	



# Township of Breitung Levy





Pond Capacity Data

<u>Month</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>January</u>	3.395	2.497	2.895	2.411	3	2.65	3.005	2.849	2.887	2.927	2.093	2.712	2.712
<u>February</u>	3.47	2.383	2.146	4.169	3	2.762	4.128	3.55	3.536	2.874	2.482	2.732	2.788
<u>March</u>	4.804	3.402	2.547	7.435	5.8	8.247	4.687	5.043	7.445	4.68	4.144	4.75	3.148
<u>April</u>	8.54	4.372	4.908	10.086	4.6	6.091	5.277	6.342	9.005	6.704	5.957	9.703	8.916
<u>May</u>	5.679	4.536	5.723	7.579	4.8	3.67	5.511	6.017	5.61	3.7	2.978	8.422	5.467
<u>June</u>	3.913	4.838	3.979	6.108	3.8	5.468	4.97	3.816	3.411	2.67	2.475	4.674	2.78
<u>July</u>	3.599	3.497	3.562	4.351	3.466	4.505	4.441	5.255	3.218	3.066	2.268	2.813	2.452
<u>August</u>	2.481	2.531	2.614	2.764	2.749	3.797	3.914	2.538	2.683	2.998	2.057	3.809	2.064
<u>September</u>	2.066	1.995	2.301	2.209	3.27	3.473	4.476	3.853	5.239	2.25	2.209	2.616	2.52
<u>October</u>	2.112	2.148	2.628	2.1	2.279	3.08	3.256	5.67	6.302	2.332	2.73	2.73	2.419
<u>November</u>	1.932	2.544	2.355	1.9	3.624	2.899	3.162	3.541	3.772	2.83	2.547	2.964	3.167
<u>December</u>	2.234	2.69	2.31	2.2	3.619	3.527	2.857	2.647	3.16	2.291	3.156	2.772	2.777
<u>Total</u>	44.225	37.433	37.968	53.312	44.007	50.169	49.684	51.121	56.268	39.322	35.096	50.697	41.21
<u>Average</u>	0.121	0.103	0.104	0.146	0.121	0.137	0.136	0.140	0.154	0.108	0.096	0.139	0.113
<u>Water Usage</u>	37.108	30.417	30.226	36.801	32.725	25.016	28.478	30.448	27.988	27.159	25.81	27.71	25.48
<u>3 Year Average (21-23)</u>		0.116											
<u>MPCA 85% Design Flow</u>		0.146											
<u>Water Plant Extension Permit</u>			0.001825				<u>Dave Rose Extension 082506</u>		0.0036				
<u>Tower Harbor Extension 80936</u>			0.006663				<u>Justin Renner Extension Possible</u>		0.003				



# Township of Breitung Road Improvement Project

## Summary

This project is to improve our township owned road by reconstructing the existing road from the middle of our sand and gravel operation to the eastern edge of our property line. The benefits of this improvement are:

- Provide safer access from State Highway 169
- Eliminate the system deficiency in the present sand and gravel operation
- Create a safe connection trail to the new State Park ATV campground
- Support economic development and congestion relief

The budgeted cost of this project is \$500,000 with the substantial completion date set at June 30, 2025.

## Safe Access

The relocated entrance/exit of our road will provide for improved site lines, proper acceleration bypass lanes and elimination of the existing entrance which is located on a curve at the crest of a hill on HWY 169. The current road serves two separate sand and gravel operations: our own township and an active private construction firm and also private landowners further down the road. The activity of construction and gravel equipment leaving and entering the existing road is especially hazardous due to the curve and hill at Hwy 169. The majority of this work occurs during the same time of increased traffic due to seasonal travelers visiting the area only adding to the likelihood of conflict at the Hwy 169 entrance.

## Present system deficiency

Our township's sand and gravel operation has developed to the point of reaching the boundary of the existing road which dissects our pit property. The current operations are limited to further development until the road is relocated. Additionally, the private operator is disadvantaged due to their equipment having to connect to the existing road on a curved entrance. Relocating our road will provide for proper pit development and allow for improved use of our sand and gravel resources over the next 50 years. The private operator will have a direct exit from their pit operations to the new road and both operations will be more productive with the new HWY 169 access point.



