

# Township of Breitung Agenda – Regular Board Meeting

**Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05/20/2025**

**Breitung Community Center 6:00 PM**

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 04-15-2025 Regular Board Meeting
  - 05-06-2025 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting
- Approval of April 2025 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written: 49797 - 49878
  - Total Disbursements: \$116,375.08
  - Fund Balance: \$491,218.73
  - Voided Checks: 49850, 49859
- Correspondence
  - Jorgine Gornick
  - St. Louis County Association of Townships (minutes/agenda)
  - St. Louis County Association of Townships (invitation)
  - Highway 169 Task Force
  - Tower Soudan Historical Society
  - US Treasury
  - St. Louis County – Planning & Zoning Department
  - St. Louis County – Public Works Department
- Public Input

## **Reports:**

- Police – Attached
- Fire & Rescue – March & April, attached
- Road and Bridge – Attached
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission
- Housing – None
- Recreation

## **Old Business**

- Current Infrastructure Projects
  - 2025 Infrastructure
  - 2023 Infrastructure
    - Partial Payment Estimate #2
  - 2022 Infrastructure
    - Change Order #2
    - Final Payment Estimate #4
  - McKinley Park Trail Loop
  - Thompson Farm Road
  - Stuntz Bay Access Rd - punch list
- Flood/FEMA process – Attached
- Sewer Ordinance – Adoption & Approval of Summary Language, see separate special meeting packet

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills as presented
- Part-time Police applicant
- Animal Ordinance – Adoption & Approval of Summary Language, see separate special meeting packet
- Local Board of Appeal & Equalization motions, see minutes
- Vermilion Housing Corporation
- Eagles Nest Township Request
- Resolution 2025-12: Accepting Donations
- Resolution 2025-13: Authorizing Issuance & Sale of Revenue Note
- Joint Powers Recreation Board Agreement
- Police Local 346 Union Contract
- Broadband Project
- CTC Permit Request
- Dog Obedience Class Space Request

## **Next Board Meetings**

Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

## **Adjourn**

**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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

Motion passed 3-0

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

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

Motion passed 3-0

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Tuchel 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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”

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion Passed 3-0

**Community Picnic**

Motion by Chairman Tuchel to hold the Community Picnic on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz  
Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl  
Deputy Clerk, Breitung Township

**Breitung Township**  
**Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting 05-06-2025, 1:00 PM**  
**In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**  
**33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782**

**In Person**

Present: Chairman Matthew Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Clerk Amber Zak

Public: Ben Thomas – St Louis County Assessor (left at 2:04 PM), Paul Cherry – St Louis County Assessor, Rodella LaFreniere – St Louis County Assessor, Patrick Vanderbeek – St Louis County Assessor, Patty & Todd Christopherson (left at 3:15 PM), Colin Rohrenbach (left at 3:15 PM), Jennifer Willner (left at 3:15 PM), Cade Gornick (left at 2:40 PM), Karen Frazee (arrived at 1:04 PM, left at 2:54 PM), Jeffrey Johnson (left at 1:39 PM), James Mayer (arrived at 1:39 PM, left at 3:15 PM)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tuchel at 1:00 PM

**Property Discussion:**

Patty & Todd Christopherson:	270-0084-00170
Colin Rohrenbach:	270-0083-00140
Jennifer Willner:	270-0020-00487
Cade & Andrea Gornick:	270-0095-00330
Karen Frazee	270-0083-00190
James Mayer	270-0074-00070
Vermilion Housing Corporation	270-0110-01082
Genelle & David Bjorgo	270-0110-00250
Clayton Halunen	270-0093-00030
	270-0093-00010
	270-0093-00020
Brad Johnson	270-0110-01570
5757 Echo Trail LLC (Kilberg)	270-0070-00660
Joseph & Kimberly Mohrhauser	270-0070-00880
	270-0070-00900
	270-0070-00910
Gregory Phillips	270-0110-01120
Ronald & Dianne Sikkila	270-0020-00425
Diane & Troy Wood	270-0110-02220
Carol Norberg	270-0083-00110
Nancy Dahlquist	270-0087-00150
Krzysztof & Beata Dziegielewski	270-0110-00280
Jeffrey Johnson	270-0110-00380

Patty & Todd Christopherson: in attendance to discuss. Patty explained their reasoning for appeal being that comparable sales do not equate to their increased valuation.

St Louis County (SLC) assessor discussed appropriate attributes of the home, noting there is not a hot tub on premises and they could adjust for that; offered an internal inspection of home to verify its condition. McKinley Park area home values went up 18.77% on average. Homeowner argued that sales have actually flattened; a comparable home with similar value was currently on the market for a lower asking price. Chairman Tuchel noted that a decrease of roughly \$25,000 based on the asking price of similarly valued home would be acceptable.

Colin Rohrenbach: in attendance to discuss. Colin explained that he had made no improvements to the home and yet still received a 20% increase in EMV. He stated that Mallard drive cuts through his property as well. When discussing property attributes with assessors, it was noted that Mr. Rohrenbach does not have a standard septic system, only a 500-gallon holding tank. The assessor stated that they could make an adjustment for that in their property details report.

SLC assessors explained that recent sales have been coming in higher than assessment value; it is the goal of the county to assess properties to 95% of their EMV, hence the reasoning for the increase. Lakefront property has been selling quite regularly and has not seen a downturn. Chairman Tuchel noted that there were no similar properties disproving the accuracy of the valuation, and therefore he envisioned no change to the valuation.

Jennifer Willner: in attendance to discuss. Had received a large jump in her property valuation with an increase of over \$250k/34%. She argued that no improvements had been made recently and that the increase due to property sales was egregious. She further argued that her garage was receiving a higher valuation due to partial insulation, when it was truly only a third of the garage that was insulated.

SLC assessors explained that EMV was calculated as an aggregate of all sales. Property attributes were discussed and it was noted that the property was receiving a lower tax rate due to the shape of the property and the shoreline. The garage size and insulation were discussed, the change the valuation of the insulated portion, it would need to be inspected. Again, properties have been selling for higher than the EMV which indicated a low valuation, hence the reasoning for the increase. Chairman Tuchel noted that sales of similar properties indicated a correct valuation and there were no disproving factors to show that the valuation should be lowered.

### Recess

A 10-minute recess was taken at 2:05 PM due to a work emergency that Chairman Tuchel needed to attend to. No business was conducted during this time. Meeting resumed at 2:15 PM.

Cade Gornick in attendance to discuss. Mr. Gornick explained that the valuation has gone up year after year; he questioned whether the construction of an addition was the reason for the increased valuation this year. Mr. Gornick indicated he thought perhaps homes should not be able to sell for more than a certain percentage over their market value.

SLC assessor reviewed attributes of the home, a \$39k of the increase was due to the home's addition, however the remainder of the increase in value was also due to increased sales of comparable properties. Chairman Tuchel indicated that due to the construction increase and no dissimilar property sales, no change would be likely made to the valuation.

Karen Frazee in attendance to discuss. Reviewed home's attributes with assessor, finding them to be accurate. SLC assessor indicated the dollar value is correct based on surrounding sales data. Chairman Tuchel indicated that no change to the valuation should be made at this time.

James Mayer in attendance to discuss. Mr. Mayer argued that the valuation of his property should be lowered due to the type of geography of his back-lot (swamp). He explained that the lot size had been determined based on the ability to install a single-family home with septic; because the swamp comprised so much of the land, the lot size was quite large and contained many feet of waterfront. While he understood that waterfront size was the main contributing factor to the assessment, he argued that it should be lowered as he was unable to use a large portion of his property as it was considered wetlands. A comparison was made of the next-door land value and chairman Tuchel indicated he was open to a 10% drop in valuation.

Vermilion Housing Corporation: appeal by written statement, attached. Rodella LaFreniere commented on this property, indicating that she misunderstood the business model of the housing corporation and had incorrectly valued the property. She proposed an adjustment down of \$236,500.00.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reduced the value of the property to \$222,400.00 based on the recommendation of the SLC assessor

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

Motion passed

Genelle & David Bjorgo: appeal by written statement, attached. Assessor confirmed that the chimney is old, non-functioning and there is no fireplace in the home, recommended decrease due to inaccuracy of valuation

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reduce the value of the property to \$185,600 based on the recommendation of the SLC assessor

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

Motion passed

Clayton Halunen: appeal by written statement, attached. Discussion on cost vs value of tennis court, deemed that a tennis court would not constitute its full value of installation in a sale; re-evaluated 2<sup>nd</sup> cabin as seasonal only

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to reduce the value of the tennis court by \$10,400 and reduce the value of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cabin by \$10,300 for a total value of \$2,093,700 on parcel 270-0093-00010

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

Motion passed

Brad Johnson: appeal by written statement, attached. Valuation deemed accurate by LBAE.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to keep the value of the property as currently listed.

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

Motion passed

5757 Echo Trail LLC (Kilberg): appeal by written statement, attached. Valuation deemed accurate by LBAE.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to keep the value of the property as currently listed.

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

Motion passed

Joseph & Kimberly Mohrhauser: appeal by written statement, attached. Valuation deemed accurate by LBAE.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to keep the value of the property as currently listed.

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

Motion passed

Gregory Phillips: appeal by written statement, attached. LBAE had personal knowledge of the home and stated that the house was in poor condition as indicated in the written appeal.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to change the condition of the home to poor resulting in a \$4400.00 reduction as advised by the SLC Assessor

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

Motion passed

Ronald & Dianne Sikkila: appeal by written statement, attached. Valuation deemed accurate by LBAE, noted that a portion of the increase was due to a change in classification being that the property was no longer water-access only.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to keep the value of the property as currently listed.

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

Motion passed

Diane & Troy Wood: appeal by direct contact with SLC assessor: structure condition beyond poor, assessor recommended a drop to \$16,400 total valuation and a change of class code from 151 to 204 (seasonal to storage).

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel adjust valuation to \$16,400 and change the class code from 151 to 204 per SLC recommendation

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

Motion passed

Carol Norberg: appeal by direct contact with SLC assessor: basement was incorrectly valued at a much better condition than remainder of house, upon inspection, assessor determined this to not be the case. Assessor recommended decrease of \$74,200 to structure valuation due to assessor error.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel adjust structure valuation down by \$74,200 per SLC recommendation

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

Motion passed

Nancy Dahlquist: appeal by direct contact with SLC assessor: requested reduction due to the shape of her lot and narrow water frontage, SLC Assessor suggested a reduction of \$88,300

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel adjust valuation down by \$88,300 per SLC recommendation

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

Motion passed

Krzysztof & Beata Dziegielewski: appeal by direct contact with SLC assessor: several updates to valuation including square footage in right-of-way, no heat source, and a slab under the shed.

