

Breitung Township
Regular Board Meeting 04-15-2025, 6:00 PM
In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center
33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Matt Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Supervisor Steve Tekautz, Treasurer Teresa Dolinar, Deputy Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

Public: Tom Gorsma, Chief Daniel Reing, Stephanie Ukkola (The Timberjay Newspaper), Trudy Hendricks

Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tuchel

Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the minutes of the 03-20-2025 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 03-20-2025 Reorganization Meeting as presented

2nd by Chairman Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Chairman Tuchel to accept the March 2025 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department-Supervisor Tekautz to call to clarify if land still available, if so-Supervisor Tekautz and Tom Gorsma to review
- Thank you from Jorgine Gornick-so noted

Correspondence so noted.

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police – Attached
- Fire – No Report
- Road and Bridge – Attached
- Wastewater Board – Chairman Tichel explained that the PFA loan that was raised since has now been lowered and grant has since been increased due to legislative involvement. Interest rate is also lower now, so payments will be lower.
- Ambulance Commission – No meeting/report
- Housing – Attached

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Current Infrastructure Projects

- 2025 Infrastructure Project – On hold until after 7-1-2025 when the next round of IRRR funding becomes available. This includes Swamp Rd and Echo Pt.
- 2022 and 2023 Infrastructure Projects – Projects and change orders complete, waiting for final pay estimates. Mesabi Bituminous should submit sometime next week.
- McKinley Loop Trail – Should hear if grant money has been approved in the next week or two. This project is slated for 2026.
- Thompson Farm Road Project – Still awaiting MnDOT approval for 2nd turn lane. Funding likely available through the LRIP grant.

Flood/FEMA process – See Attached report

Police: Squad Replacement

Chief Reing was still waiting for quotes for the additional equipment needed for a new squad. Chief Reing did receive notice that decals on the vehicle are estimated at a cost of \$2,000.

Sewer Ordinance

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the draft sewer ordinance with the change to Article VIII fee schedule. Should read “per current Breitung water rate schedule as amended or recodified from time to time”

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to set a Special Town Meeting for elector approval for the Sewer and Animal Ordinance on 05/20/2025 @ 5:30pm

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Fire Truck Replacement

Chief Banks still reviewing; tabled at this time.

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Community Picnic

Motion by Chairman Tuchel to hold the Community Picnic on July 6th, 2025

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Propane Bid Request

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to call for 1-, 2-, and 3-year sealed bids for propane

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Payroll & Vendor Payment Schedule

Motion by Chairman Tuchel to accept new Payroll and Vendor Payment Schedule as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Water Department Manager Resignation

Motion by Chairman Tuchel to accept resignation from Jorgine Gornick as presented, with work to be done in-house

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Next Board Meetings

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization meeting on 05/06/2025 @ 1:00pm

Special Town Meeting on 05/20/2025 @ 5:30pm

Regular Board Meeting on 05/20/2025 @ 6:00pm

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Deputy Clerk, Breitung Township