

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02/22/2024

Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 01/25/24 Regular Board Meeting
 - 02/15/24 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of January 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 48390-48488
 - Total Disbursements-\$102,318.08
 - Fund Balance-\$313,830.91
 - Voided Checks-48412, 48430, 48401, 48402, 48403, 48431
- Correspondence
 - MAT-Spring Short Courses, Township Days,
 - IRRR-Jan & Feb 2024 Newsletter
 - St Louis County-Liquor License
- Public Input

Reports:

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached December/January
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board-See Attached Water Flow Sheet
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

Old Business

- PFA Loan-Updates
- Soudan Park Recreation Grant
 - Resolution 2024-#-04 Supporting DNR Outdoor Rec Grant Application
- Housing Committee Update-Dianna
 - Review Letter and Survey
- Review updated McKinley Park Roof Bids

- Pre-Discussion on Budget/Levy and Equipment Funding, includes updated Echo Point Estimate
- AFG Grant
 - Resolution 2024-#5 Apply for Grant Writing Assistance
- Trail Loop-Cost Estimate

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- Tent Rental
- 9 Month CD comes due 02/24/2024
- MMUA-Safety Group Cost Increase
- Workers Comp Premium and Deductible
- Police
 - Police Pursuit Policy
 - Resignation of Officer Keith Nyman

Next Board Meetings

Board of Audit-Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 @ 12Noon Breitung Community Center, immediately following the regular Board Meeting

Board of Canvass-Tuesday March 12th, 2024 immediately following the Election

Annual Meeting-Tuesday March 12th, 2024 immediately following the Board of Canvass

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday March 28th, 2024 @ 12Noon

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

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 01-25-24 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tichel, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Terry Carlson-Tower News

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of 12/21/23 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the December 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- MAT-Dec 2023 & Jan 2024 Newsletter
- IRRR-Dec 2023 & Jan 2024 Newsletter
- Widseth
- Habitat for Humanity
- Minnesota Power-Notice to counties and municipalities of proposed change

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-None
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-None

- Recreation-Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday. Stephanie has stepped down and there are 2 new members. Supervisor Tuchel thanked Stephanie for her hard work. Outdoor Rec Grant due at the end of March. Supervisor Tuchel will be doing a First aid class for rink attendants
- Wastewater Board-No meeting held in January. Board extended bids on the Water Filtration Plant until February 13th, 2024.
- Ambulance Commission-Met on Monday January 22nd, will discuss more under new business, Tower Ambulance Donation agreement

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Infrastructure Projects Updates

- 2023 Infrastructure-Bid openings at 11:00am this morning with 3 Contractors in attendance with only 2 sealed bids being submitted. JPJ recommends award going to Mesabi Bituminous with low bid at \$286, 944

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the low bid of \$286, 944 from Mesabi Bituminous for the 2023 Infrastructure Project

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

Scott Lilya Property-Puncher Point

Township attorney did not approve order of hearing date set for 02/15/24 for property on Puncher Point so no hearing is needed, Attorney stated homeowner will need to file paperwork with the District Court.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to cancel public hearing @ property located @ 5737 Puncher Point Road on February 15th @ 2:00pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

2024 CDBG Grant-This grant is being requested for the Center St Project. Received Initial Funding Recommendation of \$75,000 from St. Louis County

PFA Loan- JPJ Engineering continues to work on descriptions and Exhibits and will have by next week. Fryberger also working on information gathering. Steve Abrahamson will work on appraisals except for property owned by Vermilion Land Office due to a conflict of interest. Looking at 2-3 months out before PFA Loan funded.

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Chairman Tomsich and Clerk Sundahl met with members from the City of Tower. All members on Board and would like to see a completion of the loop trail. All in agreement that they would like to see JPJ Engineering do a scope and cost of project as a first task to get done and then the committee will see where to go from there. Depending on

cost will have to talk to County and LCP representatives for easements if trail goes on the road. IRRR grant suggested, DNR grant as well as possible funding from Mesabi Trail. Nancy Larson may also know of some funding sources. There could be several studies to be completed before March of 2025 as it appears that a realistic goal would be to apply for funding in March of 2025 with Trail completion to be done June of 2027.

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Please see notes in "Committee Reports"

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sundahl continues to attend meetings either in Grand Rapids and/or the City of Tower. Maxfield Study to be done with 5k assistance from TEDA and 2k from the City of Tower as the group has expanded the scope of the initial study proposed.

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Safe and Sick Leave Policy

- Stand Alone Policy
- Township Employee Handbook

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Stand Alone Safe and Sick Leave Policy and the Breitung Employee Handbook as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Discussion: Supervisor Tichel wants to ensure that any additional accumulation of sick leave is forfeited and not paid out. Clerk Sundahl to work with Township Attorney.

Motion DID NOT pass 0-3

MPCA Grant-Supervisor Tichel states that this grant is eligible to use for mapping of stormwater drainage, ditching, as well as televising the townships storm water system.

Supervisor Tichel and John from JPJ to attend the next meeting

LMC-Liability Coverage Waiver Form-In years past the Board has Chosen "DOES NOT WAIVE"

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to choose "Does Not Waive" on the Liability Coverage Waiver

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Request for Reimbursement-Anthony Zavodnik turned in receipts for siren parts purchased for the township in the amount of \$1010.36. Supervisor Tichel mentioned to Tony he would prefer to order parts in the future

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to reimburse Anthony Zavodnik in the amount of \$1010.36 for siren parts

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolutions

➤ Resolution 2024 #01-Election Judges

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve Resolution 2024 #01 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Resolution 2024 #02-Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve Resolution 2024 #02 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Resolution 2024 #03-Apply for and Accept Funds from IRRR

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve Resolution 2024 #03 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Discussion on multiple projects to include on the application along with the Center St Project.
Roads could include Jasper St, Echo Pt Rd, Thompson Farm Road and South St. Echo Pt Road
may also qualify for USDA Loan.

Next Regular Board Meeting-February 22nd, 2024 @ 12N @ Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to adjourn the meeting @ 1:28pm

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 02-15-24 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Public: Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Terry Carlson-Tower News, Trevor Banks-Fire Chief

Absent: Chairman Tim Tomsich

Call to Order @ 12:01pm by Vice Chairman-Chuck Tekautz

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Old Business:

Safe and Sick Leave Policy

- Stand Alone Policy

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve red-lined version of the Safe and Sick Leave Stand Alone Policy

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

- Township Employee Handbook

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the changes to the Breitung Employee Handbook as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

New Business:

Breitung Township Facebook Page

Trish Poderzay, member of the Recreation Committee requested to the Town Board to run a Facebook page.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to table the matter to a later date

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Discussion to create a policy, FB page not group, run page as a read only, remember it is another duty for an employee.

Pre-Discussion Budge-Levy Clerk Sunsdahl brought up the possible increase for the ambulance in the coming years, approximately \$5300. 2024 Infrastructure Project is a cost of

approximately 1.5M, grants have been applied for but there is about a 750k short fall. Supervisor Tichel asked if an estimate came in for Echo Pt, none at this time. No action taken. 2022 Infrastructure Project-Contract Extension until June of 2024 with no increase in cost
Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve contract extension as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Fire Department AFG Grant-Fire Chief Banks presented request for AFG grant for PPE Gear, MSA Lunar devices. Currently awaiting cost estimates on items to be requested. Community Coaching-Nancy Larson will be applying on behalf of the Township/Fire Department. Deadline for applications is March 8th, 2024.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve applying for AFG for PPE ADA priorities

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 2-0

Next Regular Board Meeting-February 22nd, 2024 @ 12N @ Breitung Community Center with Board of Audit immediately following

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to adjourn the meeting @ 12:25pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jan-24

GENERAL	105,828.38
ROAD & BRIDGE	84,656.13
FIRE	45,237.07
PARK	30,354.21
RECREATION	11,229.08
POLICE	68,330.05
PROJECTS	(125,253.08)
WATER DEPT	73,449.07
ARPA	20,000.00
TOTALS	313,830.91

From: Minnesota Association of Townships <info@minnesotaassociationoftownships.ccsend.com>
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Subject: 2024 Spring Short Courses



SPRING SHORT COURSES 2024

Spring Short Courses are right around the corner! Please save the date and plan to attend these extremely popular trainings for all officers - supervisors, clerks, treasurers (including deputies).

Each day will be jam-packed with speakers, important information, and include a continental breakfast and hearty lunch. These trainings are for township board members and local public officials only. Pre-registration is NOT required. Registration is on-site and the cost is \$75 which covers meals, materials, etc. Complete information can be found on the MAT website at <https://www.mntownships.org/ssc>.

Schedule:

8:00 AM: Registration and light breakfast
9:00 AM: Training begins
11:30 AM: Lunch
3:00 PM: Training ends

Locations Week 1:

March 18: Winona (NEW LOCATION: Riverport Event Center, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona)
March 19: Rochester (Rochester Event Center, 7333 Airport View Drive SW, Rochester)
March 20: Mankato (Mayo Clinic Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato)
March 21: Windom (Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive, Windom)
March 22: Granite Falls (NEW LOCATION: Prairie's Edge Casino, 5616 Prairies Edge Lane, Granite Falls)

Locations Week 2:

March 25: Breezy Point (Breezy Point Resort, 9252 Breezy Point Drive, Breezy Point)
March 26: St. Cloud (NEW LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Suites St. Cloud, 75 South 37th Avenue, St. Cloud)
March 27: Arlington (Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington)
March 28: Willmar (Willmar Conference Center next to the Best Western, 240 23rd St SE, Willmar)
March 29: Alexandria (Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center, 2100 Arrowwood Lane, Alexandria)

Locations Week 3:

April 1: Mahanomen (Shooting Star Casino, 777 S Casino Road, Mahanomen)
April 2: Thief River (Ralph Engelstad Arena, 525 Brooks Ave, Thief River Falls)
April 3: Bemidji (Sanford Center, 1111 Event Center Drive NE, Bemidji)
April 4: Grand Rapids (NEW LOCATION: Sugar Lake Lodge, 37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset)
April 5: Duluth (Duluth Entertainment Convention Center/DECC, 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth)

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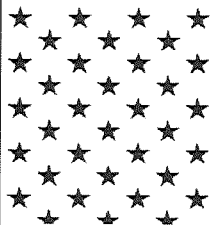
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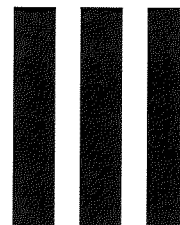
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**APRIL 8 AND 9, 2024
IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Issues that matter



ALL township officers are invited to join the Minnesota Association of Townships for "Township Day at the Capitol" on Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in St. Paul. We'll have trainings, speakers, and impactful direct meetings with your state legislators to advocate for important township priorities.