Recommendation by assessor to reduce valuation by \$1,200

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel adjust valuation down by \$1,200 per SLC recommendation

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

Motion passed

Jeffrey Johnson: in attendance to discuss, left prior to being able to voice his appeal. LBAE reviewed valuation with assessors, noting a 45% jump which was similar to the rest of the township.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to keep the value of the property as currently listed.

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

Motion passed

No motion was passed to approve the in-person appeals; the in-person appeals will be addressed at the Regular Town Board Meeting on 05-20-2025, whose minutes will be attached once approved.

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM

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

Motion passed 2-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Zak

Clerk, Breitung Township

# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Apr-25

GENERAL	258,778.87
ROAD & BRIDGE	39,609.38
FIRE	26,924.51
PARK	32,794.55
RECREATION	15,151.77
POLICE	39,024.84
PROJECTS	78,934.81
TOTALS	491,218.73

## Total Disbursements for April of 2025

General	13,504.45
Road & Bridge	73,471.71
Park	3,092.07
Recreation	719.67
Fire	10,351.99
Police	15,235.19
	116,375.08

Checks Numbers 49797 - 49878

Voids 2, 49850 & 49859

**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG - RECEIPTS****Apr-25**

4/2 & \$/23 US Postmaster - Rent	931.00	Projects
4/2/2025 McKinley Park Deposits	3,500.00	Park
4/15/2025 PILT DNR 2024	2,289.00	General
4/15/2025 FEMA Reimbursement	14,894.98	Road & Bridge
4/2/2025 FEMA Indian Point Road	52,708.07	Projects
4/29/2025 Water Board Payroll Reimbursement	2,848.05	General
4/29/2025 City of Virginia Zero deaths grant	1,483.47	Police
4/2/2025 Community Room Rent, Clemensen	50.00	General
4/29/2025 Community Room Rent Suihkonen	50.00	General
4/2/2025 Shipping for Face Plates	131.50	General
4/23/2025 Face Plates	390.00	General
4/17/2025 Donations Fire 75 anniversary EBCH	500.00	Fire
4/29/2025 Donations Fire 75 anniversary P Pishler	100.00	Fire
4/29/2025 Reimbursement J. Gornick	79.42	General
4/1/2025 Donation L Anderson	80.75	General
4/15/2025 Donation Tower Civic Club	100.00	General
NOW Intererst	65.05	General
MMD Interest	41.70	General
4 M Fund Interest	1,414.36	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,657.35</b>	

**Township of Breitung**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of April 30, 2025

Apr 30, 25

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

4M Fund General MN0102392001	402,698.12
FBT- Svgs Cert #1300342622	25,825.75
FBT-Savings Cert #1300319690	92,983.56
FBT - Reserve Account	32,574.16
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	67,689.05
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	21,286.22
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	753.94
Water Department - SBT NOW	18,067.51
Water Department - SBT Savings	70,135.50

**Total Checking/Savings** 732,013.81

**Other Current Assets**

Accounts Receivable - Water	27,884.08
County Taxes Receivable	23,559.11

**Total Other Current Assets** 51,443.19

**Total Current Assets** 783,457.00

**Fixed Assets**

1983 Caterpillar Grader	80,000.00
1998 Ford Water Tender	58,000.00
2001 Ford F-550 Fire Truck	101,904.04
2004 Polaris 4-Wheeler	2,500.00
2008 Custom Fire Truck	199,971.00
2013 24 Pulsecraft Fire Boat	95,500.00
2013 Arctic Cat Sowmobile	11,451.65
2013 Ford F-350 Truck/plow	56,321.98
2015 John Deere Loader	170,328.00
2016 John Deere Zero Turn Mower	8,766.00
2017 Ford Explorer Police Car	29,195.00
2017 John Deere Tractor 1025R	16,957.00
2021 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck	24,306.34
2023 International Dump Truck	149,792.47
2024 Bobcat Tool Cat	79,338.61
Campground Office	262,500.00
Construction In Progress	246,097.22
Contents-Campground Office	22,500.00
Contents-FH,G,PO	48,750.00
Contents Police Office & Garage	39,375.00
Contents Truck Storage	16,875.00
Entrance Signs	22,000.00
Fire Dept Equipment	15,671.72
Fire Hall,Garage, Post Office	300,000.00
Garage Equipment	5,000.00
Land-Ballfield Complex	10,000.00
Land-McKinely Park Campground	292,700.00
Land-Township Complex	20,000.00
Land - Towship Lots	88,300.00
MINOS Building	863,964.00
Police Equipment	12,000.00
Police Office & Garage	60,000.00
Truck Storage	50,625.00

**Total Fixed Assets** 3,460,690.03

**TOTAL ASSETS** 4,244,147.03

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	44,277.30
Accrued Salaries	2,332.60

**Township of Breitung**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of April 30, 2025

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	<u>Apr 30, 25</u>
Payroll Liabilities	4,686.84
Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>74,855.85</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	74,855.85
Long Term Liabilities	
FBT - Rehab Loan	282,142.00
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>282,142.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	356,997.85
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,837,341.53
Retained Earnings	2,116,427.44
Net Income	-66,619.79
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>3,887,149.18</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>4,244,147.03</u></u>

**Township of Breitung**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 April 2025

	Apr 25
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	780.75
Interest	106.75
McKinley Park Campground	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	3,448.97
Police Miscellaneous	1,483.47
Rents	1,031.00
St. Louis County	
DNR -PILT	2,289.00
<b>Total St. Louis County</b>	2,289.00
State of Minnesota	
FEMA	14,894.98
Miscellaneous	52,708.07
<b>Total State of Minnesota</b>	67,603.05
<b>Total Income</b>	80,242.99
<b>Gross Profit</b>	80,242.99
<b>Expense</b>	
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	
General	260.32
<b>Total Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses</b>	260.32
Electricity & Water	
Fire	538.55
General	233.55
Park	394.00
Police	448.48
Road & Bridge	1,135.18
<b>Total Electricity &amp; Water</b>	2,749.76
Equipment Purchases	
Fire	5,663.53
<b>Total Equipment Purchases</b>	5,663.53
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
Fire	61.38
General	305.00
Police	620.24
Road & Bridge	723.78
<b>Total Fuel - Fuel Oil</b>	1,710.40
Insurance	
General	0.00
Police	366.00
Road & Bridge	32.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	398.00
Mileage	
Police	225.40
<b>Total Mileage</b>	225.40
Payroll Expenses	
General	977.00
Police	1,620.75
Road & Bridge	5,011.03
Payroll Expenses - Other	29,921.20
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	37,529.98

Township of Breitung  
Profit & Loss  
April 2025

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	<u>Apr 25</u>
Payroll Taxes	
Police	1,467.00
Total Payroll Taxes	1,467.00
Seminars & Education	
Police	275.00
Total Seminars & Education	275.00
Services Rendered	
1099-NEC	1,750.00
Fire	892.00
General	310.00
Police	1,518.00
Recreation	300.00
Special Projects	52,708.07
Total Services Rendered	57,478.07
Supplies	
Fire	991.61
General	1,707.34
Police	1,165.43
Recreation	239.76
Road & Bridge	2,995.97
Total Supplies	7,100.11
Telephone	
General	120.33
Park	895.34
Police	185.36
Road & Bridge	0.00
Total Telephone	1,201.03
Total Expense	116,058.60
Net Ordinary Income	-35,815.61
Net Income	<u>-35,815.61</u>

# BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

## 2025

	General	R & B	Fire	Park	Rec	Police	Projects
Balance Forward	218,259.23	(4,667.27)	53,193.27	45,208.36	20,222.42	104,675.82	(79,846.59)
January Receipts	4,544.65	131,700.68	2,217.68	28,500.00	1,083.33	5,500.19	111,638.50
January Disbursement	135,627.85	30,454.00	5,261.07	48,505.18	1,505.30	41,415.51	28,183.79
2025 January	87,176.03	96,579.41	50,149.88	25,203.18	19,800.45	68,760.50	3,608.12
February Receipts	15,056.02	12,977.30	0.00	11,148.00	0.00	0.00	1,215.50
February Disbursemer	12,685.26	31,516.79	4,440.29	7,076.43	2,096.04	11,338.59	15,034.16
2025 February	89,546.79	78,039.92	45,709.59	29,274.75	17,704.41	57,421.91	(10,210.54)
March Receipts	202,290.55	0.00	150.00	15,733.00	140.00	22,530.75	102,010.50
March Disbursements	27,093.85	32,561.88	9,183.09	12,621.13	1,972.97	27,176.10	13,796.15
2025 March	264,743.49	45,478.04	36,676.50	32,386.62	15,871.44	52,776.56	78,003.81
April Receipts	7,539.83	14,894.98	600.00	3,500.00	0.00	1,483.47	53,639.07
April Disbursements	13,504.45	20,763.64	10,351.99	3,092.07	719.67	15,235.19	52,708.07
2025 April	258,778.87	39,609.38	26,924.51	32,794.55	15,151.77	39,024.84	78,934.81
May Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May Disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 May	258,778.87	39,609.38	26,924.51	32,794.55	15,151.77	39,024.84	78,934.81
June Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Thank You for the  
beautiful floral  
arrangement in memory  
of my dad - Warren  
Kregness. Your thoughtfulness  
is appreciated.

Jorgine

*Thank you for your  
thoughtful kindness  
at a time when it was  
greatly appreciated*

*By the family of  
**Warren Kregness***

ST. LOUIS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS  
MARCH 26, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
NEXT MEETING: APRIL 23, 2025 6:30 PM  
SPEAKER: Dana & Aimee, Youth in Action  
<https://meet.goto.com/504207557>

Phone: 1-646-749-3122 Access Code: 504-207-557

Following Meeting: May 28, 2025 6:00 pm Cotton

<https://meet.goto.com/504088293>

Phone: 1-408-650-3123 Access Code: 504-088-293

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**Call Meeting to Order:** President Jim Aird called the March 26, 2025 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm, Cotton Town Hall. There were 18 township officers present and eight officers virtually present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson is disappointed and frustrated with the latest legislation session. He feels many new state representatives do not understand county and township government. If townships talk to state representatives and senators, ask them to get something done and don't make cuts to local government. The state is considering cutting funding for the East Range Day Activity Center (ERDAC) program. This is a productive program, where handicapped adults are working 30 hours a week completing meaningful work.

