

Breitung Agenda: Annual Electors' Meeting

Breitung Township Annual Meeting 03/10/2026

Timothy Tomisch Community Center at 8:30 PM

33 1st Avenue, Soudan, MN 55782

- Call the meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Nominate a Moderator
- Reading of the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes or motion to dispense with reading and approve as distributed or corrected
- Reports:
 - Financial Report, Teresa Dolinar – Treasurer
 - Road & Bridge Report, Tom Gorsma – Maintenance Supervisor
 - Police Report, Daniel Reing – Police Chief
 - Fire & Rescue Report, Trevor Banks – Fire & Rescue Chief
 - McKinley Park Report, Steve Tekautz – Park Liasson
 - Chairman's Report, Matt Tuchel – Chairman
- Tax Levy
- Donation Request:
 - Tower-Soudan Historical Society
 - Best Youth Baseball
- Funds to Support Events
 - 4th of July
 - Big Truck Night
 - Old Settlers
 - Cemetery
 - Joint Recreation Board
- Other Business
- Set Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Breitung Township
Annual Township Electors' Meeting
03-11-2025, 8:30 PM
In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center
33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782

Residents Present: Amber Zak, Dianna Sunsdahl, Tim Tomsich, Matt Tuchel, Erin Peitso, Jorgine Gornick, Lori Tomsich, Stephanie Ukkola (Timberjay), Stephen Tekautz, Greg Dostert, Trevor Banks, Terry Driscoll, Rolf Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Teresa Dolinar

Non-Residents Present: Daniel Reing, Steve Altenburg (Tower News)

Call to Order at 8:30 PM by Amber Zak

Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator:

Motion by Stephanie Ukkola to name Tim Tomsich Moderator

2nd by Greg Dostert

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes:

Motion by Dianna Sunsdahl to dispense with reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes 03-12-2024 and the 2024 Continued Annual Meeting minutes 08/15/2024 and approve as distributed

2nd by Matt Tuchel

Motion passed unanimously

Reports:

- Financial Report – Read and explained by Tim Tomsich
Motion made by Erin Peitso to accept Financial Report as presented
2nd by Stephanie Ukkola
Motion passed unanimously
- Road and Bridge Report – included in packet, highlights mentioned by Tim Tomsich
Motion made Dianna Sunsdahl to accept Road and Bridge Report as presented
2nd Stephen Tekautz
Motion passed unanimously
- Police Report – Chief Reing discussed lowered level of calls, highlights from the year including Tacos with Cops and the retirement of Jim Hill's badge
Motion made by Matt Tuchel to accept Police Report as presented
2nd by Rolf Anderson
Motion passed unanimously

- Fire and Rescue Report – Chief Trevor Banks touched on highlights from the year and mentioned the upcoming 75th anniversary celebration of the department
Motion by Dianna Sundahl to accept Fire and Rescue Report as presented
2nd by Trevor Banks
Motion passed unanimously
- McKinley Park Report – Report included in the packet, highlights mentioned by Tim Tomsich
Motion made by Dianna Sundahl to accept McKinley Park Report as presented
2nd by Teresa Dolinar
Motion passed unanimously
- Chairman’s Report – Read by Tim Tomsich, included announcement of retirement
Motion made by Greg Doster to accept report as presented
2nd by Amber Zak
Motion passed unanimously

Tax Levy

Tim Tomsich reviewed the levy reports and stated that the Breitung Town board recommended a \$33,000/4.46% increase with funds being applied to Road & Bridge: \$3,000 for medical insurance, benefits & wages and \$30,000 for road maintenance & snow removal

Motion made by Stephen Tekautz to approve the recommended levy increase as recommended by the town board

2nd by Trevor Banks

Discussion: Dianna Sundahl questioned whether the \$20,000 left over from the Recreation levy could be used for Road & Bridge; Tim Tomsich explained the remainder was earmarked for improvements at the Baseball Field and Park repairs, further noted that the township would have the opportunity to apply for the IRRR Culture & Tourism grant this spring which, if received, would require a 50/50 match.

Amber Zak questioned what the \$30,000 increase would specifically be used for. Tim Tomsich explained that there were two projects (Center Street & Echo Point Rd) originally lined up for a \$75,000 CDBG grant but that the township had lost the grant due to higher income demographics. Due to this loss of grant funding, the township would need to levy its own funds to be able to pursue the Echo Point project. Dianna Sundahl questioned whether Center Street was still in the queue to be worked on, it was not at this time.

Ayes: 14 Nays: 1

Motion passed

Ordinance 90-03A

Tim Tomsich discussed the proposed ordinance regarding Water & Sewer, explaining the purpose of the ordinance and how it would be beneficial for Breitung Township. The ordinance was on the agenda to provide general public notification; Tomsich invited anyone interested in reviewing the ordinance to contact Breitung Township to receive a copy.

Donation Request

- Northwoods Bear Bots Robotics Team
Discussion: Breitung does not support individual sports teams, instead contributes to the Joint Powers Recreation Board, no need to support extra-curriculars outside of that organization
Motion by Stephanie Ukkola to deny the donation request
2nd by Matt Tichel
Motion passed unanimously
- Friends of the Parks – Cook, MN
Discussion: Breitung Township has its own parks to take care of
Motion by Matt Tichel to deny the donation request
2nd by Amber Zak
Motion passed unanimously
- Tower-Soudan Historical Society toward Historic Fire Hall restoration
Motion by Stephanie Ukkola to approve \$500 donation to the Tower-Soudan Historical Society
2nd by Stephen Tekautz
Motion passed unanimously

Funds to Support Events – funds listed below are for 2024

- 4th of July Community Picnic - \$2,000 includes food and in-kind labor
 - Big Truck Night - \$300 food
 - Old Settlers - \$200 cash donation
 - Cemetery Association - \$3000 cash donation for upkeep, \$273 cash donation for Computer Software
 - Joint Recreation Board- \$300 cash donation
- Motion by Teresa Dolinar to continue support above for all events as noted above
2nd by Dianna Sundahl
Motion passed unanimously

Other Business

Prior to adjournment, Tim Tomsich requested to take a moment to recognize former police chief Jim Hill who passed away earlier in the year. Tomsich noted that Mr. Hill had provided a significant amount of volunteer support to Breitung Township over the years including work on the Housing Corporation board, Breitung Water & Sewer Commission, and 25 years on the fire department; he stated that with his passing, there had been a void left and that it was hard to appreciate the amount of time, energy, and talent given to the community until he was gone. Dianna Sundahl questioned whether a plaque should be purchased for one of the benches around town to honor Mr. Hill.