Please join us and register here today!
<https://bit.ly/TownshipDATC2024>

SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 8, 2024:

11:00 to 12:00: Registration and social time - meet at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul (Capitol Ridge)

12:00 to 2:00: Lunch (provided), Welcome, and Legislative Briefing at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul (Capitol Ridge)

2:00 to 4:30 PM: Legislative meetings at the State Capitol (3 blocks away, transportation provided)

4:30 to 5:30 PM: Break/social time

5:30 to 6:15 PM: Dinner buffet at hotel (included)

6:30 to 7:30 PM: Guest speaker to be determined

Tuesday, April 9, 2024:

7:30 AM: Breakfast buffet at the hotel (included in room reservation)

8:30 AM: Issue-area groups and policy speakers including legislative committee chairs

10:00 AM: Debrief

10:30 AM: Door prizes

11:00 AM: Conclusion

COST: MAT will charge your township (or county) \$100 per attendee to cover the costs of the event. This fee will be charged regardless of how long you are attending and cover costs of the event, dinner, busing, etc. (Note: busing is included in this fee. However, if you register for the bus don't show/ride it, you will be charged a \$100 no-show fee.)

DETAILS: Additional logistical details will be sent to registered attendees. MAT will provide materials and make your appointments to meet with state legislators.

LODGING AND PARKING: Please make your own hotel reservations - contact Radisson Capitol Ridge at (651) 227-8711 and mention MN Township Association event for our special rate. Gated, surface level parking, along with breakfast, are included in your hotel reservation.

TRANSPORTATION (NEW THIS YEAR!): Special, dedicated motorcoaches are organized and available for NO ADDITIONAL COST. Pick-up (and drop-off) locations are throughout the state. Please see below for specific stop/location sign-up. Additional details will be sent about specific pick-up and drop-off times. Riding the MAT bus means no city driving, no overnight parking, and more relaxation during travel time! And there is no additional cost!

Please join us and register today here: <https://bit.ly/TownshipDATC2024>

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**DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE
RESOURCES & REHABILITATION**

The Ranger

Feb. 7, 2024

Mesabi Fit recreation and wellness center opens in Mountain Iron

A new regional recreation and wellness center located in the former YMCA building in Mountain Iron opened to the public last month. Mesabi Fit offers a swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, fitness center with weights and cardio equipment, and a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with \$1.025 million in Development Infrastructure and Community Development grants to help pay for the acquisition, facility upgrades and operational startup. Total project investment was approximately \$2.1 million.



There are wellness and recreation programming and classes for adults and children, and a space for local artists to showcase their work. Mesabi Fit also houses the Hygge Play Studio, which is an area designated for children and their parents or caretakers to enjoy free play together. Child watch services are available for parents when using the facility.

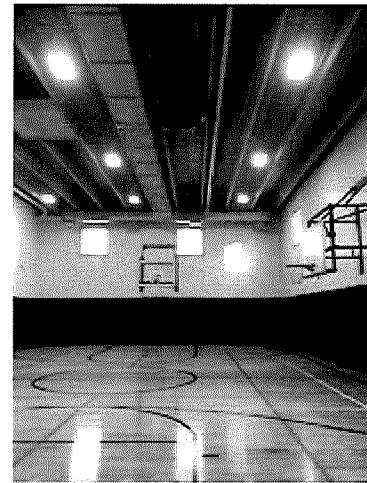


“Mesabi Fit is an excellent example of how Iron Rangers work together to help one another, take on challenges, persevere and overcome obstacles,” said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. “I commend the volunteers and other community members who worked so hard to create this fantastic new facility that will benefit the people and families of the Iron Range. This wonderful facility makes our region stronger and better, both on a community and wellness level and on an economic level to attract new residents.”

The facility is owned and operated by the nonprofit Mesabi Fit Coalition. The group formed with the mission of transforming the vacant unused building that originally opened as the Mesabi YMCA in 1991. It served the Iron Range community for 30 years before closing in 2022.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the construction of the original YMCA building in 1991. Through community development grants nearly 30 years ago, the agency provided about half of the seed money needed to bring a YMCA to the Iron Range. The agency’s former and late Commissioner Mark Phillips was supportive of the new Mesabi Fit project, and it was one of the last endeavors he worked on before he retired in 2022.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation also provided \$6,000 in Grant Writing Assistance to Mesabi Fit to hire a professional grant writer to prepare and apply for various state, federal and philanthropic grants to further help fund and sustain the new facility.



Other Mesabi Fit major donor partners include Blandin Foundation, Essentia Health, Minnesota Power Foundation, Northland Foundation, St. Louis County, St. Louis County Family Services Collaborative, state of Minnesota, and private donations of time and money from community members and organizations.

“The renovation of this once vacant property was a monumental undertaking, but one that our coalition was extremely committed to,” said Sharon Chadwick, Mesabi Fit board president. “We now have an inviting modern structure that is a proud component of the region’s infrastructure. We are thrilled to officially open the only full spectrum fitness facility in the region, and we are

committed to serving all ages, to providing fun and healthy recreation opportunities for families and to being accessible 24/7.”

Learn more about Mesabi Fit.

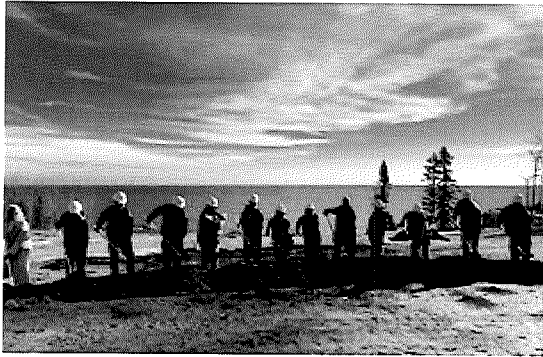
Email Chris Ismil or call him at 218-735-3010 for more information about Development Infrastructure grants.

Email Shawn Herhusky or call him at 218-735-3067 for Grant Writing Assistance information.

Pool photo by Cheryl Carlson.



Boathouse Bay development breaks ground in Silver Bay



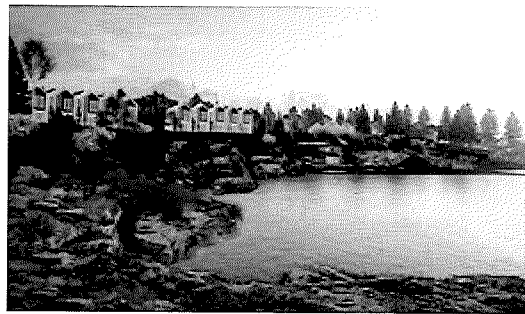
A new housing and resort development located in the North Shore community of Silver Bay broke ground last week. Boathouse Bay will be built out over the next five years, with construction scheduled to begin this summer. It will have up to 53 units of residential housing, including single-family lots, townhomes and vacation rentals along Lake Superior. There will be approximately 110 units of commercial storage and a 2,200-

square-foot event center.

The city of Silver Bay entered into a Development Agreement with Sawtooth 16, LLC to develop the property. In addition, the city has future development visions that include a Fishing Village with restaurants and retail offerings to serve local residents and tourists.

According to Nelson French, chair of the city's economic development authority, Boathouse Bay is the second largest private investment into a project in the history of Silver Bay, after the Northshore taconite mine.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the Boathouse Bay project with over \$1.4 million in Development and Community Infrastructure grants to the city of Silver Bay. The grant will help pay for the water, sewer, roads, sitework and engineering related to the infrastructure needed to support the development. Total project investment is estimated at approximately \$20-\$25 million.





“One of the areas that our agency is committed to is housing, which is a large factor when measuring a region’s economy and quality of life,” said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. “The supply and choice of housing inventory in northeastern Minnesota is low, and the demand is high. The need for additional and more choices of housing impacts employers, employees, communities and new and existing residents. Boathouse Bay will help increase the housing capacity in our region, and we support Silver Bay in their plans to grow their community.”

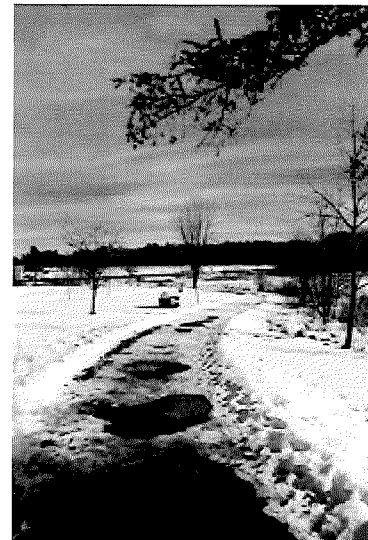
[Learn more about Boathouse Bay.](#)

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City of Eveleth renovates Fayal Pond Trail

A half-mile community pedestrian and bike trail that surrounds Fayal Pond in Eveleth is being reconstructed and widened from six to eight feet. The trail is in a highly visible location at one of the city’s main entry points along the major thoroughfare of Highway 53.

The trail improvements will span three phases. Phase I has been completed and included the renovation of the east portion which is 500 feet. The east path was relocated to higher ground due to its location near the water’s edge which over time resulted in flooding from water run-off after periods of rainfall. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported Phase I with a \$21,378 Regional Trails grant. Total project investment was \$58,076.



Fayal Pond Trail is connected to hundreds of miles of the region’s trails, including the paved Mesabi Trail. It is widely used by both residents and tourists. The park surrounding Fayal Pond includes benches and flower beds, and the pond itself has a fountain and floating pedestrian bridge.