**District 10 MAT Director Kevin Connick:** Kevin Connick was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Upcoming Spring Short Courses will be held on April 3, 2025 in Grand Rapids and April 4, 2025 in Duluth. All information is on the MN Association of Townships website.

Jim Fisher discussed rural fire departments are being shorted state funding used for training. Commissioner Nelson addressed the recent layoffs at Hibbing Taconite and Minorca. Where are our permits to mine copper, nickel and helium? The natural resources in our area should be used. The Hockey Hall of Fame should not be moved to the metro area.

The association heard from Cory Leinwander, Assistant St. Louis County Assessor. He provided a brief overview of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization process. The Minnesota Property Tax Refund is a program run by the state of Minnesota Department of Revenue. Qualification is based off income levels and property tax increases. It only applies to homestead properties. Everyone should apply using the M1PR form. The application deadline is August 15, 2025.

**Resolutions:** Jim Hofsommer presented a Resolution for Property Valuation Reform. Rural residents across the state are experiencing rapidly increasing property valuation rates. There was much discussion about property valuation. People are selling properties for as much if not more than the county's assessed value. The county's assessed values are fair and at market value. Everyone's values have been increasing. Jim Hofsommer motioned to pass the resolution and send it to MN Association of Townships seconded by Phillip Lobb. After a vote showing 3 in favor and 19 against, the resolution was not passed.

**Secretary's Report:** A list of state and county representatives receiving SLCAT minutes and agendas was included in the meeting packet. Please contact Megan Julin if you would like to add someone to the list. February 26, 2025 minutes were sent by email to all township clerks, interested officers, St. Louis County commissioners, and state representatives. A motion was made by Earl Grano, seconded by Phillip Lobb to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan read the following cash flow statement: Beginning Balance 1/9/25 \$7,795.99; Deposits none; Expenses: secretary/treasurer, Ending Balance 2/07/2025 \$7,477.81. A motion was made by Sandi Nelson, seconded by Jill Clark and carried to approve the

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIPS  
TENTATIVE AGENDA APRIL 23, 2025  
CALL MTG. TO ORDER PRESIDENT JIM AIRD**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. INTRODUCE ANY NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME
3. SPEAKERS –
  - a. State Representatives, County Commissioners
  - b. MAT Dist. 10 Director Kevin Cornick
  - c. Any others?
  - d. Aimee & Dana SLC Extension, Youth in Action
4. RESOLUTIONS
5. CORRESPONDENCE – MISC. PHONE CALLS/EMAILS SENT: March Minutes & April Agenda, Upcoming speakers, Email requests, Annual Meeting Notice
6. Secretary Report – Minutes of 03/26/25
7. Treasurer’s Report 

<b>Beginning Balance 02/7/25</b>	<b>\$ 7,477.81</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	
CHASE Microsoft fee	(13.07)
FEB Sec/Treas & Reimb	<u>(300.00)</u>
<b>Ending Balance 03/7/25</b>	<b>\$7,164.73</b>
8. Old Business
  - a. Any other old business
9. New Business
  - a. Slate of Officers for May 28, 2025
  - b. New Business from the Floor
  - c. Next Meeting May 28, 2025, Socializing 5:30pm, Meeting starts at 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Speaker SLC Undersheriff at 7:00pm.
10. Adjourn

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# Notice of Annual Election and Meeting

The St. Louis County Association of Township Officers will meet at the Cotton Community Center for their Annual Meeting and election of officers. Socializing starts at 5:30pm. The meeting starts at 6:00pm. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. Speaker at 7pm.

**Attendance Reservations and Dinner Menu will be disbursed following the April 23, 2025 meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted: Megan Julin  
Secretary/Treasurer SLCAT*

**ATTENDANCE RESERVATIONS FOR MAY 28, 2025 ANNUAL  
ELECTION AND MEETING**

We respectfully invite our St. Louis County Association of Township Officers to attend our 2025 Annual Meeting and Election at the Cotton Community Center (9087 Hwy 53 Cotton, MN 55724). There will be a meet/greet segment from 5:30 – 6:00pm. An Election of Officers and Meeting is scheduled for 6PM to 6:30 PM.

6:30 – 7pm A CATERED MEAL OF: Slow roasted beef pot roast and gravy, country style boneless BBQ pork ribs, roasted baby reds with garlic and herbs, slow roasted savory carrots, house salad with assorted dressings, dinner rolls, fresh fruit platter and cake/bars for dessert. **The cost is \$25/person.**

**Please call, text or email Megan for  
reservations by May 22, 2025.**

**Megan cell - 218-348-5959  
or email slctownshipofficers@gmail.com**

***Each township SHOULD bring a prize/gift for the  
GIFT TABLE, SLCAT will give away some MAT  
ANNUAL MTG. AND ELECTION Registrations. And  
other prizes.***

April 24, 2025



From:

Highway 169 North Task Force  
c/o 1232 Heather St.  
Ely, MN 55731

To:

Chairman Matt Tuchel, Supervisors Tekautz and Peitso, and Clerk, Amber Zak,  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Chairman Tuchel and Town of Breitung Officials,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our Thanks for your Consideration and Letters of Support to our U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, and Rep. Peter Stauber (CD8), for our request for **FY26 Congressionally Designated Spending Projects Funding for "TH169 – Spot SAFETY and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction – Soudan to Ely"** in St. Louis County.

Your support and the continued excellent relationship with our working partners at MnDOT District 1 in Duluth and Virginia, Duane Hill, Michael Kalnbach, and Alex Peritz, makes our over 25 plus years of endeavors for these SAFETY and Mobility Improvements so worthwhile to hopefully bring these proposed projects to fruition **to Save Lives and Prevent Injuries as well as Improve Drivability.**

Again, our Sincere Appreciation and Thanks for Your Support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Erzar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

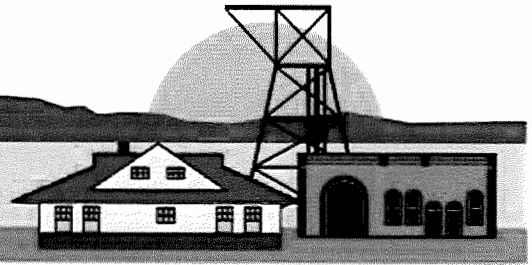
Bill Erzar, Chair

For the

Highway 169 North Task Force  
218-343-7448 (cell)  
[zar@frontiernet.net](mailto:zar@frontiernet.net)

cc: Nick Wognum, Highway 169 North Task Force

**TOWER-SOUDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
404 PINE STREET • P.O. BOX 465 • TOWER, MN 55790



April 28, 2025

Breitung Township  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Breitung Town Board,

Thank you for your support of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. Your continued support and generous donation of \$500.00 is appreciated. Breitung's support each year makes a major impact when we apply for historic and foundation grants.

Through your donation you are a part of the effort to restore the Historic Fire Hall which has stood in Tower for over a century. Restoring the building not only revitalizes the city's Main Street but also enables TSHS to provide a showcase to feature our area's rich history and tell the story of early life of our ancestors on the Vermilion Range.

After the building is fully restored and its functionality enhanced, plans include bringing this historic landmark back to active use for a public purpose. As a History Education Event Center, it will offer a year-round venue for educational events and workshops, history talks, space for pop-up dining and vintage events, community receptions, fundraising and community events. The Historic Fire Hall will be a focal point in our region to help tell the story about the development of Tower, Soudan and Lake Vermilion.

The Tower-Soudan Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C)(3) corporation. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal law. Our federal identification number is 41-1641547

<b><i>Date of Contribution</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
03/31/25	\$500.00

Sincerely,

*Nancy Larson*

Nancy Larson, President  
Tower-Soudan Historical

**From:** slfrf@treasury.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 1:18 PM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** Notice of Court Order, Washington v. Trump, 2:25-cv-244-LK (W.D. Wash.) – NO ACTION NEEDED

SLFRF Recipient:

You are hereby advised that a preliminary injunction was issued in the case of *Washington v. Trump*, No. 2:25-cv-244-LK (W.D. Wash.) and that the Court subsequently clarified the scope of the injunction. Treasury is providing this notice to all recipients of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, and Colorado, which are the plaintiffs in the litigation. Your receipt of this notice is not based on Treasury’s review of any information regarding how you have used SLFRF funds.

Plaintiffs, in relevant part, challenged Section 4 of Executive Order (EO) 14,187, *Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation* (Jan. 28, 2025), which directs the heads of departments and agencies “that provide[] research or educational grants to medical institutions” to, “consistent with applicable law and in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, immediately take appropriate steps to ensure that institutions receiving Federal research or education grants end the chemical and surgical mutilation of children.” EO 14,187 § 4. Plaintiffs also challenged Sections 3(e) and 3(g) of Executive Order 14,168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. Those sections directed agency heads to “take all necessary steps, as permitted by law, to end the Federal funding of gender ideology” (Section 3(e)) and “assess grant conditions and grantee preferences and ensure grant funds do not promote gender ideology” (Section 3(g)).

In response, the Court entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting certain actions by the Defendants in the case within the Plaintiff states of Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, and Colorado, which went into effect the evening of February 28, 2025. On March 17, 2025, the Court issued an order that clarified the scope of the preliminary injunction of Sections 3(e) and 3(g) of EO 14,168.