Motion by Trevor Banks to purchase a plaque honoring Mr. Hill to be placed at a bench within Breitung Township

2nd by Rolf Anderson

Discussion: Plaque wording and location should be discussed with Pam Hill

Motion passed unanimously

Date for Next Annual Electors' Meeting:

March 10, 2026 at the Breitung Community Center following the Township Election at approximately 8:30 PM

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 by Dianna Sunsdahl

2nd by Amber Zak

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Zak
Breitung Township Resident

Timothy Tomsich
Moderator, Breitung Township

Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended - 2025

31-Dec-25

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	218,259.23	709,179.84	-	927,439.07	580,178.30		580,178.30	347,260.77	347,260.77
R & B	(4,667.27)	628,420.22	-	623,752.95	509,281.75	-	509,281.75	114,471.20	114,471.20
FIRE	53,193.27	171,259.19	-	224,452.46	151,339.06		151,339.06	73,113.40	73,113.40
PARK	45,208.36	259,346.05	-	304,554.41	231,696.98	-	231,696.98	72,857.43	72,857.43
REC	20,222.42	72,794.02	-	93,016.44	42,999.30	-	42,999.30	50,017.14	50,017.14
POLICE	104,675.82	262,499.14	-	367,174.96	212,908.79	-	212,908.79	154,266.17	154,266.17
PROJECTS	(79,846.59)	434,432.88	-	354,586.29	331,222.51	-	331,222.51	23,363.78	23,363.78
Water	88,203.01	217,278.63	-	305,481.64	218,307.70	-	218,307.70	87,173.94	87,173.94
ARPA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	445,248.25	2,755,209.97	-	3,200,458.22	2,277,934.39	-	2,277,934.39	922,523.83	922,523.83
							DATE	2/17/2026	

ARPA Funds line to be removed for Fiscal Year 2026

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.

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Handwritten signatures of the Chairman, Supervisor, and another Supervisor.

2:13 PM

02/10/26

Cash Basis

Breitung Water Department

Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest	555.74
Water Department - Receipts	216,722.89
Total Income	217,278.63
Gross Profit	217,278.63
Expense	
Assistance	
Water	40,000.00
Total Assistance	40,000.00
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	
Water	1,315.00
Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	1,315.00
Payroll - Water	25,903.80
Services Rendered	
Water	148,120.45
Total Services Rendered	148,120.45
Supplies	
Water	2,968.45
Total Supplies	2,968.45
Total Expense	218,307.70
Net Ordinary Income	-1,029.07
Net Income	-1,029.07

December 31 2025 Balances

Checking	31,706.57
MMO	55,467.37

87,173.94

Township of Breitung

December 31, 2025

Liabilities

Frandsen Bank and Trust

ReHab Loan	\$225,516.18
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Total Liabilities

Assets

Bank Accounts

Frandsen - Now Checking #000086	\$354,594.42
Frandsen - MMD #86	\$68,005.84
Park State Bank Checking 316402448	\$56.52
4M Account	\$412,693.11
Frandsen High Yield Money Market	\$25,237.41
Frandsen MMD # 110183438	\$109,345.21

Cert # 1300319690	\$96,043.61
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Total Cash	\$1,065,976.12
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Funds

Operating Funds

Reserve Funds

	Operating Funds	Reserve Funds
General	\$6,561.82	\$268,005.84
Road & Bridge	\$58,296.20	\$0.00
Fire	\$38,113.40	\$0.00
Park	\$72,800.91	\$56.52
Recreation	\$50,017.14	
Police	\$105,441.17	\$0.00
Projects	\$23,363.78	
Town Hall Payment Reserve		\$20,000.00
Equipment Reserve		\$268,726.78
Police Equipment Reserve		\$47,147.29
Firemen's Pension Reseve		\$26,092.00
Buildings and Grounds		\$50,000.00
Sick Days Reserve		\$19,962.78
Projects Reserve		\$0.00
Gravel Reserve		\$11,390.49
Total Funds	\$354,594.42	\$711,381.70

\$1,065,976.12

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Dec-25

GENERAL	345,581.88
ROAD & BRIDGE	114,471.20
FIRE	73,113.40
PARK	72,857.43
RECREATION	50,587.29
POLICE	153,696.02
PROJECTS	23,363.78
INTEREST	1,678.89
TOTALS	835,349.89

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP INCOME SOURCES

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
JANUARY					
Apportionment - County	\$17,694.49	\$8,697.58	\$ 9,501.49	\$9,802.50	\$ 7,941.63
Taconite Production Tax		\$13,254.00	\$ 11,684.00	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00
February					
Taconite Production Tax	\$13,102.00				
Town Road Aid					
MARCH					
Town Road Aid	\$12,977.30	\$11,052.36	\$ 9,818.35	\$13,540.41	\$ 9,286.96
APRIL					
Tax Forfeit Land	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 356.28	\$5,069.45	\$ 905.08
DNR PILT Verm Soudan	\$2,289.00				
JUNE					
Apportionment - 70% - SLC		\$281,211.00	\$ 268,161.00	\$0.00	\$ 254,003.00
Snow Plowing					
ARPA		\$0.00		\$33,385.73	
JULY					
Apportionment - SLC	\$428,555.56	\$115,227.01	\$ 113,351.51	\$375,744.73	\$ 107,461.34
Snow Plowing	\$1,300.16				
Delinquent Water & Sewer	\$588.03				
LGA - Town Aid	\$2,825.50	\$2,904.50	\$ 3,092.00	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00
Apportionment - Late Pmt		\$0.00	\$ -	\$5,313.98	\$ -
COVID - CARES		\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP INCOME SOURCES

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
AUGUST					
Disparity Aid - State	\$3,220.00	\$3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00	\$3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00
Taconite Production Tax	\$14,585.00	\$14,615.00	\$ 11,748.00	\$11,706.00	\$ 12,927.00
Super PILT - DNR	\$160,920.19				
LEVY CERTIFICATION FORM		9/19/2024	5/25/2023	8/31/2022	Aug 30 2021
SEPTEMBER					
Super PILT - DNR		\$157,853.29	\$ 118,553.12	\$160,123.59	\$ 160,122.13
Police Aid - State Oct 1	\$13,858.51	\$12,611.83	\$ 10,889.42	\$4,173.51	\$ 18,365.14
Taconite Municipal aid	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Super PILT - DNR		\$157,853.29	\$ 36,340.00		
NOVEMBER					
ARPA Funds		\$0.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$15,000.00	
DECEMBER					
Apportionment - SLC	\$289,523.52	\$269,997.03	\$ 252,869.82	\$259,238.80	\$ 232,728.55
League of MN Cities Dividend		\$3,422.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$4,605.00	\$ 6,692.00
Disparity Aid - State		\$3,219.00	\$ 3,219.00	\$3,219.00	\$ 3,219.00
Apportionment - SLC	\$2,404.50	\$4,971.09	\$ 3,017.15	\$3,462.36	\$ -
LGA - Town Aid		\$2,904.50	\$ 3,092.00	\$2,621.50	\$ 1,993.00
	\$988,843.76	\$1,133,567.48	\$940,334.14	\$984,358.06	\$848,784.83