#### Safe connection to new State Park ATV campground

Our township is home to Minnesota's newest state park and as it is being developed out the need for a new campground for ATV vehicles was funded by the legislature and planning is currently underway by the DNR. They have approached us with the need to connect the trail from the campground to the access point further down our existing road. This relocated road will provide a safe and highly visible route for the ATV riders with minimal interaction of the sand and gravel operations. The route of the new road is the safest alternative and will reduce or eliminate the potential of traffic crashes, injuries and property damage. The campground is planned to be operational in 2025.

#### Support economic development and congestion relief

The popularity of the new Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park continues to grow each year and improving this road will raise the positive experience the visitors have while exploring our area. ATV use is on the rise and accommodating this economic pastime with a safe and enjoyable connection will support the local economy and direct ATV traffic to the designated trails and reduce the congestion of ATV's, vehicles and pedestrians on residential streets. Local residents will especially notice the improvement of living in the area with a safer MN Highway 169 entrance and exit as they go about their daily trips in local towns with minimal ATV traffic interference. Improvements in the sand and gravel operations and relocated road will result in efficiencies in providing necessary resources for further development in our area.





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Engineering

Land Surveying

Site Development

## Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Timothy Tomsich  
and Breitung Township Board

**From:** John P. Jamnick, P.E.

**Date:** October 4, 2023

**Cc:** Ms. Dianna Sundahl, Clerk

**Re:** Breitung Township Road Improvements – Technical Design Report

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The Breitung Township Road Improvements project will improve safety for vehicles and ATVs and address the Township's ability to continue to operate its sand and gravel pit. The DNR is currently developing a new campground and ATV trail at the Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park which are scheduled to open in 2025.

The road's current connection to Hwy 169 is located on a curve and a hill which limits line of sight and is especially hazardous due to the gravel haul trucks and the increased park traffic.

The project will construct a 1,200-foot section of the 24' wide paved from Thompson Farm Road to the intersection of Hwy 169 approximately 0.2 miles east of the current location. See attached map. The project will also add a right-hand turn lane from TH 169 onto the road as required by MnDOT. Stormwater management and grading plans will be prepared for the construction of the relocated road.

The estimated project cost is \$633,200.





**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
THOMPSON FARM ROAD RELOCATION**

PROJECT NO. 23-218

October 4, 2023

***PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST***

NO.	ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2021	MOBILIZATION	1.00	L.S.	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
2101	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1.00	ACRE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2104	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	280.00	SQ. YD.	\$10.00	\$2,800.00
2104	SAWING PAVEMENT	100.00	LIN. FT.	\$5.00	\$500.00
2105	MOVE DEBRIS PILES	1.00	L.S.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	3,100.00	CU. YD.	\$15.00	\$46,500.00
2105	GRANULAR BORROW	5,200.00	CU. YD.	\$18.00	\$93,600.00
2105	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW	1,950	CU. YD.	\$15.00	\$29,250.00
2112	GEOTEXTILE SEPARATION FABRIC, TYPE 5	3,780	SQ. YD.	\$2.00	\$7,560.00
2211	AGGREGATE BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	1,900	CU. YD.	\$25.00	\$47,500.00
2221	AGGREGATE SHOULDERING, CLASS 5	400	CU. YD.	\$30.00	\$12,000.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	450	TON	\$100.00	\$45,000.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	450	TON	\$100.00	\$45,000.00
2501	15" RCP CULVERT	100	LIN. FT.	\$80.00	\$8,000.00
2501	15" RCP APRON	4	EACH	\$625.00	\$2,500.00
2511	RANDOM RIPRAP	10	CU. YD.	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
2557	VEHICULAR GATE	1	EACH	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
2564	FURNISH & INSTALL SIGN PANELS, TYPE	30	SQ. FT.	\$5.00	\$150.00
2573	SILT FENCE	2,000	LIN. FT.	\$3.00	\$6,000.00
2573	CONSTRUCTION SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
2573	CULVERT END CONTROLS	1	EACH	\$500.00	\$500.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	1	ACRE	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
2575	SEEDING	1	ACRE	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
2575	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	3,000	SQ. YD.	\$5.00	\$15,000.00
2582	4" BROKEN LINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS	1,000	LIN. FT.	\$2.00	\$2,000.00
2582	4" SOLID LINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS	1,000	LIN. FT.	\$3.00	\$3,000.00
2582	8" SOLID LINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS	1,000	LIN. FT.	\$4.00	\$4,000.00

TOTAL PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST	\$494,610.00
CONTINGENCIES	\$49,461.00
LEGAL, FISCAL, AND ENGINEERING	\$89,029.80
TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST	\$633,100.80

SAY	\$633,200
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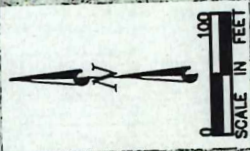
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**TOWER-SOUDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
404 PINE STREET • P.O. BOX 465 • TOWER, MN 55790



February 12, 2024

Breitung Town Board  
P.O. Box 366  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Town Board,

We are writing to the Town Board to request a donation to the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. Your donation will be used to support the restoration of the Historic Tower Fire Hall at 504 Main Street. We ask for your support of \$500 in 2024.