The Court’s Order requires Defendants to notify grantees of the following:

1. This Court’s February 28, 2025 preliminary injunction enjoined all Defendants (except President Trump) and all their respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and any person in active concert or participation with them who received actual notice of the order “from enforcing Sections 3(e) or 3(g) of Executive Order 14,168 to condition or withhold federal funding based on the fact that a health care entity or health professional provides gender-affirming care within the Plaintiff States” of Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, and Colorado. Dkt. No. 233 at 53.
2. Defendants unreasonably interpreted “gender-affirming care” in paragraph 2 of the preliminary injunction to include only the four medical treatments listed in Executive Order 14,187, i.e., (1) “the use of puberty blockers, including GnRH agonists and other interventions, to delay the onset or progression of normally timed puberty in an individual who does not identify as his or her sex”; (2) “the use of sex hormones, such as androgen blockers, estrogen, progesterone, or testosterone, to align an individual’s physical appearance with an identity that differs from his or her sex”; (3) “surgical procedures that attempt to transform an individual’s physical appearance to align with an identity that differs from his or her sex”; and (4) “surgical procedures . . . that attempt to alter or

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund



# Saint Louis County

Planning and Zoning Department  
www.stlouiscountymn.gov

TO: St. Louis County Cities, Organized Towns and Interested Parties

FROM: Donald Rigney, Land Use Planning Manager, Acting Secretary, St. Louis County Planning Commission

DATE: May 15, 2025

RE: Planning Commission Public Hearing **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, for proposed St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HYBRID VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEARING ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025, AT 9:00 AM.**

The St. Louis County Planning Commission will conduct **a hybrid virtual and in-person** public hearing on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at the Government Services Center, 201 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Virginia, MN, regarding the following:

The Planning Commission will consider comments on proposed amendments to St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62.

St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department underwent a departmental re-organization in 2024. Zoning Ordinance 62 is now implemented by a re-organized Planning & Zoning Department. As an ongoing review process, St. Louis County has been working to correct general grammatical issues and department references within the zoning ordinance and to amend ordinance language to be consistent with Minnesota State Statute requirements.

The St. Louis County Planning Commission established a workshop on May 15, 2025, to discuss the details of the proposed amendments to ordinance language of Zoning Ordinance 62. Amendments to Ordinance 62, except for standards specifically related to Short Term Rentals and Chronic Wasting Disease, have not occurred since 2016.

The following are the specific areas of the draft Zoning Ordinance amendments:

- General grammar clean-up and correction of department and comprehensive plan references.
- Article VI, Section 6.21 - Animal Units. The proposed amendments correct an error that may lead to the misinterpretation of the total allowed animal units.
- Article VI, Sections 6.22 F and G - Extractive Use Dust Control. Proposed amendments clarify where dust control measures can be enforced by the St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department.

- Article VIII, Section 8.7 C - Zoning Map Amendment. Proposed amendments correct the steps and timeline requirements as to how zoning map amendments are legally processed.
- Article X, Section 10.2 - BOA Alternate Membership. The proposed amendment adds additional language consistent with Minnesota State Statute specific to St. Louis County regarding Board of Adjustment membership.

Please find enclosed the proposed amendments of the ordinance. In addition, all proposed amendments, including general language clean up, to Zoning Ordinance 62 may be found here:

<https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/planning-zoning/boards-committees>.

The meeting will be open to the public and live streamed via WebEx, giving the public the opportunity to watch and listen and even speak to the Planning Commission. You will also have the option to listen to the meeting live via telephone. For more information on how to view or participate in the public hearing, please visit the county website at [www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/planning-zoning/boards-committees](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/planning-zoning/boards-committees).

Your input is important to us. It is not necessary that you comment; however, if you wish to, you can do so by attending the hearing, sending a letter, or e-mailing Donald Rigney at [rigneyd@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:rigneyd@stlouiscountymn.gov) prior to the hearing. All letters must be signed and received in our office by noon on **Friday, June 13, 2025**. All correspondence will be presented to the Planning Commission as part of the hearing. Please email Donald Rigney at [rigneyd@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:rigneyd@stlouiscountymn.gov) or call at 218-725-5001 if you have any questions.

**Please confirm receipt of this email by May 23, 2025.**

\*\* This notice can be made available in alternate formats for individuals with a disability or in different languages for individuals who are limited in English proficiency. Requests for notices in alternate formats, language and/or requests for reasonable accommodation relative to accessing facilities, programs or services should be made to Angela Lepak at 218-471-7103 or at [landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov), Human Resources at 218-726-2422 or Melissa Honkola, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, at 218-725-5068 or at [honkolam@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:honkolam@stlouiscountymn.gov). \*\*



# Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex  
4787 Midway Road, Duluth, MN 55811 • Phone: (218) 625-3830

**James T. Foldesi, P.E.**  
Public Works Director/  
Highway Engineer

DATE: May 19, 2025

TO: Towns & Cities in St. Louis County  
Interested in Calcium Chloride Application

FROM: Brian Boder  
Deputy Public Works Director - Maintenance

SUBJECT: Calcium Chloride Surface Treatment (Dust Control)  
**2025 Contract - Bid #6018**

The St. Louis County Public Works Department has awarded a contract for furnishing and applying "liquid calcium chloride" and "magnesium chloride" on County, City & Township roads for dust control. This year, you may participate within this contract for streets or roads under your jurisdiction.

If you wish to take advantage of this program, the **contracting and ordering** of the material must be done directly by your local agency. The contractor will bill you separately for your City & Townships roads.

For "**liquid calcium chloride**", the contract has been awarded to:

**Envirotech Services Inc.** at the price of **\$1.37/gallon**.

Order your "liquid calcium chloride" from:

Envirotech Services Inc.  
910 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. 230  
Greeley, CO. 80634

Telephone: 218-735-8717  
Attention: Amanda Kyander  
akyander@envirotechservices.com  
St. Louis County Bid #6018–Amendment #1

The "**magnesium chloride**" contract was not solicited in 2025. If you are interested, please contact Edwards Oil for recent pricing.

**Edwards Oil Inc.**

Edwards Oil Inc.  
820 Hoover Rd  
Virginia, MN. 55792

Telephone: 218-741-9634  
Attention: Robert Skalko  
rskalko@eoctrimark.com

You should be prepared to identify the total amount needed by your agency. The following chart should be a guide in determining the amount needed. The material is applied at 1/4 gallons per square yard for previously untreated surfaces, or where retention is minimal.

Chart:

**12' roadway width:**

100 feet	33 gallons
150 feet	50 gallons
200 feet	67 gallons
0.25 mile	440 gallons
0.50 mile	880 gallons
1.00 mile	1760 gallons

**18' roadway width:**

100 feet	50 gallons
150 feet	75 gallons
200 feet	100 gallons
0.25 mile	660 gallons
0.50 mile	1320 gallons
1.00 mile	2640 gallons

**24' roadway width:**

100 feet	67 gallons
150 feet	100 gallons
200 feet	134 gallons
0.25 mile	880 gallons
0.50 mile	1760 gallons
1.00 mile	3520 gallons

Remember, agencies are responsible for placing their own respective order(s). If your agency notified the county in advance, **each agency is still responsible for placing respective order(s)** with the contractor. Advance notice is used for bidding purposes only.

We are pleased to be able to provide this opportunity to you.

BB/th

- c: James Foldesi, Public Works Director
- Brian Boder, Deputy Public Works Director - Maintenance
- Veronica Knaffla, Purchasing
- Kawishiwi Ranger District - Ely
- Joe Majerus, DNR Tower
- Joan Broten, DNR Tower

Cities:

Aurora  
Biwabik  
Brookston  
Cook  
Duluth  
Ely  
Eveleth  
Floodwood  
Gilbert  
Hermantown  
Hibbing  
Iron Junction  
Meadowlands  
Mt. Iron  
Proctor

Towns:

Alango  
Alborn  
Alden  
Angora  
Arrowhead  
Ault  
Balkan  
Bassett  
Beatty  
Brevator  
Canosia  
Cedar Valley  
Clinton  
Colvin  
Cotton  
Crane Lake  
Culver  
Duluth  
Eagles Nest  
Ellsburg  
Embarrass

Towns cont'd:

Fairbanks  
Fayal  
Field  
Fine Lakes  
Floodwood  
Fredenberg  
French  
Gnesen  
Grand Lake  
Greenwood  
Halden  
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Kelsey  
Kugler  
Lakewood  
Lavell  
Leiding  
McDavitt  
Meadowlands  
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Morcom  
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New Independence  
Normanna  
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Owens  
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Rice Lake  
Sandy  
Solway  
Stoney Brook  
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White  
Willow Valley  
Wuori



## BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER

PHONE: (218) 753-6660

41 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE • P.O. BOX 6

DANIEL REING

FAX: (218) 753-2407

SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

# April 2025 Monthly Police Report

**Calls for Service (ICRs)** 56

**Citations** 2

1 juvenile male cited for speed (80/60)

1 adult male cited for an unlicensed dog and dog running at large (several warnings given previous to the citation)

**Arrests** 1

1 adult female arrested for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Gross Misdemeanor DWI



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**SOUDAN MN 55782**

**DANIEL REING**

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

April was a busy month of trainings. We completed our annual in-service training with the Babbitt Police Department. The officers enjoyed the hands-on training and gave very positive feedback for the realistic scenario-based training.

G.R.E.A.T classes wrapped up at the Tower Elementary and Northwoods Elementary. Teachers and students enjoyed the classes again this year. We look forward to teaching again next school year!

I would like to remind our area residents to make sure your animals are secured and not running at large. We have received several complaints of loose dogs running around the Soudan proper.

Please watch your speed in the area. A reminder to our readers that it is a 50-mph speed limit between Tower and past the Soudan proper on Highway 169. It is also 25 mph on the surface streets in Soudan proper. Speeds will be strictly enforced.

I wish everyone a happy and safe fishing season. The lakes are slowly thawing in out but the water will be very cold to start. Wear a life jacket!

Daniel Reing

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

**April 2025 Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting and annual meeting was held on 4/9/2025.

This month's training consisted of Wild Land Fire/Search and Rescue. This was conducted by the Blue Fire Training Company.

For the month of April, we received one call for service which was a reported structure fire at the New Moon Apartments. We were cancelled before arrival. We also put in a lot of hours preparing for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which were served approximately 140 people. We would like to thank all people who donated to our celebration. We were finally able to do some control burning within our township. Past attempts were unsuccessful due to the weather.

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

**March 2025 Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting and annual meeting was held on 3/12/2025.

This month's training consisted of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.) This was conducted by the Blue Fire Training Company. We got to play some indoor floor hockey to test our gear and get some physical workouts.

We were surprised that we did not receive a single call for service in March. We continue to strive to provide professional service to our community by training in the classroom and with our equipment each and every month. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from noon to three at the Breitung Township Hall, we will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a fire department.

## **Road and Bridge report May 2025**

Sweeping streets and trails

Starting mowing and trimming

Grading and repair of gravel roads

Flushed hydrants

Prepared baseball field and hosting ball games

Maintenance on docks

Lowered docks and prepared campground to open

Working with AMPTEK on electrical maintenance at McKinley Park

Ongoing maintenance at hockey rink and park

Repairing guard rail posts Stuntz bay Road

Bituminous patching around town

Maintenance department would like to thank the fire department for doing controlled burns around the community.