McKinley Park Campground

January -

2025	April	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT/OCT	TOTAL
Seasonal	58,500.00	26,700.00	4,000.00	12,500.00	2,000.00	0.00	103,700.00
Monthly		11,000.00	10,600.00	10,300.00	18,700.00	28,800.00	79,400.00
Weekly-No Electric		0.00	975.00	450.00	0.00	700.00	2,125.00
Weekly - Electric		350.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,050.00	4,200.00
Daily-No Electric		420.00	490.00	525.00	1,155.00	1,260.00	3,850.00
Daily - Electric		2,090.00	2,915.00	1,030.00	2,475.00	1,570.00	10,080.00
Boat Launch		280.00	360.00	280.00	300.00	10.00	1,230.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer		204.00	266.00	491.00	470.00	250.00	1,681.00
				0.00	0.00	358.00	358.00
Seasonal Storage	23					13,800.00	13,800.00
2025 Totals	58,500.00	41,044.00	21,006.00	26,976.00	25,100.00	47,798.00	220,424.00

2024		MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT/OCT	TOTAL
Seasonal		72,200.00	5,700.00	12,200.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	93,600.00
Monthly		5,350.00	9,800.00	16,200.00	15,400.00	18,850.00	65,600.00
Weekly-No Electric		0.00	395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00
Weekly - Electric		325.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	650.00	1,625.00
Daily-No Electric		1,032.50	885.00	1,091.00	1,622.00	1,209.50	5,840.00
Daily - Electric		1,860.00	2,896.50	3,454.50	3,433.50	1,853.50	13,498.00
Boat Launch		350.00	270.00	230.00	320.00	220.00	1,390.00
Shower/Washer/Dryer		205.50	267.50	553.00	352.00	367.00	1,745.00
Seasonal Storage	29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,400.00	17,400.00
2024 Totals		81,323.00	20,214.00	33,728.50	23,277.50	42,550.00	201,093.00

Township of Breitung
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
4M Fund General MN0102392001	412,693.11
FBT-Savings Cert #1300319690	96,043.61
FBT - Reserve Account	109,345.21
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	68,005.84
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	354,594.42
HY Money Market XXX477	25,237.41
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	56.52
Water Department - SBT NOW	18,067.51
Water Department - SBT Savings	70,135.50
Total Checking/Savings	1,154,179.13
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	1,205,622.32
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
2024 Bobcat Tool Cat	79,338.61
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	3,460,690.03
TOTAL ASSETS	4,666,312.35

Township of Breitung
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	44,277.30
Accrued Salaries	2,332.60
Payroll Liabilities	4,549.91
Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>74,718.92</u>
Total Current Liabilities	74,718.92
Long Term Liabilities	
FBT - Rehab Loan	225,713.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>225,713.00</u>
Total Liabilities	300,431.92
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,837,341.53
Retained Earnings	2,113,744.65
Net Income	414,794.25
Total Equity	<u>4,365,880.43</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,666,312.35</u></u>

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dog Tags	120.00
Donations	9,180.81
Fire Miscellaneous	6,628.00
Interest	19,822.30
McKinley Park Campground	222,468.57
Miscellaneous	124,856.25
Police Contract	93,258.43
Police Miscellaneous	25,217.96
Projects/Grants/CDBG	750.00
Refunds	248.00
Rents	13,536.00
Road & Bridge Miscellaneous	22,280.50
Snow Assessment	1,833.36
St. Louis County	
Apportionment	737,091.89
DNR -PILT	163,215.93
Miscellaneous	1,041.48
Taconite Municipal aid	25,000.00
Taconite Prod Tax	27,687.00
Town Road Aid	12,977.30
Total St. Louis County	<u>967,013.60</u>
State of Minnesota	
Disparity Aid	6,439.00
DNR - Grants	20,000.00
FEMA	140,203.24
IRRRB	49,957.32
Local Government Aid	5,651.00
Miscellaneous	53,023.00
State of Minnesota - Other	1,212.80
Total State of Minnesota	<u>276,486.36</u>
Water Dept Reimb	<u>42,527.22</u>
Total Income	<u>1,826,227.36</u>
Gross Profit	1,826,227.36
Expense	
Assistance	
General	700.00
Recreation	300.00
Road & Bridge	37.98
Total Assistance	<u>1,037.98</u>
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	
Fire	619.00
General	5,404.32
Park	200.00
Police	600.00
Road & Bridge	50.00
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses - Other	1,318.29
Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	<u>8,191.61</u>

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Electricity & Water	
Fire	3,354.57
General	3,049.61
Park	14,064.77
Police	3,160.67
Recreation	2,115.44
Road & Bridge	12,900.40
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Total Electricity & Water	38,645.46
Equipment Purchases	
Fire	71,813.43
General	6,114.17
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Total Equipment Purchases	77,927.60
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
Fire	2,968.77
General	2,640.96
Park	1,691.51
Police	7,096.88
Recreation	1,222.60
Road & Bridge	18,007.90
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Total Fuel - Fuel Oil	33,628.62
Insurance	
Fire	2,503.50
General	27,701.50
Park	2,637.00
Police	14,885.66
Recreation	1,271.00
Road & Bridge	9,828.82
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Total Insurance	58,827.48
Interest Expense	7,626.43
Mileage	
General	89.60
Police	225.40
Road & Bridge	44.10
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Total Mileage	359.10
Payroll Expenses	
General	5,861.01
Park	363.15
Police	29,376.37
Road & Bridge	61,588.73
Payroll Expenses - Other	397,016.62
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Total Payroll Expenses	494,205.88
Payroll Taxes	
General	970.06
Police	7,189.54
Recreation	261.54
Road & Bridge	3,082.84
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Total Payroll Taxes	11,503.98
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Seminars & Education	
General	149.50
Police	275.00
Seminars & Education - Other	375.00
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Total Seminars & Education	799.50