“The improvements will provide users with a smooth solid surface for walking or biking,” said Jerry Rosati, Eveleth Public Works manager. “The Fayal Pond area is used year-round and is a natural stopping point along the highway for cars and travelers. It is an important amenity to our city that impacts quality of life and the economy.”

Phases II and III will begin this summer and include improvements to the west, north and south portions which are deteriorating. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is supporting Phase II with a \$43,775 Regional Trails grant. Phase II total project investment is estimated at \$87,550.

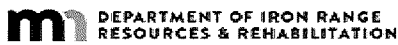


Email [Jim Plummer](mailto:Jim.Plummer@irrrb.org) or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional Trails grant information.

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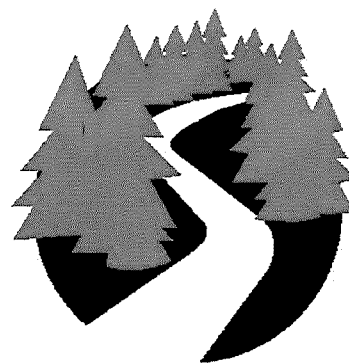
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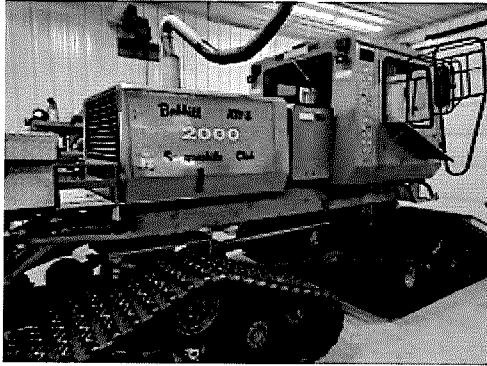
Over \$370,000 in Regional Trails grants awarded for new equipment to maintain area trails

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation awarded 11 Regional Trails grants throughout the past 18 months totaling \$371,050. The grants were for equipment that will be used by area trail clubs, communities and volunteers to maintain and groom trails throughout the agency's 13,000 square-mile service area.

"We were very pleased to support these volunteers, clubs and communities with grants to help them purchase updated, efficient and safe equipment to maintain the region's trails," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "Their dedication and willingness to give their time and expertise creates top quality trails that so many people enjoy, from year-round residents to tourists. Without these volunteers and club organizations, the cost for our local communities to maintain trails would be extremely high."

The region's recreational trails require frequent and ongoing maintenance to maintain rider quality and safety. Equipment acquired with the grants will help volunteers eliminate ruts, clear brush and trees, shape and improve trail surfaces. The volunteers help improve the quality of life for local residents and contribute to the tourism segment of the region's economy.





The 11 recent grants include:

Babbitt ATV & Snowmobile Club: \$15,000 – A snow cat groomer to maintain 57 miles of trails in the Babbitt area. Total project investment is \$30,000. *(Pictured.)*

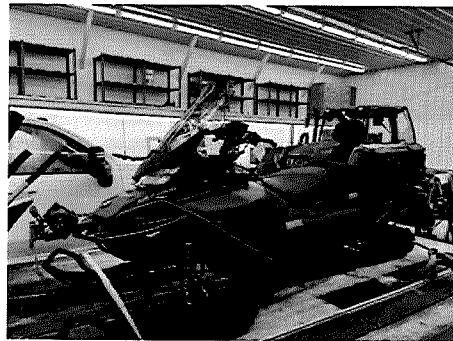
City of Hoyt Lakes: \$50,000 – A skid steer vehicle with a bucket, forks and brush cutter attachments, which is used by Ranger Snowmobile & ATV Club to maintain trails on the East Iron Range. Total project investment is \$119,909.

Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club: \$50,000 – A snowmobile trail groomer used to maintain 79 miles of trails in the Itasca County area. Total project investment is \$293,000.

North Superior Ski & Run Club: \$50,000 – A snow cat groomer to maintain over 15 miles of skiing, hiking and running trails at Pincushion Mountain in Grand Marais. Total project investment is \$192,000.

North Superior Ski & Run Club: \$2,500 – A flail mower to maintain over 15 miles of skiing, hiking and running trails at Pincushion Mountain in Grand Marais. Total project investment is \$5,000.

Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club: \$31,150 – Two snowmobiles that pull grooming attachments used to pack snow, create a track and maintain cross-country ski trails in the Itasca County/Grand Rapids area. The grant will also help purchase an ATV with tracks and a trailer to complete year-round trail maintenance such as mowing and removal of fallen timber. Total project investment is \$62,300. *(Pictured.)*



Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club: \$21,400 – A side-by-side ATV that is fitted with tracks and grooming and trail maintenance to maintain cross-country ski trails in the Itasca County/Grand Rapids area. Total project investment is \$42,800.

Northern Traxx ATV Club: \$50,000 – A dozer with an enclosed, climate-controlled cab and safety windshield to maintain 23 miles of off-highway recreational trails, 15 miles of roadway and 14 miles of potential upcoming trail in the Chisholm-Hibbing area. Total project investment is \$129,000.

PathBlazers Snowmobile Club: \$45,000 – A trail groomer to maintain 68 miles of trails in the Chisholm, Hibbing and Side Lake area. Total project investment is \$90,000.



Superior Hiking Trail Association: \$6,000 – An ATV to mobilize materials in remote sections of the Superior Hiking Trail which is a 300-mile network of multi-use trails, off-road vehicle trails and logging roads throughout the North Shore. Total project investment is \$12,000.

Voyageurs Trail Society, Inc.: \$50,000 – A snow cat grooming tractor to maintain a network of trails sandwiched between Voyageurs National Park and the David Dill/Arrowhead State Trail.

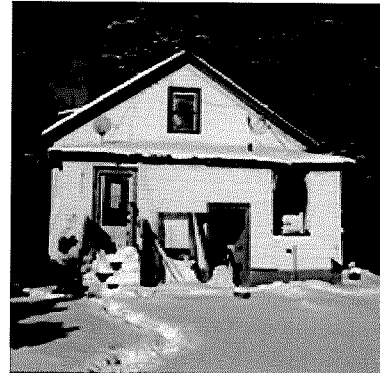
Total project investment is \$269,725. *(Pictured.)*

Regional Trails grants assist with the design, engineering and construction of various types of trails. Cities, townships, nonprofits, counties and tribal governments are eligible to apply. [Email Jim Plummer](mailto:Jim.Plummer@mn.gov) or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional Trails grant information.

St. Louis County uses Residential Redevelopment grants to remove 22 blighted tax forfeited structures

St. Louis County (SLC) is in the process of demolishing a combined total of 22 structures using Residential Redevelopment grants from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Structures include:

- 7 houses.
- 6 garages.
- 7 accessory structures.



During the past 18 months, SLC was awarded eight grants totaling \$34,860. These demolitions remove structures that have reached the end of their useful life and increase the probability for returning properties to private ownership. The locations include properties in Cotton, Iron, Embarrass, Eveleth, Gilbert, Angora and Cook.

“This program provides funding which is vital for the effective management of State of Minnesota tax forfeited lands” said Christopher Johnson, St. Louis County’s Tax Forfeited Property Asset Manager. “The cities, townships,

counties and other organizations that utilize this grant see immense benefits. These opportunities often provide a ripple effect, increasing the likelihood of further improvements for communities.”

Since 1982 the Residential Redevelopment grant has provided funding for demolition within the agency's service area to eliminate blight, improve property maintenance, promote health and safety and encourage economic development.

Grants may be awarded to cities, townships, counties and tribal governments to demolish single-unit residential homes, residential duplexes, residential multi-unit structures, garages, sheds and barns. Homeowners interested in applying should contact their municipality.

Grant money is still available to communities this fiscal year. [Learn more about the Residential Redevelopment grant guidelines.](#)



[Email Danae Beaudette](#) or call her at 218-735-3022 for information.

Kinney renovates community playground



The city of Kinney renovated its existing playground to better serve the community and make it ADA compliant. Outdated and aging equipment was replaced with features that appeal to children of varying age levels and abilities. Rubber mulch was installed for its jump safety, and plastic borders were added to contain the mulch. Iron Range

Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$10,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$25,044.

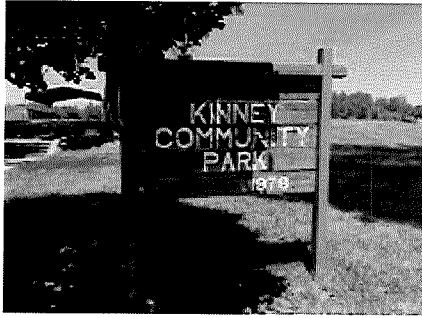
The playground area is approximately 9,000 square feet. It is a popular gathering place for Kinney and nearby Great Scott Township families and residents who often use it for family picnics and birthday parties. The playground area is also the site of the annual Fourth of July community celebration.

The playground is adjacent to the Kinney Pit Public Access and Recreation Area, which underwent an improvement project in 2020 to increase public use and enjoyment. A 24-foot dock at the public boat landing, a 40-foot fishing pier, new picnic tables, grills and firepits at the shoreline and a picnic shelter were added. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation also supported the improvement project with a Mineland Reclamation grant to Great Scott Township.



Kinney Pit Recreation Area is mining-impacted property located in Great Scott Township near the city of Kinney, about 20 minutes east of Hibbing and 10 minutes west of Mountain Iron. Kinney Lake (also referred to as Kinney Pit) is 51 acres, 160 feet deep and stocked with bluegill, brook trout, northern pike, rainbow trout, white sucker and yellow

perch fish. The lake is fished by both locals and tourists and is popular for its rainbow trout.



“The upgrades to both the playground and the Kinney Pit Recreation Area create wonderful amenities for both our permanent residents and tourists,” said Britta Simonson, Kinney city treasurer. “The playground renovation enhances the quality of life for our children and gives them a safe and healthy outlet for outdoor play.”