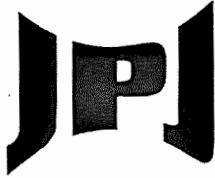
## Recreation Report for 5/20/2025 Town Board Meeting

We are going to be applying for a \$30,000 grant. It is a 1:1 matching funds grant for a total of \$60,000. We are looking at spending the bulk of the money down at the ball field at this time with some other options being investigated as possibilities. Here is a list of things that we know need to be done and then others up for consideration...

- \* bike trail repair
- \* crow's nest & dug out repair
- \* covers for mounds
- \* potential upgrades to concession stand
- \* trees to replace those that need to be removed
- \* benches
- \* garbage cans
- \* storage & equipment for basketball court etc.
- \* disc golf course
- \* pickle ball (this would not fit within the amount but we could look for other funding sources)

Respectfully,

Erin



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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Matt Tuchel  
Chairman, Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: 2023 Infrastructure Improvements  
Project No. 22-126**

Dear Chairman Tuchel:

Enclosed is Partial Payment Estimate No. 2 for the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$74,976.85 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741 upon receipt of certified payroll reports.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the partial payment estimate, and return it to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

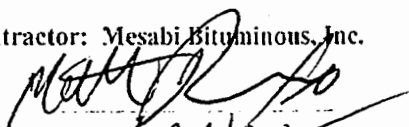
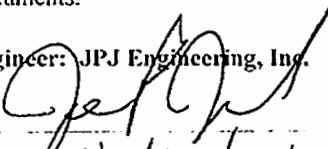
JPJ Engineering, Inc.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

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PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

<b>PROJECT:</b> 2023 Infrastructure Improvements		<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 22-126	<b>DATE:</b> November 12, 2024 <b>PAY ESTIMATE NO.:</b> 2 <b>PAGE 1 OF 2</b>
<b>OWNER:</b> Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782		<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	<b>PERIOD OF ESTIMATE</b>  FROM: September 16, 2024 TO: September 28, 2024
<b>CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY</b>		<b>ESTIMATE</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	
CO #1	\$0.00	\$0.00	1. Original Contract \$286,944.00
CO #2	\$38,000.00		2. Change Orders \$45,280.35
CO #3	\$7,280.35		3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$332,224.35
			4. Work Completed* \$332,224.35
			5. Stored Materials \$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5) \$332,224.35
			7. Retainage 5% (\$16,611.22)
			8. Previous Payments (\$240,636.28)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$45,280.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$74,976.85
<b>NET CHANGE</b>	<b>\$45,280.35</b>		*Detailed breakdown attached
<b>CONTRACT TIME</b>			
<b>Original (days):</b> <b>Revised:</b>	<b>On Schedule</b> ____ Yes __X__ No	<b>Starting Date:</b> March 1, 2024 <b>Revised Completion Date:</b> August 31, 2024	
<b>CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:</b> The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following: (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment; (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.  Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. By:  Date: 4/21/25		<b>ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:</b> The undersigned certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief and to the extent of their assigned Contract responsibilities, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and that the work has been performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.  Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc. By:  Date: 11/12/24	
		<b>APPROVED BY OWNER:</b>  Owner: Breitung Township  By: _____ Date: _____	

# PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2

DATE: November 12, 2024

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2023 Infrastructure Improvements

CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

## BASE BID

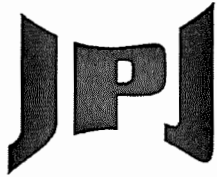
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2104	RMV CURB AND GUTTER	480	L.F.	\$4.50	56	\$252.00	719	\$3,235.50
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	3,070	S.Y.	\$4.60	0	\$0.00	3,376	\$15,529.60
2104	MILL BIT PAVEMENT	580	S.Y.	\$20.00	0	\$0.00	544	\$10,880.00
2104	RMV CONCRETE WALK	130	S.Y.	\$10.00	0	\$0.00	187	\$1,870.00
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	1	EACH	\$2,000.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$4,000.00
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	30	L.F.	\$20.00	0	\$0.00	29.5	\$590.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	1,850	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	1,715	\$30,870.00
2105	TOPSOIL BORROW	10	C.Y.	\$100.00	12.5	\$1,250.00	12.5	\$1,250.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	1,080	C.Y.	\$22.50	0	\$0.00	773.5	\$17,403.75
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE V	3,240	S.Y.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	351	\$702.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE VI	2,820	S.Y.	\$5.00	0	\$0.00	2,963	\$14,815.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	750	C.Y.	\$38.00	0	\$0.00	739	\$28,082.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	360	TON	\$88.00	394	\$34,672.00	394	\$34,672.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	360	TON	\$86.00	394	\$33,884.00	394	\$33,884.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	1	EACH	\$6,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$6,000.00
2506	CONST SAN MNAHOLE - 6' DROP	1	EACH	\$13,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$13,000.00
2506	ADJUST FRAME & RING CAST	10	EACH	\$1,180.00	2	\$2,360.00	8	\$9,440.00
2521	4" CONCRETE WALK	860	S.F.	\$11.00	478	\$5,258.00	1,514	\$16,654.00
2531	CONC C&G, DES B618	480	L.F.	\$60.50	14	\$847.00	719	\$43,499.50
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$3,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$3,000.00
2573	SILT FENCE	100	L.F.	\$6.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	2	EACH	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECT	8	EACH	\$200.00	2	\$400.00	2	\$400.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	0.1	ACRE	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	SODDING, LAWN TYPE	110	S.Y.	\$12.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2582	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2.5' SOLID WHITE LINE	1	L.S.	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2582	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 24" SOLID WHITE LINE	1	L.S.	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	60	L.F.	\$66.00	0	\$0.00	29.5	\$1,947.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER MAIN	5	EACH	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$2,500.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	7	S.Y.	\$66.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CO #2	DRAINTILE / INSULATE 24" STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECT	0	L.S.	\$38,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$38,000.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Base Bid.....

\$78,923.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Base Bid.....

\$332,224.35



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May 19, 2025

The Honorable Matt Tuchel  
Chairman, Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements  
Project No. 22-003**

Dear Chairman Tuchel:

Enclosed is Change Order No. 2 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements project. Change Order No. 2 is a compensating change order which is an adjustment to the final quantities installed in the field. Change Order No. 2 increases the contract amount by \$7,711.69.

After your review and approval, please sign and date this change order, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

**CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

ORDER NO.: 2  
 DATE: November 12, 2024  
 STATE: Minnesota  
 COUNTY: St. Louis

CONTRACT FOR: BREITUNG. 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Project No. 22-003

OWNER:

Breitung Township, P.O. Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782

TO: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specifications

Description of Changes (Supplemental Plans and Specifications Attached)	DECREASE In Contract Price	INCREASE In Contract Price
Compensating Change Order Base Bid (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)		\$7,711.69
TOTALS		\$7,711.69
NET CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE		\$7,711.69

JUSTIFICATION:

Adjust to final quantities installed in the field.

The amount of the Contract Will Be Increased by the Sum of: \$7,711.69

Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and Sixty-nine Cents.


The Contract Total Including this and previous Change Orders Will Be: \$353,927.54


Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Fifty-four Cents.

The Contract Period Provided for Project Completion Has Been Changed to June 20, 2024.

This document will become a supplement to the contract and all provisions will apply hereto.

Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended  (Engineer)

Accepted  (Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

5/8/25 Date

5/16/25 Date

**COMPENSATING CHANGE ORDER**  
**CHANGE ORDER NO.: 2**

DATE: November 12, 2024  
 OWNER: Breitung Township  
 PROJECT: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements  
 CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

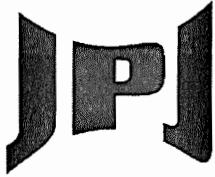
**BASE BID**

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY TO DATE	QUANTITY TO CHANGE	AMOUNT TO CHANGE
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	5,595	S.Y.	\$4.50	2,543	(3,052)	(\$13,734.00)
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$3.15	37	(13)	(\$40.95)
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$525.00	4	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV PIPE CULVERT	164	L.F.	\$4.20	176	12	\$50.40
2104	SALVAGE PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$7.35	35	0	\$0.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	2,188	C.Y.	\$14.00	2,561	373	\$5,222.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	1,189	C.Y.	\$18.00	1,547	358	\$6,444.00
2105	INSTALL SALV PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$55.65	35	0	\$0.00
2105	INSTALL SALVAGED APRON	1	EACH	\$1,155.00	1	0	\$0.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE V	3,765	S.Y.	\$2.00	3,877	112	\$224.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	940	C.Y.	\$32.00	972	32	\$1,024.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING	12	C.Y.	\$100.00	12	0	\$0.00
2232	MILL BIT PAVEMENT	2,445	S.Y.	\$5.40	1,205	(1,240)	(\$6,696.00)
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	709	TON	\$94.00	752.30	43.30	\$4,070.20
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	432	TON	\$94.00	514.44	82.44	\$7,749.36
2501	18" RCP PIPE CULVERT	32	L.F.	\$147.00	32	0	\$0.00
2501	24" RCP PIPE CULVERT	80	L.F.	\$178.50	80	0	\$0.00
2501	18" RCP APRON	2	EACH	\$3,307.50	2	0	\$0.00
2501	24" RCP APRON	4	EACH	\$4,515.00	4	0	\$0.00
2506	ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	6	EACH	\$100.00	4	(2)	(\$200.00)
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$8,925.00	4	0	\$0.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$3,500.00	1	0	\$0.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,000.00	0	(1)	(\$1,000.00)
2573	CULVERT END CONTROLS	10	EACH	\$250.00	7	(3)	(\$750.00)
2575	SEEDING	1	L.S.	\$500.00	1	0	\$0.00
2582	4" SOLID LINE PVMT MARKINGS	625	L.F.	\$2.00	0	(625)	(\$1,250.00)
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$168.00	40	(10)	(\$1,680.00)
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	10	EACH	\$556.50	10	0	\$0.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	7	S.Y.	\$108.15	14.2	7.2	\$778.68
CO2-1	FLUME ON CHURCH STREET	0	L.S.	\$7,500.00	1.0	1.0	\$7,500.00

