

**Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 10-17-2024 at 6:00 PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**

**Present In Person:**

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

**Public:** Tom Gorsma, John Jamnick (JPJ), Jodi Summit (The Timberjay)

Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tim Tomsich

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 2-0

**Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 09/19/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented and the September 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented

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

Motion passed 2-0

**Correspondence**

- None

**Public Input**

- None

**Reports**

- Police – Attached
- Fire – Attached, Supervisor Tuchel further commented that the Fire Department would have some large expenditures in the near future including repair to truck #3, turnout gear, and repairs to the tender truck; notably, purchasing new trucks would cost close to \$1M so repair of current trucks is the most feasible option.
- Road and Bridge – Attached
- Wastewater Board – Supervisor Tuchel: there had been no meetings recently, a date was to be announced soon.
- Ambulance Commission – Supervisor Tuchel noted that the TAAS financial report looks significantly better than it had previously; updated the board on what the City of Tower was considering doing with the old ambulance, keeping it for a transfer was an option.
- Housing – Attached

Reports so noted.

## Old Business:

### 2025 Infrastructure

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pass resolution 2024-24: Resolution Authorizing the Township of Breitung to Make Application to and Accept Funds from CDBG Community Infrastructure Fund Program for FY 2025

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

Motion passed 2-0

### Current Infrastructure Projects

- 22-126 – 2023 Infrastructure, waiting on final pay request
- 22-003 – 2022 Infrastructure, a Certification of Substantial Completion had been received, waiting on final pay request
- 21-923 – Stuntz Bay Road, waiting for blacktop, expected next week
- CDBG Pay Request – BABA forms not yet received for projects, issue discussed with Tom Nemanich, Breitung cannot receive funds until these papers are turned in.

### Loop Trail

Trail designs for the portion in Breitung Township had been approved, the City of Tower still needed to have approval from airport for the design. A Letter of Intent to apply for an Active Transportation Grant had been submitted; if Breitung and Tower received the grant, it would cover 100% of construction costs. \$42k of planning and reviews are currently funded through IRRR and DNR.

### Thompson Farm Road – LRIP Update

Chairman Tomsich discussed a DNR request to have the ATV trail to the new campground to be on the map as part of the Cooperative Agreement.

Having discussed the Road Vacation and Alteration with property owners and having heard no opposition, Supervisor Tuchel was prepared to continue the legal process of adjusting the road.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pass resolution 2024-19: Resolution Altering and Vacating Portions of the Thompson Farm Road

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

Motion passed 2-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pass an Order Altering and Vacating Portions of the Thompson Farm Road

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

Motion passed 2-0

### Flood/FEMA Process

Clerk Zak updated the board on the ongoing FEMA process; inspectors would be in Breitung Township on Thursday, October 24, 2024 to meeting with Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gorsma and inspect any incomplete work still remaining after the flood. Expectation for payment was unknown as once the payment request was submitted, the request would go through several different reviews before being passed to the State of Minnesota to distribute the payments.

### Police Contract with City of Tower

Chairman Tomsich noted that last year there was a cap to the amount that the police contract could be increased; that same cap would again be in place this year. He further mentioned that we should consider adding in something for part time coverage.

**New Business:**

**Pay Bills as Presented**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Pay Bills as Presented

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

Motion Passed 2-0

**November Board Meeting**

The next board meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Discussion was had on whether the meeting had to be considered a special meeting or whether it could remain a Regular Board Meeting. Clerk Zak was directed to investigate the matter with the Minnesota Association of Townships and proceed with scheduling the meeting from there.

**Next Regular Board Meeting – Rescheduled as Special Board Meeting**

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

**Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

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

Motion passed 2-0

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber M. Zak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amber" being the most prominent.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Zak

Clerk, Breitung Township