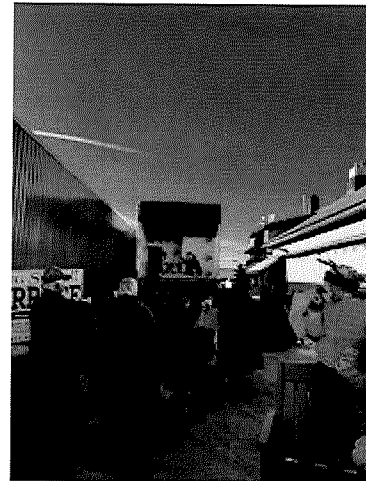
Email [Danae Beaudette](mailto:Danae.Beaudette@kinneycity.com) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

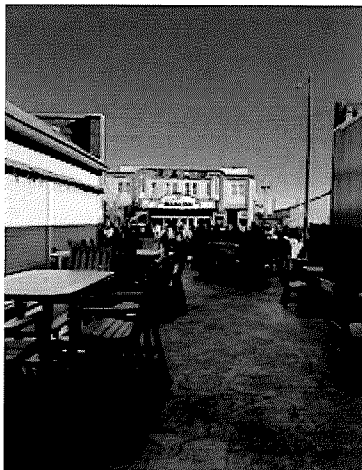
Aitkin downtown vacant lot transformed into community gathering space

Aitkin County Friends of the Arts (ACFOTA) transformed an empty lot in the heart of downtown Aitkin into a community gathering space and outdoor performing arts venue. The Terrace is 25 by 75 feet with a 10-foot-deep by 18-foot-wide stage. There is a green room, stage lighting, motorized projection screen and ample seating. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$29,537 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$350,000.

The Terrace will officially open this spring and be available at no charge for daily use by the public. It may also be reserved at a nominal fee for exclusive event use by community members, organizations, churches and businesses.

The land on which The Terrace was constructed is owned by local business owners Peter and Amanda Lowe. The Lowes own Block North Brew Pub, Block North's Locker Room, The Beanery Cafe & Roastery, PAL & Co. and Aitkin Flowers & Gifts.





“A once empty lot will now bring new cultural and life-enhancing experiences for all ages to enjoy. The Terrace will enhance downtown Aitkin with a beautiful, age-friendly gathering space,” said Christian McShane, ACFOTA programming and marketing director. “It will infuse economic benefits by attracting more tourist visits and spending at local businesses. The Terrace helps make Aitkin a more attractive place to live, work and play.”

Other Terrace project partners include Age-Friendly Minnesota Council, Aitkin County Coordinating Area Resources Effectively, Blandin Foundation, American Peat Technologies, and donations of time and money from community members, organizations and businesses.

ACFOTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting performing arts in Aitkin County. The group offers membership and donation opportunities. [Learn more about The Terrace and ACFOTA.](#)

[Email Danae Beaudette](#) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

Registration open for Iron Range Nonprofit Board Training 101

Nonprofit board members and executive directors are invited to attend Iron Range Nonprofit Board Training 101. This valuable training opportunity will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Iron Community Center in Mountain Iron.

Presenter Kelly LaCore of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits will provide an overview of the best practices of being on a board:

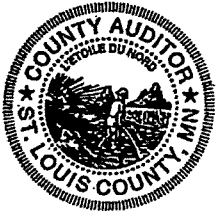
- What is the role of a board?
- What is the role of a director?
- How to run organized meetings.



This event is open to all nonprofit board members and executive directors at no cost. Registration is required for materials and dinner.

[Learn more and register.](#)

The training is hosted by Laurentian Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Northeastern Minnesota and sponsored by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.



Saint Louis County

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Nancy Nilsen
St. Louis County Auditor-Treasurer

February 20, 2024

Dear Township Officials:

On January 2, 2024, the St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee discussed the process for issuance of liquor license renewals, liquor license transfers, and special event liquor licenses.

During discussion, it was noted that St. Louis County has historically requested township approval prior to issuance of all liquor license types. After review of Minnesota Statute 340A.410, Subdivision 1, it was determined that township approval is necessary prior to the issuance of an initial liquor license; however, state statute does not require township approval prior to the issuance of liquor license renewals, liquor license transfers, and special event liquor licenses.

To bring the county in line with current state statute, St. Louis County will continue to require township approval prior to the issuance of an initial liquor license; however, the county will no longer be requesting township approval prior to the issuance of liquor license renewals, liquor license transfers, and special event liquor licenses.

The St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee values township feedback regarding county issued liquor licenses. If you have any concerns or issues regarding a county issued liquor license, please contact the county liquor licensing department by email at: auditorlicensing@stlouiscountymn.gov or by phone at 218-726-2580.

On behalf of the St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Nelson", is written over the typed name.

Keith Nelson, Chair
County Commissioner



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DANIEL REING
CHIEF OF POLICE

Breitung Police Department January 2024 Police Report

Calls for Service (ICRs) 66

Citations 6

1 adult male cited for Driving After Revocation (DAR)
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This was the same individual on all three different citations.

1 adult female cited for Speed (75/60)
1 adult male cited for Driving too Fast for Conditions (weather related)
1 adult male cited for Speed (79/60)



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CHIEF OF POLICE

January was a busier month as compared to last January and the year before. We were surprised by the warm temperatures. What a strange winter. This month I completed the year end paperwork and updated files. Officer Karolczak enjoyed visiting with the participants of the Tower Bocce ball tournament. Winter is going fast, soon it will be spring. Please stay safe for you fisherman on the ice, many have fallen in on lakes this year. Have a good week. Next month will be a bit larger of a police report.

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

December Fire Dept Report

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 12/13/2023.

This month's training consisted of Incident Command which was conducted by our firefighters

We had no calls for service this month.

Breitung Fire & Rescue
Box 337
33 1st Ave.
Soudan, Mn. 55782

January 2024 Fire Dept Report

Our regular monthly fire department meeting and annual meeting was held on 01/27/2024. The Officers remained the same, Trevor Banks as Chief, Matt Tuchel as Assistant Chief, Doug Carter as Captain, Lance Dougherty as Lieutenant, and Detton Koski as Training Officer. Steve Burgess resigned as Training Officer which was official on 12/31/2023. Steve Burgess and Detton Koski shared duties for 2023.

This month's training consisted of Incident Command which was conducted by our firefighters.

We received three calls for the month of January which were a false car accident in Greenwood, Fire alarm in Tower, and a residential smoke alarm in Soudan.

Road and Bridge Report

January 2024 Report

Limited Plowing and Sanding

Closed Skating Rink due to unseasonably warm temperatures

Jetting Culverts

Removing dead trees from the Monument Area

Oil Changes and Maintenance on Vehicles and Equipment

Made new dock sections for dock #6 at McKinley Park

Finished Repair of Picnic Tables

Cleaning and Maintenance of Township Buildings

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

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>Tower Harbor Extension 80936</u>			0.006663										
<u>Dave Rose Extension 082506</u>									0.0036				
<u>Justin Renner Extension Possible</u>									0.003				

Resolution 2024-#04
Breitung Township
Of St Louis County, Minnesota

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DNR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUDAN PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREA**

BE IT RESOLVED that Breitung Township act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Outdoor Recreation Grant application to be submitted on 1st of April, 2024 and that the Chairman is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of Breitung Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant maintains an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and, throughout the term of the contract, will monitor and report any actual or potential conflicts of interest to the State, upon discovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Breitung Township has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and it has the financial capability to meet the match requirement (if any) and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Breitung Township has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the Cost Breakdown section on this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Breitung Township has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over all the land described in the boundary map or recreational site plan included in the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of its application by the State, Breitung Township may enter into an agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that Breitung Township certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the funding grant program into perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the Breitung Township Board of Breitung Township on the on 22nd of February 2024 by Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, and Supervisor Tuchel.

Ayes:
Nays:

SIGNED:

Timothy Tomsich

Chairman, Breitung Township

(Date)

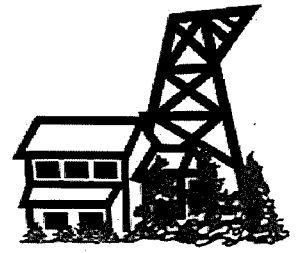
WITNESSED:

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

(Date)

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG



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Dear Resident,

As you may have heard a committee has been formed to review housing needs in the area. The current committee is made up with members from Breitung Township, Bois Forte, St. Louis County, City of Tower, and Minnesota Housing Partnership. Included in this envelope is a survey and self-addressed envelope. We would like to get your feedback on what your current and/or future housing needs may be. Our current infrastructure and most feasible location lends itself to apartment or condominium living. We are currently looking at Senior Living for Active Adults over the age of 55 and Market Rate Apartment Living for all ages. The location we are currently considering is on Main Street in Tower at the corner of Main Street and Poplar Street.

Your participation and feedback is greatly appreciated!

Regards

Tower Area Collaborative-Housing Committee

Contact Information:

Tower: phone 218-753-4070 or clerktreasurer@cityoftower.com

Breitung: phone 218-753-6020 or clerk@breitungtownship.org

Bois Forte: phone 218-757-3253 X1274 or cburr@boisforte-nsn.gov

Survey

Please select all that apply.

1. What is your age range?

- <25 26-45 46-55 Over 55

2. What type of living would you prefer?

- Apartment/Rent Condominium/Purchase Other _____

3. In how many years would you consider moving into type of living you selected in the previous question?

- Immediately 1-2 3-5 Over 5 Never

4. What number of bedrooms do you feel you need at a minimum?

- Efficiency 1 2 Other _____

5. What number of bathrooms do you feel you need at a minimum?

- 1 2 Other _____

6. What would you feel is a fair price to pay monthly for the number of bedrooms you selected if everything was included in the price except for electricity? (Included would be garage parking, water, garbage...)

- <\$750 \$750-\$900 \$901-\$1,100 \$1,101-\$1,300 Over \$1,300

7. What do you think about the suggested location at the corner of Main Street and Poplar Street in Tower?

- Don't Like it Okay Really like it

8. Would you be interested in having a Community Meeting regarding housing in the area?

- Yes No

Comments: (Please use back of sheet if needed)



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Client Name: Mc Kinley State Park - MAIN OFFICE

Phone: 218-780-6883 Charles Bystrom

Email: clerk@breitungtownship.org

Site Address: 5563 Hoodoo Point. rd TOWER

Date: 11-7-23

- PROPOSAL -

Roof Details:

- Remove shingles and underlayments
- inspect decking
- remove drip edge and all pipe boots
- tarp and net around building
- install 2 rows ice water, new drip edge, synthetic felt.
- install all new pipe boots and ridge vent
- install locally purchased (Tower, MN) 35yr GAF Timberline HDZ architectural shingles.
- job completed in 3 working days.
- scheduling TBD. (let us know)
- 500 discount if completed in 2023.