**TOTAL AMOUNT TO CHANGE** ..... **\$7,711.69**

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2** ..... **\$7,711.69**

**JUSTIFICATION:**  
 ADJUSTMENT TO FINAL QUANTITIES INSTALLED IN THE FIELD.



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May 19, 2025

The Honorable Matt Tuchel  
Chairman, Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements  
Project No. 22-003**

Dear Chairman Tuchel:

Enclosed is Final Payment Estimate No. 4 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$31,003.03 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741 upon receipt of IC-134 forms.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the final payment estimate, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

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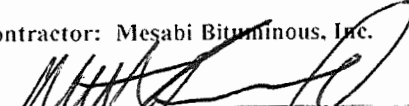
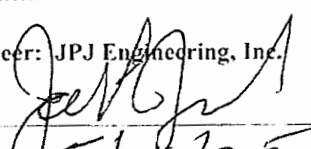
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FINAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

<b>PROJECT:</b> 2022 Infrastructure Improvements		<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 22-003	<b>DATE:</b> November 12, 2024 <b>PAY ESTIMATE NO.:</b> 4 <b>PAGE 1 OF 2</b>
<b>OWNER:</b> Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782		<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	<b>PERIOD OF ESTIMATE</b>  <b>FROM:</b> July 8, 2023 <b>TO:</b> October 31, 2023

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE	
No.	Amount			
	Additions	Deductions		
CO #1	\$0.00	\$0.00	1. Original Contract	\$346,215.85
CO #2	\$7,711.69		2. Change Orders	\$7,711.69
			3. Revised Contract (1+2)	\$353,927.54
			4. Work Completed*	\$353,927.54
			5. Stored Materials	\$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5)	\$353,927.54
			7. Retainage	\$0.00
			8. Previous Payments	(\$322,924.51)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,711.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	9. Amount Due (6-7-8)	\$31,003.03
<b>NET CHANGE</b>	<b>\$7,711.69</b>		*Detailed breakdown attached	

CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days):	On Schedule	Starting Date: December 29, 2022
Revised:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Substantial Completion: September 1, 2023
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Projected Completion: November 1, 2023
		Revised Projected Completion: June 20, 2024

<p><b>CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:</b> The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following: (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment; (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.</p> <p>Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. By:  Date: 5/16/25</p>	<p><b>ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:</b> The undersigned certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief and to the extent of their assigned Contract responsibilities, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and that the work has been performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.</p> <p>Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc. By:  Date: 5/18/25</p> <p>APPROVED BY OWNER: Owner: Breitung Township By: _____ Date: _____</p>
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# FINAL PAY ESTIMATE NO. 4

DATE: November 12, 2024

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements

CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

## BASE BID

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2104	RMV PIPE CULVERT	164	L.F.	\$4.20	0	\$0.00	176	\$739.20
2104	SALVAGE PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$7.35	0	\$0.00	35	\$257.25
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	2,188	C.Y.	\$14.00	0	\$0.00	2,561	\$35,854.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	1,189	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	1,547	\$27,846.00
2105	INSTALL SALV PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$55.65	0	\$0.00	35	\$1,947.75
2105	INSTALL SALVAGED APRON	1	EACH	\$1,155.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,155.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE V	3,765	S.Y.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	3,877	\$7,754.00
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2501	18" RCP APRON	2	EACH	\$3,307.50	0	\$0.00	2	\$6,615.00
2501	24" RCP APRON	4	EACH	\$4,515.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,060.00
2506	ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	6	EACH	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$400.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$8,925.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$35,700.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$3,500.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$3,500.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CULVERT END CONTROL	10	EACH	\$250.00	0	\$0.00	7	\$1,750.00
2575	SEEDING	1	L.S.	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$500.00
2582	4" SOLID LINE PVMT MARKINGS	625	L.F.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$168.00	0	\$0.00	40	\$6,720.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	10	EACH	\$556.50	0	\$0.00	10	\$5,565.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	7	S.Y.	\$108.15	0	\$0.00	14.2	\$1,535.73
CO2-1	FLUME ON CHURCH	0	L.S.	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	1.0	\$7,500.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Base Bid..... \$14,007.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Base Bid..... \$353,927.54

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD  
SAP 069-600-051

“PARTIAL PUNCH LIST”

Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.

Date: May 5, 2025

1. Pavement Markings - Stripping.
2. Clean out catch basins – rock, debris, silt and sand.
3. Pour inverts in catch basins.
4. Seal creaks in curb and gutter near catch basins.

Note: This may not be a complete list of Punch List items to be addressed and does not relieve the Contractor of fulfilling all requirements of the Contract Documents.

## Flood Update

05/20/2025

- Received payments to date: \$48,526.43, anticipating an additional \$291.92; these payments cover work for:
  - Spring Street
  - Armstrong Bay Road
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  - Junction Road Manhole
  - McKinley Park Campground
  - Miettunen Plat Road
- Anticipating additional payments of \$55,456.40 in repair costs for the following roads:
  - Puncher Point Road
  - McKinley Park Acres Road
  - Echo Point Road
  - Mallard Drive
  - Junction Road
- Additional potential mitigation payment of \$45,685.12 for above referenced roads, clerk is currently working with FEMA to sort out details of mitigation for determination of whether it will be covered
- Anticipating payment of \$8,963.78 for Stuntz Bay Road repairs to be completed as well as an additional potential \$8,963.78 for mitigation on that road

Respectfully,

Amber Zak, Clerk



St. Louis County, MN

St. Louis County, Minnesota

# Housing and Redevelopment Authority

## Project Funding Application

Form

# 2001

Rev. 11-18-2021

**About:** The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) was created in 1988 in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and has the same powers as a municipal HRA. Its primary operational territory includes communities in St. Louis County that do not have a municipal HRA. The St. Louis County HRA may also operate in communities with a municipal HRA through invitation by the local HRA. Its objectives include:

- Maintaining and expanding affordable housing opportunities
- Strengthening communities through redevelopment and revitalization activity
- Maximizing impact of available financial resources

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/Applicant Name

**Vermilion Housing Corporation**

Type of Organization

Government  Non-profit

Daytime #

**218 753 6111**

Date

**5/7/2025**

Address

**PO Box 609**

City

**Tower**

State

**MN**

ZIP

**55790**

Email

**housingvermilion@gmail.com**

Contact Person *If applicable*

**Tim Tomsich**

Contact Person #

**218 780 5310**

Federal Id Number

**23-7448653**

DUNS Number

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title

**Vermilion Housing Rehabilitation**

Site Address *If applicable*

**103 Cedar Street**

City

**Tower**

### PROJECT TYPE

Housing  Community Facility  Public Infrastructure  Economic Development  Public Service

### PROJECT ACTIVITY

Acquisition  Clearance  Infrastructure  Historic Preservation  Rehabilitation  Public Services

Economic Development  Accessibility Improvements  Other

### FUNDING REQUEST

Amount of (\$) of HRA Request **\$100,000.00**

Amount of (\$) of Community or Agency Resources **\$100,000.00**

Amount (\$) from Other Sources **\$9,080,500.00**

**Total Project Cost (\$)** **\$9,280,500.00**

## APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Please describe the problem or need and how it was identified.

Rehabilitation of rental units and grounds for three buildings of 38 units in Tower and one building of 12 units in Soudan is needed due to deteriorating conditions. Two buildings in Tower were constructed in 1976, the third building in 1980 and the Soudan building in 1983. The buildings and apartments are showing their age of nearly 50 years. Funding of such major renovations has not materialized due to high vacancy rates, low revenue and increasing operating costs. Many of the maintenance items has been to repair rather than replace due to the shortfall of revenue. Current vacancy rate is 28% or 14 of the 50 units are empty.

Items in need repair have been listed in the architect's proposal.

What are you proposing to do to address the problem or need?

An assessment from Widseth architects was completed and outlines the major work for rehabilitation. Vermilion Housing is working with MH Partnership to assist us with finalizing the project, identifying and applying for funding for the successful completion of this rehab. The major application has been submitted to FHLB with bank sponsorship. Additional funding sources include MN Housing which is another competitive funding opportunity.

Funding agencies will be collaborated to maximize the benefit from each source. Applications are ongoing and most require a match from the owners and other agency support. Thus the request to St. Louis County HRA to participate in this endeavor to improve the housing and living conditions in Tower and Soudan.

**How will HRA funds be used and what is the timeframe for the project or program?**

The funding from HRA will be partially used for early upfront costs associated with grant applications requirements such as a Capital Needs Assessment, onsite details of construction, legal and fees applying to the funding application process. These expenditures are expected not to exceed 15% of the HRA request with the balance to be used when construction is commenced.

The timing for the application to bid schedule is from current date through March, 2026. Construction is expected to begin in late 2026 with final completion in Year 2027.

**What is the status of uncommitted funding to the project?**

No funds have been committed outside of Vermilion Housing Corporation's operating budget. Applications are being prepared with the consulting help from MH partnership. Vermilion Housing Corporation is pursuing grant writing assistance from the IRRRB in the amount of \$3,000 per discussions with that agency.

MH Partnership has an enterprise fund that we have been accepted into which provides up to \$10,000 for their internal staff time that is being directed to Vermilion Housing Corporation for grant searches and grant writing and documentation purposes.

**What is the status of the organization's open HRA awards? (Not applicable to first time applicants)**

The previous HRA award is complete and provided funding for the initial architectural assessment.

**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

**Estimated Source and Use of Funds**

Use of Funds	Source of Funds					
	HRA Request	Total Community or Agency Resources	Other Fund Source FHLB	Other Fund Source MN Housing	Other Fund Source USDA RD	
<b>Expected Start and End date of Funding</b>	Begin 05/01/2022 End 10/31/2023	Begin 6/1/2025 End 09/30/2027	Begin 1/1/2026 End 9/30/2027	Begin 1/1/2026 End 9/30/2027	Begin 1/1/2026 End 09/30/2027	
<b>Status of Funding</b>		Committed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Committed <input type="checkbox"/>	Considering <input type="checkbox"/> Applied for <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committed <input type="checkbox"/>	Considering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied for <input type="checkbox"/> Committed <input type="checkbox"/>	Considering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied for <input type="checkbox"/> Committed <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Itemize Activity/Use of Funds below:</b>						
Pre Construction requirements and Construction Rehab	\$100,000.00					\$100,000.00
Pre Construction requirements and Construction Rehab		\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00
Construction and Rehab			\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	3080500.00	\$9,080,500.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,080,500.00	\$9,280,500.00

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Please list members of the project team and describe their roles.

