

**Breitung Township**  
**Reorganizational Board Meeting 03-20-2025, ~7:00 PM**  
**In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**  
**33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782**

**Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Supervisor Steve Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Clerk Amber Zak, Treasurer Teresa Dolinar

**Public:** Tom Gorsma, Trevor Banks, Chief Daniel Reing, Jodi Summit (The Timberjay Newspaper), Terry Carlson (The Tower News), Tim Tomsich, John Jamnick (JPJ), Trudy Hendricks, Dale Swanson, Lori Tomsich, Robin Majerle, Jorgine Gornick, Mike Dolinar, Steve Burgess, Dianna Sundahl, Amy Berglund, Matt Tomsich (6:48), Lindsey Tomsich(6:48), Tori Tomsich(6:48), Jayne Sundeen (6:49), Tom Sundeen (6:49)

Call to Order at 6:45 PM by Vice-Chairman Matt Tuchel

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed 3-0

**Reorganization**

- **Legal Publication**-2 bids received from the Timberjay and Tower News  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to name both The Tower News and The Timberjay as legal newspapers in the interest of wider dissemination of information  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0
- **Depository**  
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to use Frandsen Bank and Trust, Park State Bank, and PMA Financial (4M fund) as the Township Depositories  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0
- **Legal Advisor**  
Motion by Supervisor Peitso to use Bob Pearson of Johnson, Killen, & Seiler, P.A., Fryberger and Minnesota Association of Townships as the Township Legal Advisors  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0
- **Labor**
  - Minimum wage: \$11.13 per hour – subject to wage requirements by the Federal Government and the State of Minnesota
  - Rider Mower Operator: Minimum wage + \$3/hour (16 years of age or older)
  - Strike the youth wage as it is only applicable for the first 90 days of employment, utilize minimum wage from the start for all employments to avoid clerical issues
  - Rink Attendants: Minimum wage + \$3/hour (18 years of age or older)
  - Office Cleaning: \$19.00/hour
  - Equipment Operators: \$15.00 - \$20.00/hour subject to experience
  - Equipment Rental: \$100/hour with operator (1/2 hour minimum)
  - Grader Operator: \$25.00/hourMotion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the adjustments to minimum wage, rider mower wage, you wage, rink attendant wage, office cleaning wage, equipment operator wage, equipment rental wage, and grader operator wage as indicated above  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0
- Fire Chief: \$425 per month

- Assistant Fire Chief: \$375 per month
- Fire Department Training Officer: \$400 per month
- Fire Captain: \$250 per month
- Fire Lieutenant: \$200 per month

Motion by Chairman Peitso to approve Fire Department wages as indicated above  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to conflict of interest and receiving FD wages

- Annual Meeting Moderator: \$50.00/meeting
- Police: As per Contract
- Part Time Police: \$25.00 per hour
- Supervisors
  - ✓ Chairman: \$650 per month
  - ✓ Supervisors: \$550 per month
- Clerk: \$27,000.00 yearly
  - ✓ Deputy Clerk: \$21.00/hour
- Treasurer: \$26,000.00 yearly
  - ✓ Deputy Treasurer: \$21.00/hour
- Election Judges: \$17.00/hour
- Compensation for Town Board and Town Officers for attended extra Town Board meeting: \$50.00 per occurrence
- Reimbursement for Town Officers (Clerk & Treasurer) for township related expenses: \$50.00/month
- Cigarette License: \$50.00
- Animal License:
  - Annual/Unsexed: \$5.00
  - Annual/Sexed: \$10.00
  - Lifetime/Unsexed: \$20.00
  - Lifetime/Sexed: \$30.00
- Designate Posting Locations: Outside the Community Center, Soudan Post Office, and Soudan Store
- Mileage: As regulated by the IRS – 70.0 cents/mile

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the annual meeting moderator, police, part-time police, supervisor, chairman, clerk, deputy clerk, treasurer, deputy treasurer, election judge, extra board meeting compensation, township related expense compensation, cigarette license, animal licenses, and mileage rates & wages and designated posting locations as indicated above

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Positions for Supervisors**

- Chairperson: Supervisor Tuchel
  - Vice-Chairperson: Supervisor Peitso
  - Wastewater Board: Supervisor Peitso/Supervisor Tekautz
  - McKinley Park Liaison: Supervisor Tekautz
  - Ambulance Board: Supervisor Peitso
  - Joint Recreation Board: Supervisor Tekautz
  - Lodging Tax Board: Supervisor Tuchel
  - Weed Inspector: all Supervisors
  - Township Grant Manager: Tim Tomsich at \$30/hour
  - Township Recreation Areas: Supervisor Peitso
  - Township Project Inspector: Supervisor Tuchel, Supervisor Tekautz as back-up
- Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the above 2025 Reorganizational changes as noted above

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0

Township Election Official

Resolution 2025-08 Authorizing Contract Teresa Dolinar  
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2025-08 as presented paying \$17.00/hour  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0

Optional Holiday Days

Resolution 2025-09 Designating the Optional Holiday Days as Not Holidays  
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2025-09 as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0

Life Insurance Enrollment

Resolution 2025-10 Enrollment Resolution of Officers  
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2025-10 with a choice of Platinum coverage  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0

Regular Board Meetings 2025-2026 Schedule

Motion made by Supervisor Tuchel to schedule the Regular Board Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Local Board of Appeals & Equalization: Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00pm

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn at 7:06 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Zak  
Clerk, Breitung Township