All roofs include a lifetime labor warranty.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: 1/2 DOWN UPON SIGNING OF PROPOSAL. BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION.

ESTIMATE INCLUDES:

Material and labor in accordance with the above specifications. Estimates may be withdrawn by Vermillion Roofing, LLC if not accepted within 90 days.

Joe Forsman 11-7-23
Vermillion Roofing, LLC Date

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE:

Work to be performed for the sum of:

16,200

Both parties agree to the above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted as a contract

Customer Signature Date

Township of Breitung
Budget Changes

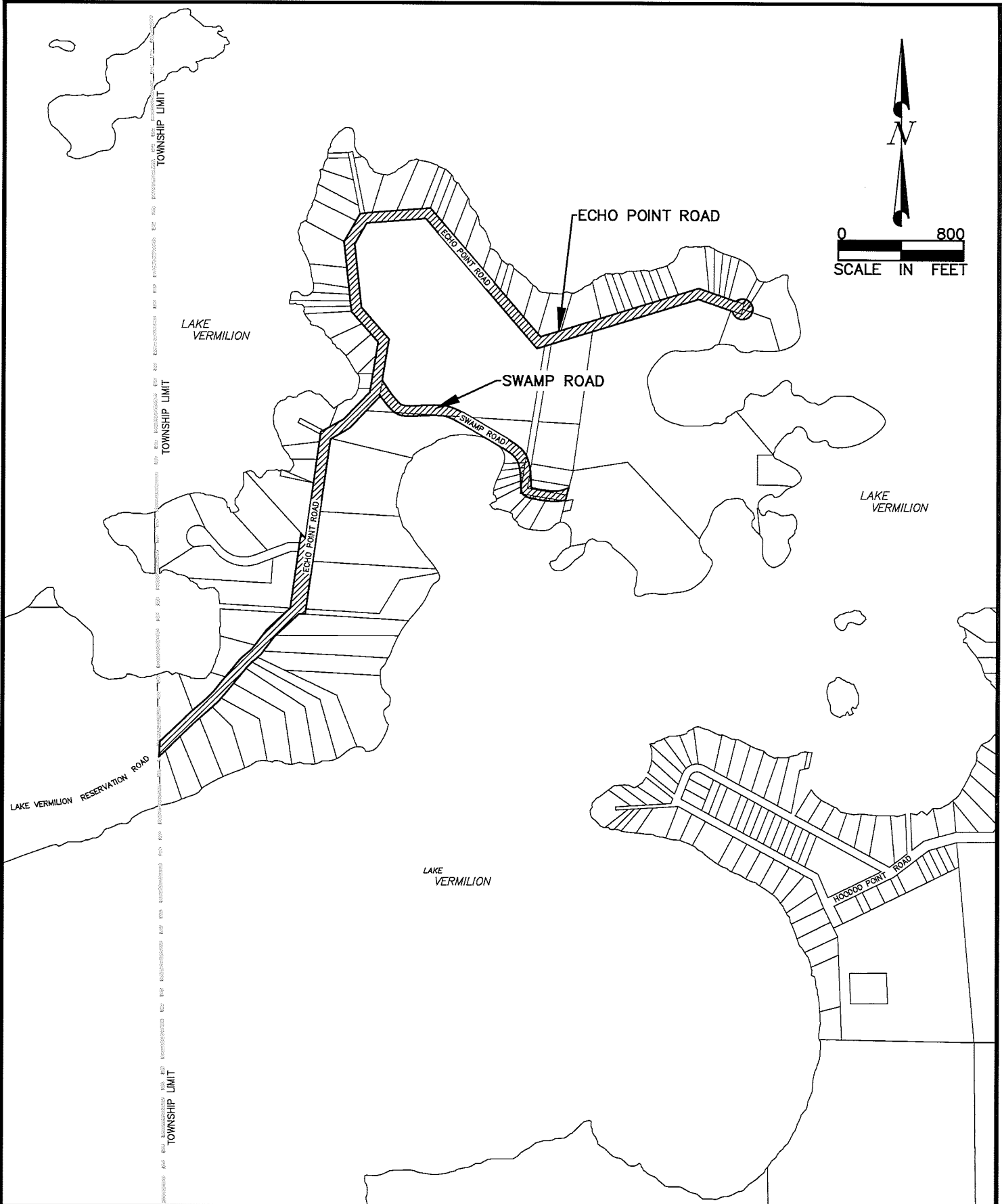
	<u>2019 vs</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>2020 vs</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>2021 vs</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>2022 vs</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>2023 vs</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>2024 vs</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>2025 vs</u> <u>2024</u>
Previous Year levy	\$510,000	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000
<u>Police:</u>							
Wages - 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		40,000					
Town Hall improvements loan payment							
<u>Road & 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	32,000	74,000	-	40,000	-	34,000	-
Total levy	\$542,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$656,000	\$656,000	\$690,000	\$690,000
Percent change in levy	6.27	13.65	0.00	6.49	0.00	5.18	0.00
Running Average change in levy	6.27	9.96%	6.64%	6.61%	5.28%	5.27%	

Bretling 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																
2) John Deere Tractor/Mower			17,000													
3) 2015 John Deere Loader	154,000	16,367								80,000						
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						150,000					300,000
7) 1998 Ford F8000 Tender/Pumper - Fire																
8) 2008 Peterbuilt Pumper - Fire																
9) Fire boat modifications & replace engines													20,000			
10) Zero turn mower					362,422								15,000			
11) Building Rehab loan							24,300		38,538	10,000						
12) 2021 GMC pickup & Vplow -2024																
13) Fire Dept SCBA's																
Ending Balance	\$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	\$150,388



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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER

SHEET NUMBER

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG TO
MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUND FROM IRRRB FY24
GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Grant Writing Assistance.

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if approved by the IRRRB.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution. Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Tuchel

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2024-05 was declared duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of February 2024.

Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Dianna Sunsdahl - Clerk

Application Fund Narrative – February 14, 2024

Project

Personal protection equipment will be requested through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant program. The primary service area of the Breitung Fire Department is the township which includes residential, wildland/agricultural and includes the campgrounds and Lake Vermilion Underground Mine and Lake Vermilion State Park. The expanded duties include the Lake Vermilion State Park Campground development. Breitung is an automatic mutual aid partner covering service areas of the City of Tower, Greenwood Township, Eagles Nest Township, Kugler Township, Vermilion Lake Township and Embarrass Township, as well as the Bois Forte Reservation.

Proper equipment and safe vehicles with appropriate equipment to serve our patients will improve the safety of our emergency services personnel and improve the service to our service area. The project supports our region's economic viability from loss of life and keeps our personnel and our patients safe.

Township ADA priorities throughout the township will be addressed during the 2024-2026 timeframe. A funding opportunity through MN DHS Age-Friendly will be requested in July 2024.

Complexity of grant application

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program application is an online application. It is complex and time consuming. It is a very competitive grant program. Township staff does not have the time or the expertise to tackle this application. An experienced grant writer is required to write the appropriate responses to the multiple questions in the application after research and gathering of information from township fire department files. AFG has a new complex FEMA-Go application format. Online applications have many nuances of which the writer must be cognizant in order to succeed in being awarded funding. An example of a completed FEMA AFG application from a previous year is included in the attachments. Age-Friendly is a new program and there is no additional information on the grant format at this time.

Qualification of the grant writer

Community Coaching Inc will provide grant writing services. Nancy Larson has extensive experience writing applications to the FEMA AFG Program with successful outcomes for the City of Orr, Town of Breitung, Town of Embarrass, Town of Morse, Ely Area Ambulance, Clinton Township, City of Keewatin and Greenway Coleraine Fire Department.

In addition to FEMA AFG, Larson has extensive experience writing applications to MNHS Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant Program, USDA RD, MN DEED, MN DNR Outdoor Recreation Program and other various grant programs with successful outcomes.

Nancy Larson, CEO of Community Coaching Inc, has over 33 years of experience as an administrator of federal and state community development, economic development and housing development, business development and homeless programs and hundreds of

community projects. She has successfully garnered over \$24 million in grants for small organizations and communities since incorporation of her company in 2005.

Copy of grant applications to be applied for and grant guidelines

See attachments – sample application and FEMA AFG manual; Age-Friendly Program information

Diversity, equity and inclusion

The project serves an underserved community/population. Breitung Township’s low-to-moderate income according to a community survey is in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development eligibility requirements. The Tower-Soudan Elementary School provides free and reduced breakfast and lunch to over 60% of the students each year. 55% of the school population is Native American from the Bois Forte community.

Program funding not received for past 2 fiscal years

Breitung has not received a Grant Writing Assistance grant in the past 2 fiscal years.

Job Creation and Retention

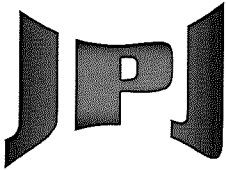
Personal protection equipment will be purchased through an external vendor. Construction jobs will be created as a result of the ADA project.

Alignment with applicant’s strategic plan or comprehensive plan

The project aligns with the Tower-Breitung Comprehensive Plan which was updated in 2015. The Comprehensive Plan is located in the attachments. The emergency services project is consistent with the plan as highlighted on page 54 under Public Utilities, Facilities and Services, Appendix A - Implementation Table.

Resolution

A DRAFT resolution for the Breitung town board’s approval at their February 22, 2024 meeting is attached. A fully executed resolution will be submitted after the town board meeting.