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Services Rendered	
1099-NEC	99,967.20
Fire	8,331.29
General	32,516.54
Park	10,871.23
Police	5,580.20
Recreation	7,115.30
Road & Bridge	32,565.24
Special Projects	363,353.21
Total Services Rendered	<u>560,300.21</u>
Supplies	
Fire	19,949.48
General	27,309.25
Park	3,690.63
Police	10,617.62
Recreation	5,848.70
Road & Bridge	31,531.11
Special Projects	837.95
Supplies - Other	121.99
Total Supplies	<u>99,906.73</u>
Telephone	
General	1,471.62
Park	11,659.91
Police	4,222.55
Road & Bridge	434.88
Total Telephone	<u>17,788.96</u>
Uncategorized Expenses	<u>683.57</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,411,433.11</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>414,794.25</u>
Net Income	<u><u>414,794.25</u></u>

Breitung Township
Equipment Replacement Fund

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>2032</u>	<u>2033</u>	<u>2034</u>	<u>2035</u>
Beginning Balance	\$224,865	\$174,771	\$246,087	\$57,087	\$133,087	\$224,087	\$318,610	\$414,610	\$510,610	\$606,610	\$602,610	\$698,610
Contribution June	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Contribution Dec	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Surface building lease												
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
Police Dept @ \$200/mo. (ended Mar)												
Rehab payments (total = 362,422)		35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	58,523						
Interest earned on CD's	5,473	3,894.27										
Interest on 4M		12,693.11										
Interest on Reserve		541.74										
<u>Expenditures</u>												
1) 2013 Ford Truck			100,000									
2) ToolCat (John Deere Tractor)	79,339											
3) 2015 John Deere Loader												
4) 1988 CAT Grader & repairs						20,000						
5) 2023 Int'l Truck & Plow & box												
6) 2000 Ford F550 Mini pumper rescue	32,228											
7) 1998 Ford F8000 Tender/Pumper - Fire		10,000	180,000									
8) 2008 Peterbuilt Pumper - Fire												750,000
9) Fire boat modifications & replace engines									40,000			
10) Zero turn mower				15,000								
11) Building Rehab loan												
12) 2021 GMC pickup									60,000			
13) Fire Dept SCBA's		61,813										
Ending Balance	<u>\$174,771</u>	<u>\$246,087</u>	<u>\$57,087</u>	<u>\$133,087</u>	<u>\$224,087</u>	<u>\$318,610</u>	<u>\$414,610</u>	<u>\$510,610</u>	<u>\$606,610</u>	<u>\$602,610</u>	<u>\$698,610</u>	<u>\$44,610</u>

ROAD AND BRIDGE 2026 REPORT

January

Usual plowing sanding and winging

Continued maintenance and flooding at rink

Closed rink on December 27th due to unseasonably warm temperatures

Re-flooded and opened the rink again on January 4th

Maintenance on equipment and buildings

Painting and repairing picnic tables

February

Extensive plowing sanding and winging

Cleaning snow away from hydrants

Thawing culverts

Repairs and maintenance on equipment

Painting and maintenance on picnic tables

Cleaning and organizing storage area in basement

Continued flooding and maintenance at skating rink

March

Usual plowing sanding and winging

Thawed culverts

Set up township election

Sweeping streets

Working on lead water line inventory

Repair and maintenance on picnic tables

Manhole inspections

Televising numerous sewer laterals

April

Still plowing snow

Sweeping streets

Cutting trees and brush

Continue televising sewer laterals

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Jetting culverts

Maintenance on docks at McKinley Park and Stuntz Bay

Continued maintenance of hockey boards

Attended fire hydrant maintenance training

May

Sweeping streets and trails

Started mowing and trimming

Grading and repair of gravel roads

Flushed hydrants

Prepared baseball field and hosting ball games

Maintenance on docks

Lowered docks and prepared campground to open

Working with AMPTEK on electrical maintenance at McKinley Park

Ongoing maintenance at hockey rink and park

Repair guard rail posts Stuntz bay Road

Bituminous patching around town

June

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Added agri-lime to field and other maintenance on buildings and field

Usual mowing and trimming

Grading and maintenance of roads

Bo Zupetz has sprayed for bugs at McKinley Park and ball field

Schweiss lawn service has sprayed for weeds at McKinley Park

Tree removal and brushing

Youth workers painting curbs, crosswalks, handicap signs, etc...

Build kiosk at McKinley Park with manager's assistance

July

Usual mowing and trimming

Preparing baseball field and hosting ball games

Set up and helped with 6th of July picnic

Brushing and cutting trees

Dust control done

Repair and adjust docks

Hydrant repair and painting

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Numerous sewer and water locates

Repair and grading of roads

Brush cutting edges of roads

August

Usual mowing and trimming

Bituminous patching around town

Brushing and tree removal

Sewer lateral inspections

Finished hosting ball games for the year (24 games total for the year)

Building grounds maintenance at ball field

Set up and assist with old settlers picnic

On going maintenance at hockey rink

Painted fire hydrants

Maintenance on equipment

Repaired guard rails

September

Usual mowing and trimming (finally slowing down)

Tree and brush removal

Continued maintenance at hockey rink and park

Continued maintenance at ball field

Maintenance and oil changes on equipment

Cleaning valve boxes

Bituminous patches around town

Repairing numerous curb stops

Continued maintenance of gravel roads

Worked with rural water on the repair of 7 hydrants

October

Still mowing and trimming

Prepared for and hosted BIG TRUCK NIGHT

Flushed hydrants and winterized

Tree and brush removal

Adding gravel and maintenance to roads

Closed McKinley Park for the season, lifted docks, blew water lines, winterized etc

Replaced two culverts McKinley Park

Continued maintenance on fire hydrants

Cleaning valve boxes

Seasonal water shut offs

Assisted with repair of water main

November

Maintenance and grading of gravel roads

Lifted last two docks

Finished winterizing McKinley Park

Maintenance on equipment

Seasonal maintenance on buildings and grounds

Continued lead water line inventory

Numerous seasonal water shut offs

Fire hydrant maintenance

Swept trails

Continue televising sewer laterals

Plows and sanders on equipment

December

Average plowing and sanding for December

Maintenance on equipment

Put up snow fence on lake at Echo Pt.