We've made tremendous progress in 2023! With special grants from the Blandin Foundation, Northland Foundation and the Mortenson Family Foundation we were able to start restoring the interior masonry walls in preparation for the HVAC phase. The restoration completed all of the masonry walls but for the south masonry wall and door. In 2024 that door will be replaced when that wall is partially removed and restored with historic elements true to the building. This entrance will be able to accommodate the 1891 James Tippet fire engine, which will be the featured artifact in the fire hall.

Work on the handicap-accessible restrooms started and will be completed along with other interior finishes during 2024. The HVAC will be installed and the electrical system will be upgraded to meet code. Minnesota Historical Society is the primary funder, with a supporting grant through the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. Minnesota Historical Society noted in making their award that the support from the community was impressive. Breitung Township was a major contributor for the match.

We must continue to reach out to the community and ask for continued investment in the project. Our growing support is derived through pledges and annual donations from residents, seasonal visitors, local businesses and various fundraising events.

The fire hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and represents an important story about our area's early development. The story of the individuals that have come before us shaped the world in which we live. Our rich Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion history includes our own personal history in the places, the people and the stories of our families and community. The building will offer a venue for history education and serve the community for a public purpose.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to your commitment regarding our \$500 request. We welcome any questions you might have regarding the Tower-Soudan Historical Society or our Historic Fire Hall Restoration Project. Attached please find our 2023 accomplishments.

Regards,

**Nancy Larson**

Nancy Larson, TSHS President

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## **TSHS Annual Meeting**

**September 14, 2023**

### **Accomplishments by the Numbers**

#### **Train Depot Museum 2023**

- 1,684 registered visitors at Train Depot Museum and train cars
- 17 Volunteer Greeters at Train Depot Museum
- \$659 collected in visitor donations
- Train Depot Museum roof was replaced; Ticket office ceiling repaired and entire room painted
- Train Depot Museum was rearranged by 4 volunteers for better traffic flow and display of artifacts
- 9 volunteers cleaned the Train Depot baggage/express room to clear space for future interpretive exhibits

#### **Historic Fire Hall 2023**

- \$1,270 Charlemagne's Attic Sales conducted over 2 days
- 424 shoppers/visitors to the Historic Fire Hall during the Charlemagne's Attic Sale
- 18 public tours of the Historic Fire Hall to date during 202
- Exterior masonry restoration project completed by a skilled professional crew of 9 in July
- Interior masonry restoration project completed in August

#### **Volunteers 2023**

- 36 TSHS volunteers to date in 2023
- 2,633 volunteer hours reported to St Louis County Historical Society through June 2023
- Over 1200 hours by 5 volunteers were involved in creating the new TSHS website [www.towersoudanhistory.com](http://www.towersoudanhistory.com)

#### **Community Networking, Marketing and PR 2023**

- 3 Main Street History Talks with total of 156 people in attendance
- 79 days during the summer that the Train Depot Museum was open to the public, staffed mainly by volunteers
- 13 events held in Coach Car 81
- Distributed the TSHS brochures Historic Landmarks and Places of Interest maps to all Main Street businesses
- Increased our presence on Facebook with regular (85) posts
- Facebook posts reached 6,609 people

#### **TSHS Memberships 2023**

- 66 memberships in 2023 to date

#### **Financial Support**

- \$44,756 in individual contributions made to support Historic Fire Hall restoration since 2018
- \$2,270 in memorials and honorariums received to support the Historic Fire Hall restoration to date in 2023
- \$104,500 grants awarded in 2023 for Historic Fire Hall restoration and Coach Car improvements
- \$40,950 in grants awarded to City of Tower for the train depot roof replacement and ticket office repairs and painting
- \$1,026,237 total grants TSHS received since 2019 for fire hall construction plans, construction, and Coach Car 81 improvements
- \$16,969—three-year total 2021-2023 from Charlemagne's Attic Sales supports Historic Fire Hall restoration
- \$7,304 in 2023 from St. Louis County Historical Society affiliate stipend to support TSHS operating expenses
- 281 tickets sold in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Charlemagne's 52 Club raffle for total revenue of \$14,632
- \$5,650 in cash prizes to be awarded to 52 lucky Charlemagne 52 Club drawing winners throughout 2023-2024
- Commissioned vintage items at UBetcha Antiques and Uniques in Tower; UBetcha provided TSHS with 100% commission