BREITUNG TOWNSHIP
MCKINLEY TRAIL CR 697

CR 697 WEST TO HOODOO POINT (5,100 LF)

PROJECT NO. 17-390

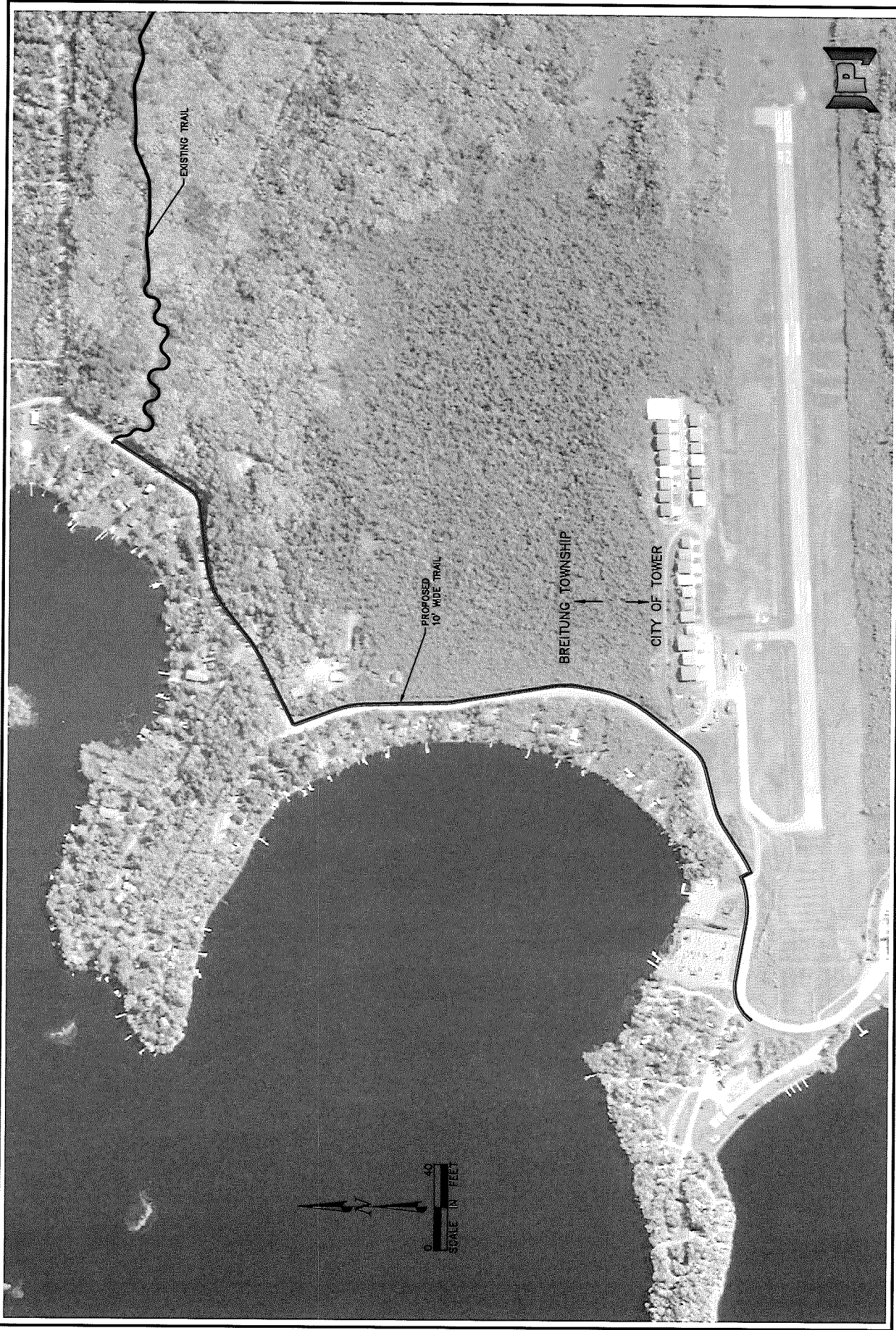
February 2, 2024

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

NO.	ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2101	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1.50	ACRE	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	4,200	CU. YD.	\$18.00	\$75,600.00
2105	SELECT GRANULAR BORROW	2,800	CU. YD.	\$40.00	\$112,000.00
2112	GEOTEXTILE SEPARATION FABRIC, TYPE V	6,800	SQ. YD.	\$4.00	\$27,200.00
2211	AGGREGATE BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	2,400	CU. YD.	\$35.00	\$84,000.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	580	TON	\$100.00	\$58,000.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	580	TON	\$100.00	\$58,000.00
2501	WETLAND CROSSING	500	LIN. FT.	\$100.00	\$50,000.00
2501	WETLAND PERMITING	1	L.S.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2501	STORM CULVERTS	400	LIN. FT.	\$75.00	\$30,000.00
2573	SILT FENCE	5,100	LIN. FT.	\$7.00	\$35,700.00
2575	SEEDING	2.0	ACRE	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
2575	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	4,300	SQ. YD.	\$5.00	\$21,500.00

TOTAL PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST	\$613,500.00
CONTINGENCIES	\$61,350.00
LEGAL, FISCAL, AND ENGINEERING	\$110,430.00
TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST	<u>\$785,280.00</u>

SAY	\$785,300
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EXISTING TRAIL

PROPOSED
10' WIDE TRAIL

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

CITY OF TOWER





January 30, 2024

Dear Regional Safety Group member,

Greetings from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Regional Safety Group Program Coordinator Ashley Edwardson. I am writing to inform you that the Board has approved a three-year contract renewal with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) for Regional Safety Group (RSG) trainers. Under the contract terms, the cost of MMUA training meetings will increase from \$1,650 to \$1,732.50 per meeting in 2024 and a 5% increase yearly in 2025 and 2026. LMCIT will continue to pay 55% of the cost, leaving each group to pay the remaining 45%.

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The Board believes these cost increases contribute to maintaining the RSG program's reputation as a personalized, top-tier, and affordable training program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the decision to renew our contract with MMUA.

Sincerely,

Ashley Edwardson
651-281-1268
Aedwardson@lmc.org

Ashley Edwardson




Invoice

Invoice Number: 377028
 Date: 2/13/2023
 PO #:
 Page: 1 of 1

Bill To:
 Harold Langowski
 Ely
 209 E Chapman St
 Ely, MN 55731-1471

Ship To:
 Harold Langowski
 209 E Chapman St
 Ely, MN 55731-1471

Quantity	Item Description	Unit Price	Extended
1.00	LMCIT/MMUA Regional Safety Groups Training	\$3,885.00	\$3,885.00
	101-11500 - \$1899.78 43100-306 - \$496.31 601 - 306 - \$496.31 602 - 306 - \$496.31 604 - 306 - \$496.31 RECEIVED FEB 21 2023 BY: _____ 		2023 4455-

2022 Vermilion Range RSG (6 meetings):
 3/16, 5/25, 7/27, 9/14, 11/18, 12/28
 Babbitt, Breitung Township, Cook, Ely, Tower, Winton

Please Remit To:
 League of Minnesota Cities
 145 University Ave W
 St Paul, MN 55103-2044

Questions: billing@lmc.org
 Billing Phone: (651)215-4024
 Main Phone: (651) 281-1200

Subtotal	\$3,885.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Shipping/Handling	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$3,885.00
Payment Applied	\$0.00
Amount Due	\$3,885.00

Thank you for your order!

City of Ely



209 E Chapman St
 Ely, MN 55731
 Phone: 218-365-3224
 Fax: 218-365-7811

INVOICE

For 2022 Training

DATE: February 23, 2023
 INVOICE #: 2023-007
 Due Date: Upon Receipt
 FOR: LMCIT - Safety Groups
 BILL TO: City of Ely

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LMCIT/MMUA Regional Safety Groups Training - \$3,885.00	\$ 3,885.00
Training charge for: March 16, 2022, May 25, 2022, July 27, 2022 September 14, 2022, November 18, 2022, December 28, 2022 (6 Meetings)	2023 TOTAL \$ 4,455
Ely (pop. 3233) - 51.1%	\$ 1,985.24
Babbitt (pop. 1385) - 21.8%	\$ 846.93
Breitung (pop. 612) - 9%	\$ 349.65
Cook (pop. 527) - 8.5%	\$ 330.23
Tower (pop. 424) - 7.3%	\$ 283.61
Winton (pop. 162) - 2.3%	\$ 89.36
2023 Training \$ 2,276.51 \$ 971.19 \$ 400.95 \$ 378.68 \$ 328.22 \$ 102.45 \$ 4,455	
Will bill in February 2024	

Please Reference Invoice # on Your Check. 2023-007

Make all checks payable to City of Ely. If you have any questions concerning this invoice please call 218-365-3224.

SUBTOTAL	\$3,885.00
TAX RATE	0.00%
SALES TAX	-
OTHER	-
TOTAL	\$ 3,885.00



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$$\$1,732.50 \times 0.45 = \$779.63 / \text{Mtg}$$

2024 Program - Will be billed 25'

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 12 \\ \hline \$9355.50 \end{array}$$

Ely	51.1%	\$ 4780.66
Babbitt	21.8%	\$ 2039.50
Bretting	9%	\$ 842.00
Cook	8.5%	\$ 795.22
Tower	7.3%	\$ 682.95
Winton	2.3%	\$ 215.17

Will bill in February 2025

Date: April 10, 2023

To: LMCIT members and agents

From: LMCIT workers' compensation payroll audit and underwriting staff

Re: Updated workers' compensation payroll audit rules moving forward

As a result of a recent Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association (WCRA) program audit¹ of LMCIT, LMCIT will be following updated audit rules on all workers' compensation payroll audits conducted on LMCIT member coverage agreements that expire in 2023 and after. This means there will be a few changes to the process.

Definition of, and deduction rules for, payroll used to calculate premiums

- Items such as vehicle allowances, taxable gift cards, vehicle stipends, etc., will be included in workers' compensation payroll. The Trust will no longer be using PERA as a benchmark for excluding these items.
- Severance compensation paid to terminated employees for accrued vacation and sick time wages will be included in the calculation of workers' compensation payroll in accordance with the MWCIA Basic Manual Rules 2B-1e and 2B-2e.
- Payments made to employees who opt-out of health insurance benefits will be included when reporting workers' compensation payroll.