Brush and tree removal

Continued lead water line inventory

Continued maintenance and flooding at rink (opened December 22nd)

Also thanks to Steve Tekautz for plumbing repairs at skating shack and vaporizer

Build dock sections for dock # 1 at McKinley Park

2025 Breitung Police Report



Breitung Police Crime Stats (ANNUAL)

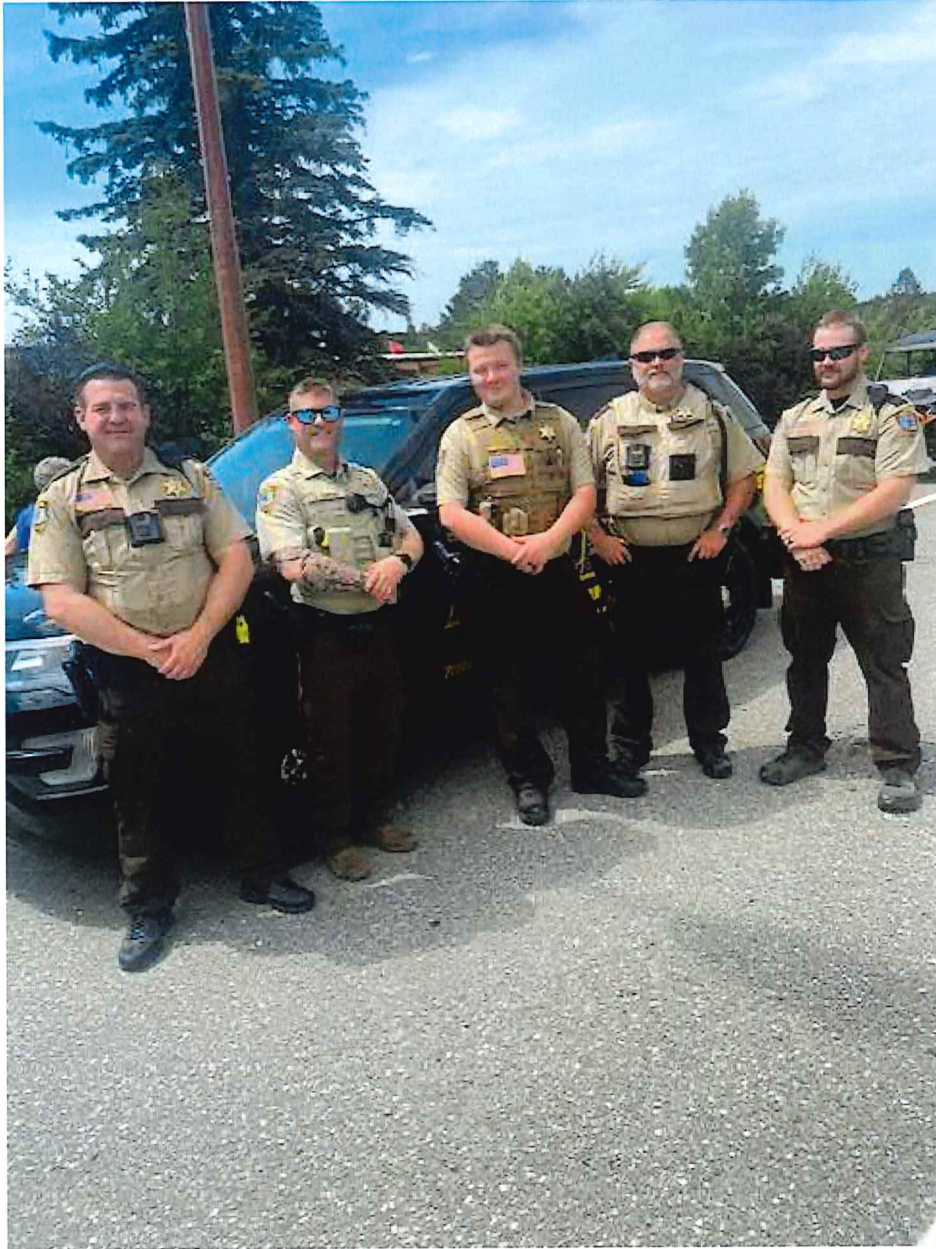
Non-Traffic Calls

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Business Checks	58	282	262	242	363
Residential Checks	19	69	59	61	49
Community Engagement	3	24	38	42	52
Disturbances	0	20	32	22	33
Animal	4	18	25	17	41
Medical	7	58	37	55	98
Assist Other Agencies	15	68	42	68	47
Assaults	1	4	6	2	2
Fire Calls	3	3	5	5	10
Suspicious Activity	2	9	11	14	15
Mental Health Crisis	3	4	9	11	10
Thefts	8	15	10	13	5
Burglary	1	3	6	1	0
Welfare Checks	4	15	13	22	12
General Calls	32	78*	28	N/A*	N/A
Firearms Permits	4	7	9	11	6
Open Door Calls	0	3	0	0	2
Damage to Property	0	11	6	8	11
Tobacco Checks	0	1	1	4	-
Alarms	3	15	1	6	5
Fraud	0	7	1	4	2

Non-Traffic Citations	0	3	5	3	6
Civil Cases	0	16	17	21	24
Civil Paper Service	4	3	6	1	1
Blight Complaints	0	16	13	13	5
Drug Calls	0	1	6	2	5
Deaths (DOA)	0	1	3	2	6
Public Assistance Calls*0		0	25	42	47
Informational Calls*	0	0	23	46	35
911 Disconnects*	N/A	N/A	6	9	9
Neighbor Trouble	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Total Arrests	1	14	20	13	8

Traffic Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Traffic Stops	34	369	363	274	265
Traffic Citations	0	44	76	67	45
DWI Arrests	0	11	12	6	2
Traffic Accidents	34	15	23	12	16
Parking Complaints	0	16	15	19	15
Check Hazards*	0*	0*	12	19	8
Motorist Assistance	20	22	19	5	10
Total Year End Calls	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	260	1165	1142	1088	1180

Our stats are important to demonstrate the wide variety of incidents that our Officers handle. We add new categories every year for transparency and clarification. With these stats we are able to plan the ever-evolving crime response and community policing. Crime changes its form, but we will adapt to better serve.



2025 Department Photo July 4th

Chief Daniel Reing

Officer James Vukad

Officer Isaac Karolczak

Officer Jon Shenett

Officer Brad Roy



G.R.E.A.T. Class Northeast Range 4th Grade



2025 Tacos with Cops



Trunk or Treat October 2025



Big Truck Night

Message from the Chief,

Another year has gone by! We had a busy year, the highest call numbers since we came back in 2021. I am happy to share the 2025 Breitung Police Department Annual Report.

We enjoyed spending time in the community this year. I have to say how much I enjoy working in this community. I love serving the people, we truly are in a great place. I want to thank my Officers that work with me. I am blessed to have a fantastic crew. You guys do a wonderful job and I am grateful. I want to thank everyone who helps behind the scenes. We have more work to do, but we sure have accomplished a lot these last few years.