### **Administrative Accomplishments 2023**

- Depot Volunteer Book in electronic version for easier updating each year
- Depot Calendars in electronic version for easier updating each year
- 8 BOD Regular Meetings in person and available for telephone conference
- 5 Executive Board Meetings electronically
- Strategic Plan Excel Document created
- Committee Roles and Responsibilities updated
- Board and Volunteer Code of Ethics document developed
- New and Updated Historical Society Pamphlet created
- 6 Grant applications submitted; 5 funded and 1 pending notification in December
- Construction documents for historic fire hall HVAC and interior finishes completed in July
- Grant application submitted in September to Minnesota Historical Society for the HVAC and electrical installation

### **Committee Accomplishments 2023**

- 85 TSHS Facebook posts to date; Posts also made to What's Up Tower and the Lake Vermilion Cabin Owners Facebook pages
- Coach Car 81 tables and chairs were updated
- Online cemetery records updated throughout the year
- 5 Train Tales events held with 9 volunteers coordinating this new program offering for children and families
- 3 History Happy Hour events provided free lemonade at the Farmers Market in appreciation for community support to TSHS
- YouTube channel was created for TSHS so that history event videos can be archived

## **Future Activities**

### **Historic Train Depot Museum**

- The City of Tower will repair the floor in the Train Depot Museum baggage/express room
- The TSHS files and artifacts stored in the exchange room and attic will be categorized and organized

### **Historic Fire Hall**

- Grant application for the south wall repair and restoration and interior finishes proposed for October 2023
- Restroom in the fire hall relocated to jail cells; Plumbing work to start in November 2023
- Interior addition framing to be completed by spring 2024
- Exterior siding to be completed by spring 2024
- HVAC and electrical installation proposed to start in 2024

### **Administrative**

- Volunteer recruitment plan will be developed
- New website [www.towersoudanhistory.com](http://www.towersoudanhistory.com) will be online in early 2024
- Museum collection and record management software programs will be researched and updated to a web-based operation
- Digital newsletter will be explored for future implementation
- Priorities identified in the Strategic Thinking 2022 session will be followed up

### **Committees**

- History Talks planned for summer 2024
- Oral History interviews planned for 2024
- Train Tales and History Happy Hour programs planned for 2024
- Continuation of auditing/editing the collection in the train depot museum in preparation for a renovation/redesign of the museum
- Coach Car 81 facility update plan will be developed and presented to BOD





July 2023

St. Louis County Extension - Youth in Action  
A.P. Cook Building  
2503 Rice Lake Road  
Duluth, MN 55811

Dear valued partner organization,

Youth in Action (YIA) is excited to announce that on Thursday, November 9, 2023, the annual Make a Difference (MAD) Conference will be at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in Duluth, MN. Historically, we have held our conference every February, but in order to promote growth and foster recruitment and retention, we have decided to pilot our event this fall. Our conference will alternate locations between the Iron Range and Duluth, and we are excited to be returning to Duluth for our fall conference! We've seen tremendous dedication to the YIA program from the 16 schools we serve throughout St. Louis County. The MAD Conference is a fantastic opportunity for youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> to actively see their peers being community leaders. Attending this conference is free for the youth involved. YIA pays for transportation and lunch, as well as providing a motivational keynote speaker; attendees will attend breakout sessions that are hosted by their fellow YIA school teams.

YIA is an annual partnership program through St. Louis County that fosters connections between youth and community through engaging service. Our goal is to create a more unified community through passionate people and human connections. This provides an opportunity for our community partners to network and connect. Agencies such as the American Association for University Women, Lake Superior Zoo, Age Well Arrowhead, and Duluth Parks & Recreation have all played an important role in the development for leaders to take initiative, solve problems, work as a team, and demonstrate their abilities while making a positive difference in the lives of others.

The Make a Difference Conference is the largest annual event we host, and our goal for this year is to accommodate 350 – 400 youth attendees from all over St. Louis County. We are writing in hopes that your business would provide a sponsorship by way of a donation to the 2023 MAD Conference. Your generous contribution would help us continue to provide a free, impactful, and memorable day for our future leaders in St. Louis County.