Member Name	Role
<b>Tim Tomsich</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Emily Elantora</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Jorgine Gornick</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Jennifer Manick</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Julie Johnson</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Shawna Dostert</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>John Mroszak</b>	<b>Manager</b>

**ATTACHMENTS**Required attachments for **ALL** applicants.

1. A resolution by the governing body authorizing the applicants to apply for and receive funds.
2. Other relevant information.

**AGREEMENT**

Authorized Applicant Name: Tim Tomsich	Title President	Date: 05/07/2025
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Please type your name or print and sign.

The application and accompanying documents may be email to: [communitydevelopmentinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:communitydevelopmentinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov)

**clerk@breitungtownship.org**

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**From:** supervisor3 <supervisor3@breitungtownship.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:51 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Evacuation

Matthew Tuchel  
Breitung Township Chairman  
Chairman@breitungtownship.org  
218-780-2560

----- Original message -----

From: David Chiabotti <Supervisor-Chiabotti@eaglesnestmn.com>  
Date: 5/13/25 8:55 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: chairman@breitungtownship.org  
Subject: Possible Evacuation

Matt, this is hopefully nothing more than an exercise, but our emergency management people have asked me to reach out to see about possible evacuation locations due to the wildfires.

Specifically, they are looking for who would be willing to host our residents in the event of an evacuation. Would Breitung be willing to host us?

Your prompt consideration and response will be appreciated. I am out of state right now, but please feel free to call or text me anytime.

Dave Chiabotti  
Chair, Eagles Nest Township  
218-290-0181

RESOLUTION 2025-12  
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP of St. Louis County, MN  
**Resolution Accepting Donations**

**WHEREAS**, Breitung Township is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the donations set forth below to the township:

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Paul Pishler	\$100.00	04/28/2025
2. Zup's Food Market	\$150.00	04/25/2025
3. Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital	\$500.00	04/17/2025
4. Cash Donations	\$550.06	04/26/2025
5. Robin Majerle	\$25.00	04/26/2025
6. Tom Gorsma	\$100.00	04/26/2025
7. Joyce Swanson	\$50.00	04/26/2025
8. Stuntz Bay Association	\$2000.00	05/13/2025

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

<b>Donation Number</b>	<b>Terms or Conditions</b>
1. Paul Pishler	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
2. Zup's Food Market	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue, applicable toward bill for anniversary party
3. Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
4. Cash Donations	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
5. Robin Majerle	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
6. Tom Gorsma	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
7. Joyce Swanson	To benefit Breitung Fire & Rescue
8. Stuntz Bay Association	To benefit Road & Bridge

**WHEREAS**, all such donations have been contributed to the township for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township Board finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used in accordance with noted terms or conditions either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
2. The town clerk is hereby directed to acknowledge to each donor the town's acceptance of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the Town Board of Breitung Township on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Chairman Matthew Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Supervisor Stephen Tekautz

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved: Chairperson

Attested: Clerk

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Matthew Tuchel – Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amber Zak - Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE TOWN OF BREITUNG, MINNESOTA GENERAL OBLIGATION REVENUE NOTE TO THE CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the Town of Breitung, St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “Town”), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

A. Under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, the Town and the City of Tower, Minnesota (the “Town” and together with the City, the “Members”), have entered into the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board Joint Powers Agreement dated December 29, 2017 (the “Joint Powers Agreement”), establishing the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board (the “Joint Powers Board”) for the purpose of jointly acquiring, maintaining, and operating water facilities (the “System”) and wastewater disposal facilities, for the mutual benefit of the Members.

B. The Joint Powers Board has determined that an upgrade and improvements to the water treatment plant serving the System are necessary (the “Project”) and the Members have agreed to share the costs of the Project equally.

C. The Members have previously entered into that Amendment No.1 to Joint Powers Agreement General Obligation Revenue Obligations (the “JPA Amendment”) specifying the terms and responsibilities of each Member to finance the Project.

D. The City has applied, on behalf of itself, the Joint Powers Board and the Town, to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (the “PFA”) for assistance in the form of a tax-exempt loan (the “Anticipated Loan”) to finance a portion of the total costs of the Project.

E. The City has agreed to issue general obligations, including its \$1,211,127 General Obligation Revenue Note, Series 2025A (the “Note”).

E. The Town has agreed to issue a General Obligation Note payable to City in a principal amount equal to its fifty percent (50%) share of the Note and payable as to interest at the rate then in effect on the Note.

F. The Town desires to authorize issuance of its Town Note (as defined below);

G. The Town will pledge net revenues derived from the operation of its water utility, including its portion of the System, and its full faith, credit and taxing powers to the repayment of the principal of and interest on the Town Note when due;

H. The Town will benefit from the Project.

Section 2. Approval of Note Issuance. The Town hereby approves the issuance and sale of the Note by the City in a total principal amount not to exceed \$1,211,127 on the further terms and conditions as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement and JPA Amendment (together, the “Agreements”).

Section 3. Authorization of Payment of Allocated Share of Debt Service. The Town authorizes payment of the Town’s fifty percent (50%) share of principal of and interest on the Note.

Section 4. Approval of Town Note Issuance. The Town approves the issuance and delivery of its general obligation revenue note to the City in the amount of its fifty percent (50%) share of principal of the Note and payable as to interest at the rate then in effect on the Note (the “Town Note”). The Town Note shall be payable as to principal on the maturity date of the Note, and payable as to interest on the dates interest is payable on the Note. The Town Note shall be prepared for execution by the manual signature of the Chair and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk and is approved in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A**.

Section 5. Pledge of Net Revenues, Proceeds of Definitive Bond or Additional Bond, and Full Faith, Credit and Taxing Power.

A. The Town hereby pledges and appropriates net revenues of the Town’s water utility, including its portion of the System (“Water Utility”) in excess of claims duly approved and allowed for payment of expenses of the Water Utility which, under generally accepted accounting principles, constitute normal, reasonable, and current expenses of operating and maintaining the Water Utility and to maintain such reasonable reserves for such expenses of the Water Utility as the Board shall determine to be necessary from time to time, in the amount which along with the Town’s allocated fifty percent (50%) share of the Anticipated Loan will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Town Note when due.

B. As required by law, the Town covenants and agrees with the City that if the Town Note cannot be paid on its maturity date from the proceeds of the Anticipated Loan and available funds appropriated by the Members, including net revenues, the Town Note will be paid from the proceeds of definitive obligations which will be issued and sold by the Town prior to the maturity date on the Town Note or exchanged for definitive obligations in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 1. It is recognized, however, that the Town’s liability on the Town Note is not limited to its allocated fifty percent (50%) share of the Anticipated Loan proceeds and net revenues so pledged, and the Town covenants and agrees that it will levy upon all taxable property within the Town, and cause to be extended, assessed, and collected, any taxes found necessary for full payment of the Town Note and any definitive obligations, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 6. Prepayment. Regardless of the redemption and prepayment terms of the Note, the Town reserves the right to prepay the Town Note, in whole or in part on any date, in an amount sufficient to defease all or a portion of its allocated share of principal of and interest on the Note.

Section 7. Consent/Cooperation. The Town hereby consents to the distribution, by City, of any offering materials describing the Note, the Project and the Members (including the Town),

and agrees to take such further actions, and authorizes its appropriate officers to execute such documents, as necessary to provide for the issuance of the Note by the City in accordance with the terms of the Agreements and this Resolution.

Section 8. General Tax Covenant. The Town covenants and agrees to comply with the tax covenants made by City in the bond resolution and certificates approved in connection with the Note, and the Chair and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute such certificates as may be requested by bond counsel relating to such tax matters.

Adopted: May 20, 2025.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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**EXHIBIT A**

(Town Note)

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS**

**R-1**

**\$605,563**

**TOWN OF BREITUNG, MINNESOTA  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REVENUE NOTE,  
SERIES 2025A**

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>
1.647%	August 20, 2055	_____, 2025

**REGISTERED OWNER: CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: SIX HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS**

The Town of Breitung, a public corporation and political subdivision under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the "Town"), for value received, promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above, and to pay interest on said principal amount to the registered owner hereof from date of original issue set forth above, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (defined below) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount is paid, said interest being at the rate per annum specified above.

Interest is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on August 1, 2025. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. This Note is payable as to principal on the maturity date set forth above. Payments shall be applied first to interest due on the outstanding principal balance and thereafter to reduction of the principal balance.

Both principal hereof and interest hereon are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the main office of the Clerk as note registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Registrar"), or at the office of such successor Registrar as may be designated by the governing body of the Town. The Registrar shall make all payments with respect to this Note directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the bond registration records maintained on behalf of the Town by the Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (whether or not a business day) at such owner's address shown on said bond registration records, without, except for final payment of principal of this Note, the presentation or surrender of this Note, and all such payments shall discharge the obligation of the Town to the extent of the payments so made. The payment of

principal of this Note shall be made upon presentation and surrender of this Note to the Registrar when due.

This Note comprises the entire series issued by the town in the aggregate amount of \$605,563 pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 444.075 and Chapter 475 and all other laws thereunto enabling, and pursuant to an authorizing resolution adopted by the governing body of the Town on May 20, 2025 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing funds for (i) the financing of upgrading treatment plant, sealing 4 wells and rehabbing and demolition of pump houses; (ii) to pay certain expenses incurred in the issuance of the Note; and (iii) to pay a portion of the interest cost of the Note. The principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid primarily from net revenues (the "Net Revenues") derived from the operation of the Town's municipal water utility, including its portion of the System (the "Utility"), in excess of normal, reasonable and current costs of the operation and maintenance of the Utility. (The Net Revenues are collectively referred to herein as the "Pledged Revenues.") The Pledged Revenues are sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of this Note.

For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as they become due, the full faith and credit and taxing power of the Town are irrevocably pledged.

The Note is prepayable in whole or in part on any date without notice at a price of par plus accrued interest to the prepayment date.

IT IS CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts and conditions required by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota to be done and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this Note, in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the Town in accordance with its terms, have been done and do exist in form, time and manner as so required; that all taxable property within the limits of the Town is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to the extent needed to pay the principal hereof and the interest hereon when due, without limitation as to rate or amount and that the issuance of this Note does not cause the indebtedness of the Town to exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Breitung, Minnesota, has caused this Note to be executed in its behalf by the manual signatures of the Chair and Clerk, the Town having no seal or said seal having been intentionally omitted as permitted by law.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

#### REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This Certificate must be registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books to be kept by the Clerk of the Town of Breitung, as Bond Registrar. No transfer of this Certificate shall be valid unless made on said books by the registered owner or the owner's attorney thereunto duly authorized and similarly noted on the registration books. The ownership

of the unpaid principal balance of this Certificate and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of the Town in the name of the registered owner last noted below.