I want to take the time to individually thank my Officers for their help during the year. Officer Shenett thank you for all of your help and comic relief. Officer Vukad, thank you for your help and being there at our events. Officer Roy, thank you for your help on the 4th. Officer Karolczak thank you for your help and willingness to assist with technology issues.

Daniel Reing

Chief of Police

2025 Events and Updates

Officer Jon Shenett started with us in the spring. He also works fulltime for the Babbitt Police Department. He did a wonderful job this year and we are happy to have him.

The Kids, Cars, and Cops community event was held this April in Hibbing. A smaller turnout than normal, but a slower time of year.

Our annual Tacos with Cops reached its 4th year. We had visitors come from all over the area and even California! It has been said by some residents it is one of the few times of the year that the guests get to socialize with community members. That is what it is all about. Thank you to those of you that came to visit and support us.

Big truck was a fun time for Officer Shenett. He enjoyed visiting with the kids who attended. He did not scare them away!

This year I decided to take our donations from the Tacos with Cops and bought winter clothing for five local children. I always enjoy giving back. The kids loved their gifts. It is truly better to give than receive.

Our G.R.E.A.T. program continues to grow, we taught at Northwoods, Tower Elementary, and Northeast Range this year. The students love the lessons and learn topics that they don't see in the regular school curriculum.

We obtained our new badges to come into compliance with the new state law.

We also completed our annual joint training with the Babbitt Police Department. It is a unique opportunity to work with a neighboring agency, establishing rapport and team building.

We also ordered our new squad in December. It will be arriving in the spring of 2026. We are excited for its arrival. More new updates and events coming also in 2026.



2025 Annual Report

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

- *4 public service or public assistance*
- *5 structure fires*
- *2 false alarms*
- *6 responded and canceled in route*
- *6 power line fire incidents*
- *1 hazardous condition*
- *3 auto accidents*
- *3 unattended or unauthorized burning*
- *3 auto Extrication*
- *1 Vehicle Fire*
- *4 Fire Alarms*
- *7 Medical Assists*
- *1 CO Alarm*
- *1 Hazardous Conditions*

46 Emergency calls for 2025 as compared to 36 in 2024.

Equipment:

- *2008 Peterbilt Custom Fire Class A pumper*
- *2009 Peterbilt Custom Water Tender with 250 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 14 Members, one retirement and two resignations*

- *Monthly fire dept. meetings are second Wednesday of each month followed by monthly training sessions. Special Training was conducted on non-regular meeting nights.*
- *Officers meetings conducted on regular basis*

2025 Highlights

- *Participated on the 4th of July Celebration in Tower and the Township picnic. We also participated with a beer tent conducted by our relief association.*
- *Participated with the annual big truck night in Soudan*
- *Membership contributed hundreds of hours during the year for fire response, community events, and training.*
- *We purchased a new/used Water Tender from a MN fire department to replace our aging Water Tender.*

Township of Breitung
March 10, 2026
Chairman's Report

Following are the highlights of the past year:

- Extensive design and preparation time was spent on relocation of the Thompson Farm Road. MNDOT required multiple reviews and changes to the project. The bid for this project will be awarded this month at the St Louis County Board Meeting with work starting May 1st. This project was funded by a Local Road Improvement grant, Prospectors ATV club, a DNR grant, and a small contribution from the township. The goal of this project is to keep ATV traffic out of Soudan-proper as well as allow the Township to access its gravel pit to its fullest potential.
- The Vermilion Loop project, a final construction of the bike trail connecting McKinley Park to Hoodoo Point, is progressing. Right of way permits, wetland credits purchase, and environmental work have all been completed. We are still working on FAA approval around the airport, construction easements, and design finalization. This project is funded by a MN Active Transportation Grant and IRRR grant. The installation of this final trail segment makes that portion of the road safer for not only bicyclers but also motor vehicle traffic.
- We obtained and matched a \$28,200 recreation grant from IRRR to upgrade the recreation facilities at the park and ballfield. Upgrades include new dugouts, improvements to the concession stand, a re-built crow's nest, park benches, tree planting, and a potential disc golf course to be installed. This work will be completed this summer; the goal of the improvements is to increase recreation by youth and adults in and around Breitung Township

- The McKinley Park Managers contract was completely rewritten and new managers were hired. Thank you to the Chiabotti's for the 22 years of hard work upgrading and maintaining our beautiful campground. Congratulations on retirement. This year's contract has been awarded to Randy Pratt and Julie Kranz; we look forward to a successful camping season.
- A contract was written and approved to provide fire protection to Kugler Township. This service started in January of this year. Breitung Township regularly responds to calls in Kugler Township due to our mutual aid agreement with local fire departments; with this specific contract, Breitung Township will receive funding for being the primary agency to respond to Kugler fire calls.
- The fire department obtained quotes to replace the 1998 Ford water tender and they ranged from \$450-550,000. They decided to purchase a used 2009 Peterbilt for \$190,000 that still provides greater capabilities than the old one.
- Broadband internet was installed to Puncher Point Road, Mallard Drive and along the Hoodoo Point Road. We are working with Boise Fort, IRRR, CTC, and neighboring townships to run service to McKinley Park Acres, Miettunen Plat Road, Echo Point Road, Carol Lane, Swamp Road, and Echo Narrows Lane. I am optimistic this will be completed by the end of 2027. Broadband capabilities in rural areas provide high speed internet, telephone, and television services.
- We negotiated and signed a 3-year contract with Tower to provide police protection ensuring longevity of this cost sharing. We also ordered a new squad that is scheduled to be put into service around May.
- Much time was spent by staff finalizing FEMA reimbursements from the 2024 flood. I'm confident everyone is excited to say we are just waiting on our final appeal, and it will be complete.

- Treasurer Dolinar has spent a great amount of time upgrading our accounting to the City and Town Accounting System (CTAS). This will provide a clearer look at township finances as well streamline the accounting systems for both the clerk and the treasurer, all while keeping their books separate for legal segregation of duties. We hope the adjustment to the new system will allow for more transparency of the township's fiscal records.