Payroll for elected and appointed officials

There is also a change related to the payroll reporting for elected and appointed officials - class code 9411. Historically LMCIT has assigned a payroll of \$18,200 for each member for class code 9411 regardless of the actual amounts paid to elected and appointed officials. The annual manual premium charge for each member for this job class was \$93 for 2022 and \$95 for 2023. Moving forward, the payroll auditors will be required to capture and report the actual payroll each member pays to elected and appointed officials. (LMCIT needs to report the actual amounts to WCRA.) While the actual payroll will show up on payroll audit reports members see, LMCIT will continue to charge the flat annual manual charge of \$93 for 2022 and \$95 for 2023. *Thus, for this reporting change for class code 9411, there will be no impact on LMCIT members' premiums.*

Anticipated impact on LMCIT members

- The workers' compensation payroll auditors will be asking for slightly different information moving forward.
- The impact of the updated rules on LMCIT member premiums will be nominal.

If there is any concern about the impact on premium because of the updated audit rules during this period of transition, don't hesitate to contact your LMCIT underwriter.

¹ LMCIT is required to comply with the WCRA reporting criteria for each member's payroll by job class. The WCRA criteria generally follows rules set by the MN Workers' Compensation Insurance Association (MWCIA).

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan
145 University Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55103-2044 Phone (651) 215-4173

Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 56
SOUDAN, MN 55782-0056

Agreement No.: WC 1001805_Q-8
Agreement Period:
From: 03/01/2024
To: 03/01/2025

Enclosed is a quotation for workers' compensation deposit premium. **Note: Renewal Coverage will be bound as per the expiring coverage arrangement, including coverage for elected and appointed officials, with the premium indicated on the quote, unless the member or agent sends a written request not to bind renewal coverage.**

<u>PAYROLL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED PAYROLL</u>	<u>DEPOSIT PREMIUM</u>
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SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS

Manual Premium				18,897
Debit	1.30			5,669
Standard Premium				24,566
Deductible Credit	0.00%			0
Premium Discount				-1,859
Net Deposit Premium				\$22,707
Adjustment for Commission*				0
Total Net Deposit Premium				\$22,707

*Workers compensation rates assume a 2% standard commission. The commission adjustment accounts for the commission difference, above or below 2%.

Agent:

00716 Tower Soudan Agency Inc
Po Box 499
Tower, MN 55790-0499

Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000 (Con't)

OPTIONS

Please indicate below the premium option you wish to select. You may choose only one option and you cannot change options during the agreement period.

1. Regular Premium Option

Net Deposit Premium

22,707

2. Deductible Premium Option

Deductible options are available in return for a premium credit applied to your estimated standard Premium of \$ 24,566. The deductible will apply per occurrence to paid medical costs only. There is no aggregate limit.

	<u>Deductible per Occurrence</u>	<u>Premium Credit</u>	<u>Credit Amount</u>	<u>Net Deposit Premium</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	0.50%	-123	22,584
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	0.90%	-221	22,486
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000	1.70%	-418	22,289
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500	3.00%	-737	21,970
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000	4.50%	-1,105	21,602
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10,000	6.00%	-1,474	21,233
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25,000	10.00%	-2,457	20,250
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50,000	14.00%	-3,439	19,268

This quotation is for a deposit premium based on your estimate of payroll and selected options. Your final actual premium will be computed after an audit of payroll subsequent to the close of your agreement year and will be subject to revisions in rates, payrolls and experience modification. While you are a member of the LMCIT Workers' Compensation Plan, you will be eligible to participate in dividend distributions from the Trust based upon claims experience and earnings of the Trust.

If you desire the coverage offered above, please return this signed document for the option you have selected.

This quotation should be signed by an authorized representative of the member requesting coverage.

Signature	Title	Date
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**Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of Less than \$25,000
(Con't)**

CONTINUATION SCHEDULE FOR QUOTATION PAGE

<u>REMUNERATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST. PREM</u>
109,433	8.21	5506	STREET CONSTRUCTION	8,984
8,240	3.45	7520	WATERWORKS	284
POP 530	215.34	7718	FIREFIGHTERS (VOLUNTEER)NON SMOKING	1,141
87,571	8.47	7721	POLICE-NON SMOKING	7,417
26,650	0.65	8810	CLERICAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES NOC	173
1,510	7.01	9016	SKATING RINK OPERATION	106
7,536	6.72	9102	PARKS	506
25,400	0.81	9410	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	206
21,950	0.00	9411	ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS	80
Manual Premium				18897.0

BREITUNG POLICE PURSUIT MODEL POLICY

Minn. Stat. § 626.8458

I. POLICY

The primary purpose of this policy is to ensure officers and any member of the **Breitung Police Department** respects the sanctity of life when making decisions regarding vehicle pursuits. Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. The intent of this policy is to provide officers with guidance in balancing the safety of the public, safety of other officers and themselves, and law enforcement's duty to apprehend violators of the law, while minimizing the potential for pursuit related crashes.

II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- A decision to pursue should be based upon the totality of information and circumstances reasonably known to the officer at the time the decision is made, recognizing that law enforcement must often make immediate decisions with partial information.
- The safety of all persons involved in or by a police pursuit is of primary importance. It also must balance the risks of the pursuit to the public and peace officers with the consequences of failing to pursue (Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Sub. 2 (1)).
- No officer will be disciplined for terminating a pursuit.
- Officers, when responding to an emergency call or pursuing a fleeing vehicle shall, when approaching a stop sign or red light, slow down as necessary for safety, but may proceed cautiously if they sound a siren or display at least one red light to the front (Minn. Stat. §169.03(2)).
- The speed limitations do not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency call or vehicle pursuit, although this does not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of persons using the street, nor does it protect the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others (Minn. Stat. §169.177). Officer(s) should consider reducing their speeds and ensuring that the way is clear before proceeding thru an intersection or other locations where there is an increased likelihood of a collision with another vehicle or pedestrian. Evaluation of vehicle speeds should take into consideration public safety, officer safety and the safety of the occupants of the fleeing vehicle.
- Involved officers should frequently re-evaluate factors and conditions to assess the continuation of the pursuit.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Pursuit:** An active attempt by a sworn member operating a patrol unit or specialty unmarked unit to apprehend a driver of a motor vehicle who, having been given a visual and audible signal by a peace officer directing said driver to bring their vehicle to a stop, increases speed, extinguishes motor vehicle headlights or taillights, refuses to stop the vehicle, or uses other means with intent to attempt to elude a peace officer (Minn. Stat. §609.487).
- B. Termination of a Pursuit:** A pursuit is terminated when the pursuing officer(s) notify dispatch, turn off their emergency lights and sirens, and reduce speed to the posted speed limit.
- C. Divided Highway:** Any highway that is separated into two or more roadways by:
1. A physical barrier, or
 2. A clearly indicated dividing section constructed so as to impede vehicular traffic.
- D. Channeling:** To direct vehicular traffic into a progressively narrowing passageway or lane location on the roadway.
- E. Compelling Path:** The use of channeling technique with a modified roadblock located at its narrowed end. The compelling path differs from a termination roadblock in that the driver or any vehicle traveling the path has an exit option at the narrowed end.
- F. Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT):** A driving maneuver designed to stop a fleeing motorist by applying precision vehicle-to-vehicle-contact resulting in a predictable spin of the suspect's vehicle, bringing it to a stop.
- G. Flee:** The term "flee" means to increase speed, extinguish motor vehicle headlights or taillights, refuse to stop the vehicle, or use other means with intent to attempt to elude a peace officer following a signal given by any peace officer to the driver of a motor vehicle (Minn. Stat. § 609.487 Subd. 1).
- H. Primary Unit:** The law enforcement unit that initiates a pursuit or any other unit that assumes control of the pursuit.
- I. Support Units:** The primary responsibility is to remain in close proximity to the pursuing vehicle(s) so that officers are immediately available to render aid or assistance to anyone who may require it as a result of the pursuit. Support officers may also assume responsibility for radio traffic, and do not take over/assume control of the pursuit.

- J. Other Assisting Units:** Units not actively involved in the pursuit itself but assisting by deploying stop sticks, blocking intersections, compelling paths, or otherwise working to minimize risk.
- K. Ramming:** The deliberate act of impacting a fleeing offender's vehicle with another vehicle to functionally damage or otherwise force the violator to stop.
- L. Spike Strips:** A device that extends across the roadway and is designed to puncture the tires of the fleeing offender's pursued vehicle.
- M. Blocking or vehicle intercept:** A slow-speed coordinated maneuver where two or more law enforcement vehicles simultaneously intercept and block the movement of a suspect vehicle, the driver of which may be unaware of the impending enforcement stop, with the goal of containment and preventing a pursuit. Blocking is not a moving or stationary roadblock.
- N. Boxing-in:** A tactic designed to stop a violator's vehicle by surrounding it with law enforcement vehicles and then slowing all vehicles to a stop.
- O. Paralleling:** The practice of non-pursuing squad vehicles driving on streets nearby to the active pursuit, in a manner parallel to the pursuit route. Parallel driving does not exempt officers from obeying traffic laws. Minn. Stat. § 169.14, subd. 1.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. Pursuit Considerations – Minn. Stat §626.8458 Subd. 2 (2).

1. Pursuit is justified when the need for immediate apprehension or the risk to public safety outweighs the risk created as a result of the pursuit.
2. Factors to be considered when weighing risks:
 - Severity of the offense (in cases of non-violent offenses, officers should consider terminating the pursuit).
 - Speed of the pursuit
 - Area of the pursuit (including the geographical area, time of day, amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic)
 - Divided highways and one-way roads (Minn. Stat. § 169.03 Subd. 3)
 - Approach to intersections that are controlled by traffic signals, signs, or other location where there is an increased likelihood of a collision (Minn. Stat. §169.03)
 - Environmental conditions (weather, visibility, road surface conditions)
 - Special hazards (school zones, road construction, parades, special events)
 - The ability to identify the offender at a later time
 - Age of the suspect and occupants

- Other persons in or on the suspect vehicle
3. Standards applied to the ongoing evaluation of a pursuit, as well as the decision to continue a pursuit shall include the following considerations:
 - The immediate need to apprehend the offender outweighs the risk created by the pursuit.
 - The dangers created by the pursuit exceed the dangers posed by allowing the offender to escape.
 - Involved officers should frequently re-evaluate factors and conditions to assess the continuation of the pursuit.