Included are the sponsor levels and a form for a sponsorship donation. Thank you for reading our letter, and for considering this opportunity to support YIA's Make a Difference Conference.

Sincerely,

Tyler Erickson, Taryn Burnett, Angela Zavodnik (Youth Program Coordinators)

Mary Tennis (Director, St. Louis County Depot and Extension Services)

Please contact: Angela Zavodnik  
Youth Program Coordinator  
218-780-9109  
zavodnika@stlouiscountymn.gov







We invite you to support the St. Louis County Youth in Action Conference on November 9, 2023. We have six different levels of sponsorship to meet your organizations needs for recognition and to show support of our youth. We gratefully welcome all donations and support from our community partners.

## SUPPORT LEVELS

	RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA & IN BROCHURE	DIGITAL & POSTER RECOGNITION	RECOGNITION AT OPENING & CLOSING KEYNOTE	SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL MEDIA	SIGNAGE AT WORKSHOP ENTRANCE	COURTESY EXHIBITOR TABLE	DIGITAL & POSTER RECOGNITION IN BALLROOM	LOGO ON STAFF & STUDENT T-SHIRTS
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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SPONSOR \$500	YIA	YIA	YIA					
YOUTH PARTICIPANT SPONSOR* \$100	YIA	YIA						

\*Youth Participant Sponsors will support a youth from one of the eighteen schools we serve throughout St. Louis County. The cost per student to attend the conference is approximately \$100. We invite you to sponsor as many students as you would like.

Please email your logo to [westerbergs@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:westerbergs@stlouiscountymn.gov) by October 1, 2023 to use to recognize you at the conference, based on your supporter level.



Yes! I would like to support the 29<sup>th</sup> annual  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE**  
on November 9, 2023 at the Duluth  
Entertainment Convention Center (DECC.)



## SUPPORT LEVELS

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Your generosity is a commitment to the  
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Your donation is tax deductible.



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July 27, 2023

Dear Friend of Northwoods Partners,

Our aging population is growing dramatically. Northern Minnesota has more than 1 in 4 persons over the age of 65. Northwoods Partners works to create an age-friendly community where individuals can remain independent, active, and engaged. Our services are primarily funded by generous donors like you! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to provide the following in 2022:



**500+** older adults and their families received services

**69,392** miles driven by Northwoods Partners volunteers

**10,734** volunteer hours spent visiting older adults

**2,219** hours of exercise classes

**1,328** rides provided

Our 500+ clients and 85 volunteers are from Ely, Winton, Babbitt, Tower, and surrounding townships. Visit our website [northwoodspartners.org](http://northwoodspartners.org) for more information and for our calendar of coming events and opportunities. Follow us on Facebook.

Northwoods Partners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.\* One-time, recurring, or planned donations may be made by mail or online at [northwoodspartners.org/give](http://northwoodspartners.org/give). Personal donations and fundraising events account for 80% of our operating funds.

*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by  
the compassionate actions of its members.*

*Coretta Scott King*

Sincerely,

Lisa Porthan, Executive Director/Caregiver Consultant



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\*Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.





**Mission:** To provide resources that promote independence and healthy aging



Sheila Gruba and Norma Cersine were named our 2023 Heart of Gold Volunteers. We are ever so grateful, not just to the two of them, but our entire roster of 85

amazing volunteers for sharing their love, passion, dedication, selflessness, talents, and time with us and our area older adults. In 2022 Northwoods Partners volunteers provided 10,734 hours of service which equates to \$321,483 according to the Value of Volunteer Time report by the Do Good Institute.



"Tai Chi is amazing. It has improved my balance, posture, and overall sense of bodily awareness. It is a gentle form of exercise that has touched me physically, mentally, and spiritually. Tai Chi is a gift." ~ Janet



Our Annual Healthy Aging Expo is an event dedicated to Senior Adults' Healthy Lifestyles, Education, and Caregiver Support. The Expo features expert speakers on a wide range of topics of interest to anyone who is aging.



At Tasty Tuesday we learn about healthy recipes, food preparation, and more.



"I love and look forward to the fellowship each week!"  
~ Byron



Exercising is vital to healthy aging; it can help you live a longer and healthier life. Northwoods Partners offers an assortment of exercise programs, allowing our community members to take a preventive approach to aging well. In 2022, ninety-six older adults participated in our exercise programs.