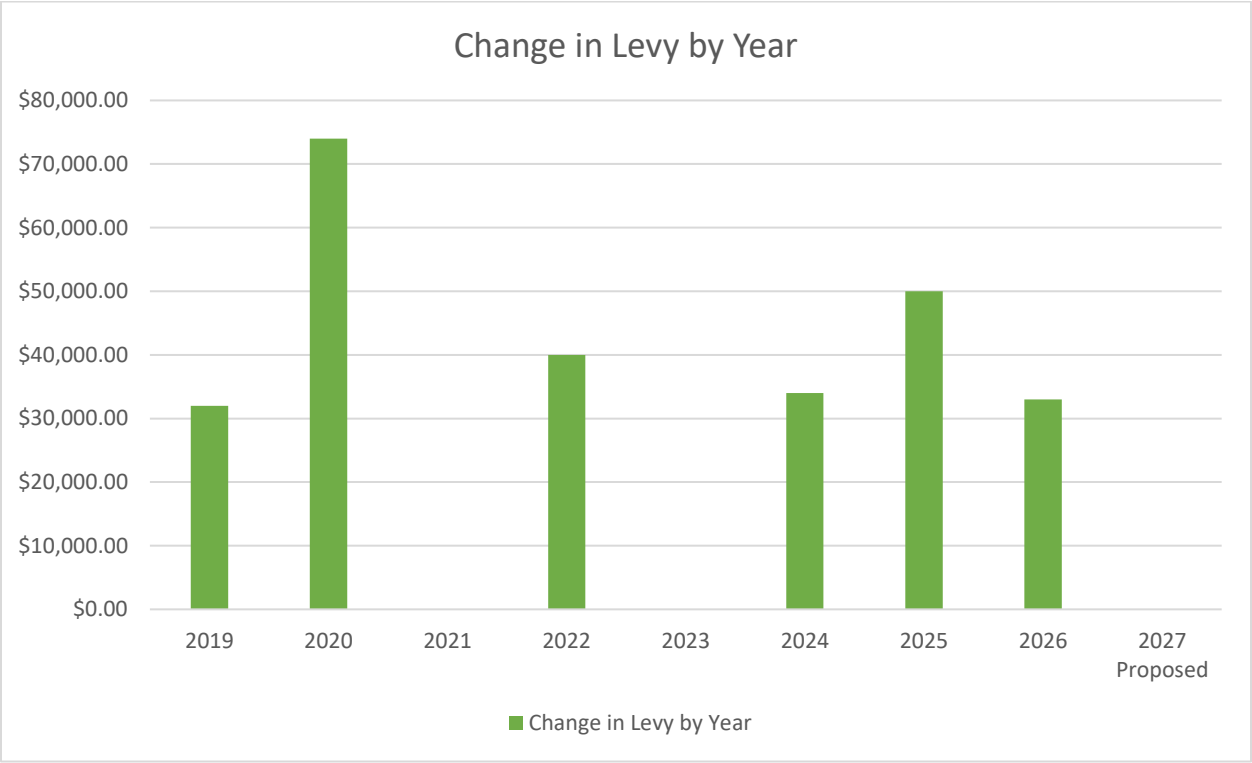
To close, I would like to thank our employees and volunteers for their dedication and hard work making this township one of the best to live in.

Sincerely,

Matt Tuchel

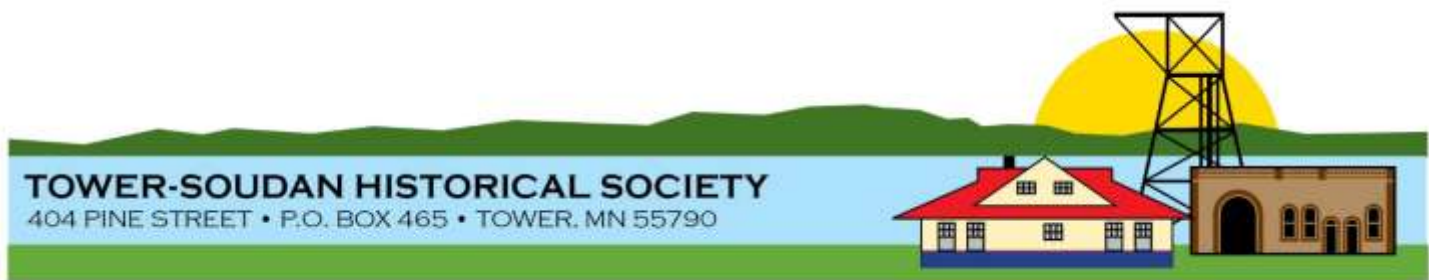
Township of Breitung
Budget Changes

	<u>2019 vs</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>2020 vs</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>2021 vs</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>2022 vs</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>2023 vs</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>2024 vs</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>2025 vs</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>2026 vs</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>2026 VS</u> <u>2027 Proposed</u>
Previous Year levy	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000	\$740,000	\$773,000
<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							5,000		
Town Hall improvements loan payment		40,000							
<u>Road & Bridge</u>									
Training-replacement employee		30,000							
Medical insurance, benefits & wages						4,000	5,000	3,000	
Road maintenance & snow removal	5,000			30,000		30,000	40,000	30,000	
Water Commission - infrastructure	15,000								
<u>Energy</u>									
gasoline and diesel fuel pricing									
Heating fuel - propane									
Total Change in budget	32,000	74,000	-	40,000	-	34,000	50,000	33,000	-
 Total levy	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000	\$740,000	\$773,000	\$773,000
Percent change in levy	6.27	13.65	0.00	6.49	0.00	5.18	7.25	4.46	0.00



Proposed 2027 Levy

General Fund:	\$150,057.00
Road and Bridge:	\$372,967.00
Fire:	\$77,955.00
Recreation:	\$38,056.00
Police:	\$133,965.00
Total:	\$773,000.00



February 26, 2026

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 continuing support of \$500 in 2026.

Your generosity has helped bring new life to the historic Tower Fire Hall—transforming a vision into a nearly completed community landmark. We are now entering the *final phase* of the building's restoration. It has been an eleven-year journey since the building conditions assessment was completed in 2014, the property was purchased in 2015, and architectural plans and construction documents were developed. Along the way, we faced many challenges—but with the launch of Phase I construction in 2019 and growing community support, we have built steady momentum that brings us to this exciting final stage.

With your gift you are acknowledged as a Founding Supporter - one of the early donors whose generosity laid the foundation for restoring the historic fire hall. This recognition celebrates your role in preserving our shared heritage and ensuring that the story of Tower, Soudan and Lake Vermilion continues to be told for generations to come.

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 annual report of 2025 Accomplishments.