B. Procedures & Tactics for an Officer Engaging in a Pursuit– Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (3)

1. Emergency vehicles shall be driven in a safe manner and with due regard for public safety.
2. Emergency vehicles operating in emergency mode are permitted to violate certain traffic regulations, when necessary, as long as the operator continues to exercise due care in vehicle operation.

C. Responsibilities of the Primary Unit – Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (4)

The driver of the primary unit shall notify dispatch of the pursuit and shall provide at least the following critical information to dispatch when possible:

- Travel direction/location/traffic and road conditions
 - Reason for initial contact (specific violations)
 - Identity of fleeing driver, if known
 - Plate number, if available, and/or vehicle description
 - Speed of fleeing vehicle
1. Provide relevant evolving information to dispatch
 2. No officer will intentionally make vehicle-to-vehicle contact unless this action is in conformance with agency policy on use of force (see agency policy on use of force)
 3. Roadblocks must conform to the agency's policy on use of force
 4. Only law enforcement vehicles with emergency lights and siren will be used as pursuit vehicles
 5. Unmarked and low-profile agency vehicles may engage in pursuits until a marked vehicle can take over as the primary vehicle. Officers shall not become engaged in

pursuits while operating a non-departmental (private) motor vehicle or departmental vehicles not equipped with required emergency equipment.

D. Procedures & Tactics for support units

1. Officers are authorized to use emergency equipment at intersections along the pursuit path to clear intersections of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to protect the public.
2. When possible, non-pursuing personnel needed at the termination of the pursuit should respond in a non-emergency manner, obeying all non-emergency traffic laws.
3. All participating units should operate under emergency conditions.

E. Supervision of Pursuit Activities

1. The use of a detached supervisor that is not directly involved in the pursuit, when available, should be considered.

Based on the known information the supervisor, when available, shall monitor the pursuit in order to take appropriate action to continue or terminate the pursuit (Minn. Stat. §626.8458 Subd. 2 (4)).

2. Procedures regarding control over pursuit activities should include:
 - Verbally acknowledge they are monitoring the pursuit.
 - Assess critical information necessary to evaluate the continuation of the pursuit. Evaluate and ensure pursuit is within policy.
 - Direct that the pursuit should be discontinued if it is not justified to continue under the guidelines of this policy or for any other reason.
 - Communicate to all involved units if the pursuit should be terminated
3. Options to keep in mind during a pursuit include, but are not limited to:
 - Parallel pursuits
 - Channeling techniques
 - Creating a compelling path
 - Air support
 - Spike strips or other tire deflation device
 - Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT)
 - Blocking or Vehicle Intercept
 - Boxing-in
 - Other apprehension or GPS tracking methods - Minn. Stat. §626.8458 Subd 2 (3)
4. *Post-pursuit chain of command notifications are required and shall be identified in each agency's policy.*

F. Dispatch Responsibilities

Upon notification that a pursuit has been initiated, Dispatch will be responsible for the following (Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (4)):

- Coordinate pursuit communications of the involved units and personnel.
- Notify and coordinate with other involved or affected agencies as practicable.
- Ensure that a supervisor, if available, is notified of the pursuit.
- Assign an incident number and log all pursuit activities.
- Broadcast pursuit updates as well as other pertinent information as necessary.

G. Factors Influencing the Termination of a Pursuit:

The driver of the primary unit and the supervisor shall continually evaluate the risks and likelihood of a successful apprehension of the suspect and shall consider terminating the pursuit under the following conditions.

1. The officer deems the conditions of the pursuit too risky for the safe continuation of the pursuit.
2. A supervisor orders it terminated.
3. Information is communicated that indicates the pursuit is out of compliance with policy.
4. Communication is broken.
5. Visual contact is lost for a reasonable period of time or the direction of travel cannot be determined.
6. The suspect is known and could be apprehended later, and delaying apprehension does not create a substantial known risk of injury or death to another.

H. Interjurisdictional Pursuit – Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (5).

1. The primary unit shall update critical information to the dispatcher before leaving its jurisdiction.
2. The primary law enforcement vehicle shall remain the primary vehicle in other jurisdictions unless the controlling pursuit authority transfers its authority to another jurisdiction.

3. Upon receiving notification the pursuit is entering another agency's jurisdiction, the dispatcher shall forward all critical information possessed by the dispatcher to that agency.
4. When a pursuit enters this law enforcement agency's jurisdiction:
 - The dispatcher shall update the critical information to the shift supervisor or other authorized individual identified by the law enforcement agency.
 - The controlling pursuit authority shall determine if the pursuit is in conformance with policy and shall provide appropriate direction to their units.
5. When a pursuit enters another agency's jurisdiction, the primary officer or supervisor, taking into consideration distance traveled, unfamiliarity with the area and other pertinent facts, should determine whether to request the other agency to assume the pursuit. Unless entry into another jurisdiction is expected to be brief, it is generally recommended that the primary officer or supervisor ensure that notification is provided to the dispatcher and to each outside jurisdiction into which the pursuit is reasonably expected to enter, regardless of whether such jurisdiction is expected to assist (Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (5)).

If a pursuit from another agency enters the Department's jurisdiction, Dispatch should update the on-duty supervisor. No pursuit will continue into another state unless permission is received from a supervisor, if available, prior to entering that state and the pursuit is of a known or suspected violent felon. Prior to crossing the state line, the dispatcher will notify the appropriate out of state authority to coordinate the pursuit and the channels to be used for communications.

I. Fresh pursuit outside state boundaries

If the pursuing officer has received supervisory approval, the officer may continue the pursuit across state lines with those states, which grant reciprocity. This would include North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin (Minn. Stat. §626.65, Uniform Law on Fresh Pursuit; Reciprocal.)

J. Air Support

1. When available, aircraft assistance should be requested. Once the air unit has established visual contact with the pursued vehicle, it should assume control over the pursuit. The primary and secondary ground units should consider whether the participation of an aircraft warrants their continued involvement in the pursuit (Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 2 (4)). The air unit should coordinate the activities of resources on the ground, report progress of the pursuit and provide officers and supervisors with details of upcoming traffic congestion, road hazards or other pertinent information to evaluate whether to continue the pursuit. If ground units are not within visual contact and the air unit determines that it is unsafe to continue the pursuit, the air unit should recommend terminating the pursuit.

K. Pursuit Summary Report

1. The primary officer and the supervisor shall file a pursuit summary report.
2. To ensure compliance with Minn. Stat. § 626.5532, the chief law enforcement officer shall ensure the completion of the State pursuit report form and forward it to the Commissioner of Public Safety within 30 days following the pursuit.
3. As required in Minn. Stat. §626.5532, the report must contain the following elements:
 - a) the reason(s) for, and the circumstances surrounding the pursuit;
 - b) the alleged offense;
 - c) the length of the pursuit in distance and time;
 - d) the outcome of the pursuit;
 - e) any injuries or property damage resulting from the pursuit; and
 - f) any pending criminal charges against the driver.
 - g) other information deemed relevant by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

L. Care and Consideration of Victims

If during a pursuit an officer observes or is made aware of an injury to an individual, the officer shall immediately notify the dispatcher to have the appropriate emergency units respond. Rendering assistance includes, but is not limited to:

Minn. Stat. §626.8458 Subd. 2 (6)

- Calling an ambulance
- Rendering first aid until the officers are no longer needed at the injury scene
- Summoning additional units to the scene for assistance with the injured persons and/or traffic control

M. Use of Firearms

The use of firearms to disable a pursued vehicle is not generally an effective tactic and involves all the dangers associated with discharging firearms. Officers should not discharge firearms during an ongoing pursuit unless the conditions and circumstances meet the requirements authorizing the use of deadly force. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any officer from using a firearm to stop a suspect from using a vehicle as a deadly weapon.

N. Capture of Suspects

Proper self-discipline and sound professional judgment are the keys to a successful conclusion of a pursuit and apprehension of evading suspects shall be consistent with the agency use of force policy and Minn. Stat. §609.06.

O. Evaluation and Critique

After each pursuit, the supervisor and law enforcement agency units involved with the pursuit will evaluate the pursuit and make recommendations to the chief law enforcement officer on ways to improve the agency's pursuit policy and tactics.

P. Training

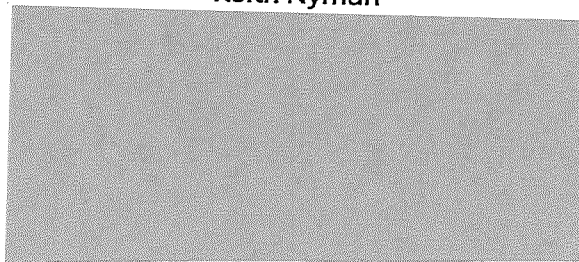
In accordance with POST requirements, all sworn members shall be given initial and periodic updated training in the department's pursuit policy and safe emergency vehicle operation tactics. Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training is minimally required for each officer every five years. This training shall comply with learning objectives developed and approved by the board and shall minimally consist of at least eight hours of classroom and skills-based training every five years per Minn. Stat. § 626.8458 Subd. 5. Continual training should also be considered for those officers authorized to use the PIT maneuver, spike strip deployment, GPS tracking, and related pursuit intervention procedures, tactics, and technologies.

Signed January 31, 2024

Chief Daniel Reing
Breitung Police Department

Letter Of Resignation

Keith Nyman



February 15, 2024

Breitung Township Police Department

41 1st Ave.

Soudan, MN, 55782

Chief Reing,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to resign from my position as a Patrol Officer with the Breitung Township Police Department, effective 2 weeks from today, February 29, 2024.

My career goals have changed since I started working here in April of 2012 and I feel that the time has come for me to pursue another opportunity that is more aligned with my new aspirations.

I appreciate and am honored to have served the citizens of Breitung Township and surrounding areas for 11 plus years. I have made lifelong friends and have learned a lot from this small community. I look forward to continuing to work with the officers of Breitung Township. Again thank you!! Stay Safe!!

Keith Nyman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Keith Nyman', is written below the typed name.