Regards,

Nancy Larson
Nancy Larson, TSHS President

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TOWER • SOUDAN • TRAIN DEPOT • FIRE HALL • LAKE VERMILION • MINING



TSHS Annual Meeting

September 9, 2025

Annual Accomplishments

Train Depot Museum 2025

- 1,316 registered visitors at Train Depot Museum—33 more than 2024
- 17 Volunteer Greeters at Train Depot Museum; 317 hours logged by volunteer greeters
- \$785 collected in visitor donations
- Volunteers cleaned the Train Depot Museum and train cars prior to opening and prior to events
- Volunteers repaired and painted the exterior of Caboose #73; repair and painting the exterior of Engine 1218 has begun
- Historic architect conducted building assessment and developed construction plans for Train Depot repairs
- Bid received for phase one to repair foundation and exterior rehabilitation

Historic Fire Hall 2025

- 10 public tours of the Historic Fire Hall during 2025
- HVAC and electrical systems upgraded; Interior walls, windows, doors, and some floors refinished
- Building addition sided; Interior walls framed, drywalled and painted; restrooms constructed
- Bid received for the final phase to rehabilitate south entrance, replace the door, repair metal ceilings and refinish wood floors

Volunteers 2025

- 26 TSHS volunteers to date
- 4,698 volunteer hours reported to St Louis County Historical Society in the past 12 months
- 100 hours to update the TSHS website www.towersoudanhistory.com

Community Networking, Marketing and Public Relations 2025

- 55 days during the summer that the Train Depot Museum was open to the public, staffed by volunteers
- 5 events held in Coach Car 81 (4 Train Tales and the Miner's Breakfast)
- 2 Main Street History Talks with total of 155 people in attendance
- 3 History Video Interviews conducted
- 3 History Happy Hours held the last Friday of each month during Farmers' Market
- Charlemagne's 52 Club Raffle tickets sold at Friday Farmers' Market, 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, St Martin's Church Salad Luncheon, Old Settlers' Picnic, Lake Vermilion Community Bash, and 2 Main Street History Talks
- 43 articles and announcements about TSHS events published in the Timberjay, Tower News and North Country Free Press
- 190 Facebook posts made to TSHS, What's Up Tower and Lake Vermilion Cabin Owners Facebook pages
- TSHS Facebook posts had 4,483 content interactions
- 2,288 TSHS Facebook followers; 32 new followers since September 2024

TSHS Membership 2025

- 141 active memberships as of 08-31-2025. Memberships are counted on a rolling basis and are active for 12 full months after last date paid. New membership recording procedure began with Past Perfect software in January 2025

Financial Support 2025

- \$364,000 grants awarded in 2024-25 for Historic Fire Hall restoration
- \$1,900,368 total grants TSHS received since 2019 for fire hall design and construction documents.
- \$7,065 received in 2025 memorials, pledges and other community contributions
- \$15,608 allocation from St. Louis County to support TSHS annual operating expenses
- 300 tickets sold in 2025 for the 3rd annual Charlemagne's 52 Club raffle for total revenue of \$15,600
- \$1,889 in revenue and income from the auction and sale items raised from the Lake Vermilion Community Bash and Miner's Breakfast

Administrative Accomplishments 2025

- 9 Board of Director meetings held in person with the option to participate via zoom
- 2 Executive Committee decisions made via email discussion
- Committee Roles and Responsibilities updated
- 13 Grant applications submitted; 4 funded, 3 not funded, and 6 pending
- 36 community requests made during 2025
- Created an organizational planning calendar
- Created marketing materials for programs and events

Committee Accomplishments 2025

- Online cemetery records updated throughout the year
- 4 Train Tales events held with 14 volunteers assisting; 137 children and their adults participating in program
- 200 + children's books, games and puzzles collected for giveaways at Train Tales
- 3 History Happy Hour events provided 27 quarts of lemonade at the Farmers Market in appreciation for community support
- YouTube Tower-Soudan Historical Society channel updated with 3 new videos
- Soudan Mine Miners' Memorial information added to the TSHS website
- Received 88 books of the original Tower News newspapers for preservation and research
- Two new community events launched—Miner's Breakfast and Lake Vermilion Community Bash.

Future Activities

Historic Train Depot Museum

- Grant applications will be submitted by the city to repair the train depot foundation and exterior rehabilitation
- TSHS files and artifacts stored in the 2nd floor telephone exchange room and attic will continue to be categorized and organized
- Sidewalks will be replaced around the depot
- Coach Car 81 interior will be painted
- Engine 1218 exterior will be repaired and painted; access will be improved with new steps
- Addition of a donated ore-hauling railcar will be explored with the city
- Exterior signs highlighting each train car's function and history will be created

Historic Fire Hall

- South entry will be rehabilitated and door replaced, metal ceilings repaired, wood floors refinished
- Audio/Visual and security system will be installed
- City will make a decision on leasing the original city hall space to provide city hall services from that location
- Exhibit plan for the History Education Event Center will be created for content, layout, and furnishings

Administrative

- Archivist will be engaged to standardize PastPerfect records and establish metadata protocol standards
- Manual will be created to train volunteers on cataloging and search processes in PastPerfect Collections software
- Collections management policy will be developed
- Rental guidelines for public use of the fire hall will be developed

Committees

- 3 History Talks planned
- 3 Personal Life Story history videos planned
- 4 Train Tales and 3 History Happy Hour programs planned
- Lake Vermilion Community Bash will be held on August 1, 2026 at Gruben's Marina
- Miner's Breakfast will be held in July 2026
- Charlemagne's 52 Club fundraiser will be continued with a reception for supporters planned for summer 2026
- Coach Car 81 will continue to be rented out to the public for private events
- The James Tippet fire engine will be in the July 4 parade
- Capital Campaign will commence in 2025/26
- A newsletter will be created for publication twice a year.

June 9th, 2025

Breitung Township
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clerk@breitungtownship.com

Dear Breitung Township,

My name is Jeremiah Johnson and I am the program director of the BEST Youth Baseball Club and we are reaching out for financial sponsorship for the 2025 season.

BEST Youth Baseball represents the communities of Babbitt, Embarrass, Soudan, and Tower.

Our program is parent led and funded by our concessions. BEST Baseball is a free program. Bats, helmets, uniforms, and catchers gear are provided by us. This support is critical to help our organization not price out families.

Sponsorships and donations help us budget for many expenses throughout the season, including:

- Purchasing equipment and uniforms
- Field and facility maintenance
- Paying our local umpires

As we build our program and league, we have some much-needed field improvements to make, including:

- Baseball field fence topper – estimate cost \$1,200
- Batting cages
- New signage
- Fencing and portable mound for our north field

There are a few benefits of making a donation to our organization:

- Field signage opportunities at the Josh Mathson and art Lamma Memorial Field
- Recognition on our social media platform
- Building a stronger community

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.

You can donate by mailing a check to:

BEST Youth Baseball
P.O. BOX 126
Embarrass, MN 55732

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions or if I can ever help with anything.

We appreciate your support – GO GOLDEN KNIGHTS!!!

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Johnson

Jeremiah Johnson
BEST Youth Baseball Club
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