Date

Registered Owner

Signature of Clerk

\_\_/\_\_/2025

City of Tower  
P.O. Box 576  
Tower, MN 55790  
Federal Taxpayer I.D. No.:  
41-6005577

\_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address of Assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security or Other  
Identifying Number of Assignee

the within Note and all rights thereunder and irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the said Note on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Bank, Trust Company, member of  
National Securities Exchange)

## Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board

### Joint Powers Agreement

**This Agreement** is made and entered into by and among eligible governmental units located in St. Louis County, Minnesota, who are or may become members of the Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 471.15 through 471.19 and 471.59.

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#### 1. Purpose

This Agreement aims to create a cooperative effort among local governmental units to provide recreational opportunities for school-age children, young adults, and their families. This includes but is not limited to planning, funding, operating, and maintaining recreational facilities, trails, and services.

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#### 2. Membership

**2.1 Participating Entities** Any city or township located in St. Louis County, Minnesota, may become a Participating Entity upon approval by the Joint Powers Board and execution of a resolution agreeing to the terms of this Agreement.

**2.2 Admission:** New members may be added by majority vote of the Joint Powers Board. A current list of participating entities will be maintained in *Appendix A* by the Secretary/Treasurer.

**2.3 Withdrawal** Any member may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice to the Board.

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#### 3. Governance

**3.1 Board Composition** Each Participating Entity shall designate one representative to serve on the Joint Powers Board.

**3.2 Officers** The Board shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer annually during the April reorganization meeting.

**3.3 Meetings** The Board shall meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called with at least seven (7) days' written notice, initiated by any two (2) members.

**3.4 Voting** Each Participating Entity shall have one vote. A quorum consists of three (3) voting members, and a majority vote of the quorum shall decide Board actions.

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#### **4. Contributions and Funding**

Each member may contribute funds, facilities, equipment, or expertise as mutually agreed upon.

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#### **5. Records and Transparency**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain records of all Board actions and finances. These records shall be available for review by any member upon reasonable request.

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#### **6. Terms and Amendments**

This Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated by a majority of Participating Entities. Amendments may be made by majority vote of the Board and do not require re-signature of the entire Agreement unless substantive legal changes occur.

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#### **Appendix A: Current Participating Entities (as of May 13, 2025)**

- City of Tower
- Township of Breitung
- Township of Greenwood
- Township of Kugler
- Township of Vermilion Lake

[This appendix is maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer and may be updated without amending the full agreement.]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement is adopted by resolution of the governing boards of each Participating Entity.

## Appendix A

### Participating Entity Acknowledgment & Resolution to Join Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board Agreement

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The undersigned, on behalf of **Breitung Township**, acknowledges and agrees to the terms of the **Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board Agreement**, effective as of [May 13, 2025].

By adoption of this resolution, the governing body of **Breitung Township** authorizes participation in the Joint Powers Board as a Participating Entity, agrees to appoint a representative, and commits to the terms regarding governance, contributions, and withdrawal as outlined in the agreement.

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#### Participating Entity

**Name: Breitung Township**

#### Authorized Signatory:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board

#### Authorized Representative:

Signature: Jenni S Joki-Martin

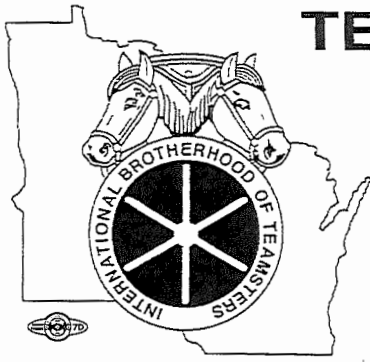
Date: 5-14-2025

Print Name: Jenni S Joki-Martin

Title: Secretary

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*Please return this signed form to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board for inclusion with the master agreement.*



# TEAMSTERS GENERAL LOCAL UNION NO. 346

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

2802 West First Street • Duluth, MN 55806  
218/628-1034 • Fax 218/628-0246  
Email: local@teamsters346.com

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 16208  
Duluth, MN 55816-0208

Trustees  
JARED HOVI  
TONY ROSSI  
AARON RESBERG

ZAK RADZAK  
Secretary • Treasurer

JEFF OVESON  
President  
LES KUNDO  
Vice President  
CHAD WARD  
Recording Secretary  
PHIL PELISKA  
Business Agent

May 15, 2025

**SENT VIA CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Breitung Township  
PO Box 56  
Soudan MN 55782  
Email Address: clerk@breitungtownship.org

Re: Contract Opening


To Whom It May Concern:

This is to notify you that Teamsters General Local Union No. 346 does hereby open the Working Agreement in effect between said Union and your Company, for the purpose of negotiating modifications in wage rates, pensions, health and welfare, vacations, and so forth.

This notice complies with said Agreement and modifications agreed upon are to be effective January 1, 2026.

Please notify the Union who will be your representative for the purpose of negotiating the modifications.

Very truly yours,  
**TEAMSTERS GENERAL LOCAL UNION NO. 346**

  
Zak Radzak  
Secretary-Treasurer  
ZR:jl

Certified Mail R/R/R #7022 1670 0002 0353 3269

Dictated but not read

**Buy American**

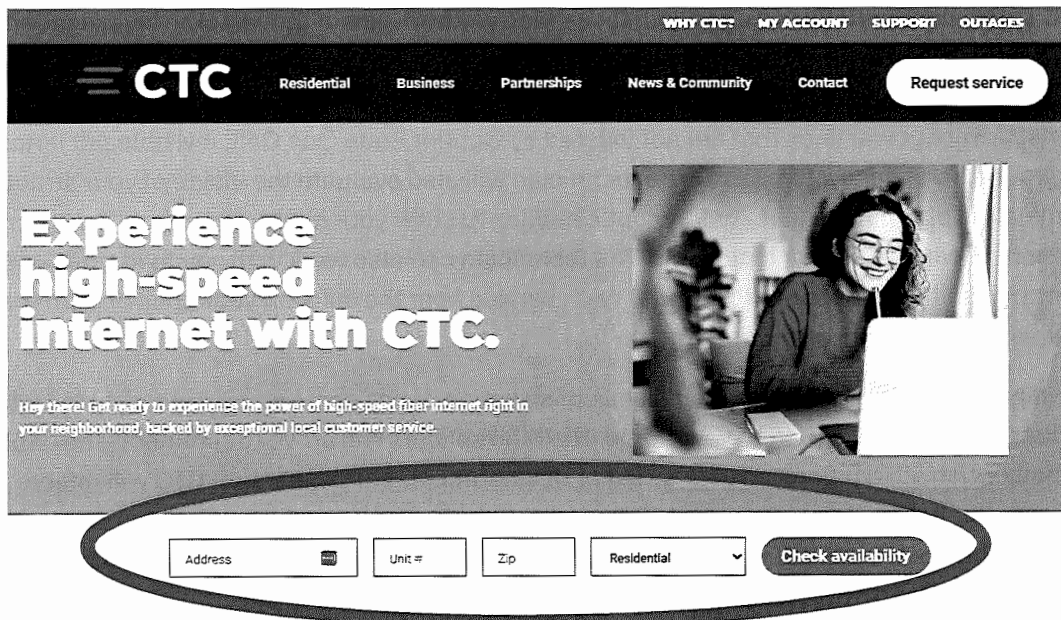
## **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa in partnership with CTC is bringing high-speed broadband to many locations in your area!**

A federal broadband grant applied for in 2021 by Bois Forte is now under construction with service availability coming in late 2025 and early 2026 depending on your exact location. CTC, a Minnesota Broadband Cooperative will be the ISP partner to Bois Forte providing services and exceptional local support.

The project, while exciting, has been held up by years of permitting approvals required by State and Federal agencies. The project initially planned for construction in 2022-2023 and to serve nearly 3,000 locations has had to incur a change in scope as costs have increased substantially in recent years. The decision was made to remove the highest cost of construction locations from the project to provide service to the greatest number of locations possible. The highest cost construction locations are those locations which require aerial fiber attached to local power company power poles. This is because when adding a fiber optic cable to a power pole, strict National Electrical Safety Codes apply which result in the power company's requirement to evaluate each individual pole for proper clearance, strength and other factors. Adding a fiber cable to the poles will require hundreds of power poles to be replaced.

The project will now serve approximately 2,000 locations. Efforts continue by Bois Forte, CTC, IRRRB, RAMS, Local Townships, Cities and St. Louis County to find additional funding so all locations may, at some point in time, be able to receive broadband service.

To find out if your location is eligible for service in this construction project, please visit: [www.goctc.com](http://www.goctc.com) and enter your address followed by clicking on, "Check Availability."



The image shows a screenshot of the CTC website's service availability checker. The page features a dark header with the CTC logo and navigation links: Residential, Business, Partnerships, News & Community, Contact, and a Request service button. The main content area has a large heading: "Experience high-speed internet with CTC." Below this is a sub-headline: "Hey there! Get ready to experience the power of high-speed fiber internet right in your neighborhood, backed by exceptional local customer service." To the right is a photo of a smiling woman at a laptop. At the bottom, a form is highlighted with a red oval, containing input fields for Address, Unit #, Zip, and a Residential dropdown menu, followed by a Check availability button.

Address	Unit #	Zip	Residential	Check availability
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If you are eligible for service, you will be notified on the subsequent page. Here you may begin the first step of signing up for high-speed internet (phone and CTC StreamTV service also available) on our website. Doing so will indicate your interest in service and a CTC sales representative will be in contact with you soon to finalize your order and explain next steps. If you are eligible service, CTC will also be reaching out to you directly via mail and local pop-up sales events in the area.

If you enter your address and it is determined you are not within the planned construction area, it will notify you of this as well. As mentioned above, many organizations and government agencies are working to find additional funding in hopes of expanding the project in the future.

If you sign-up for service you can learn more about the construction process and follow progress as it occurs by visiting [www.goctc.com/news-community/construction-updates/](http://www.goctc.com/news-community/construction-updates/)

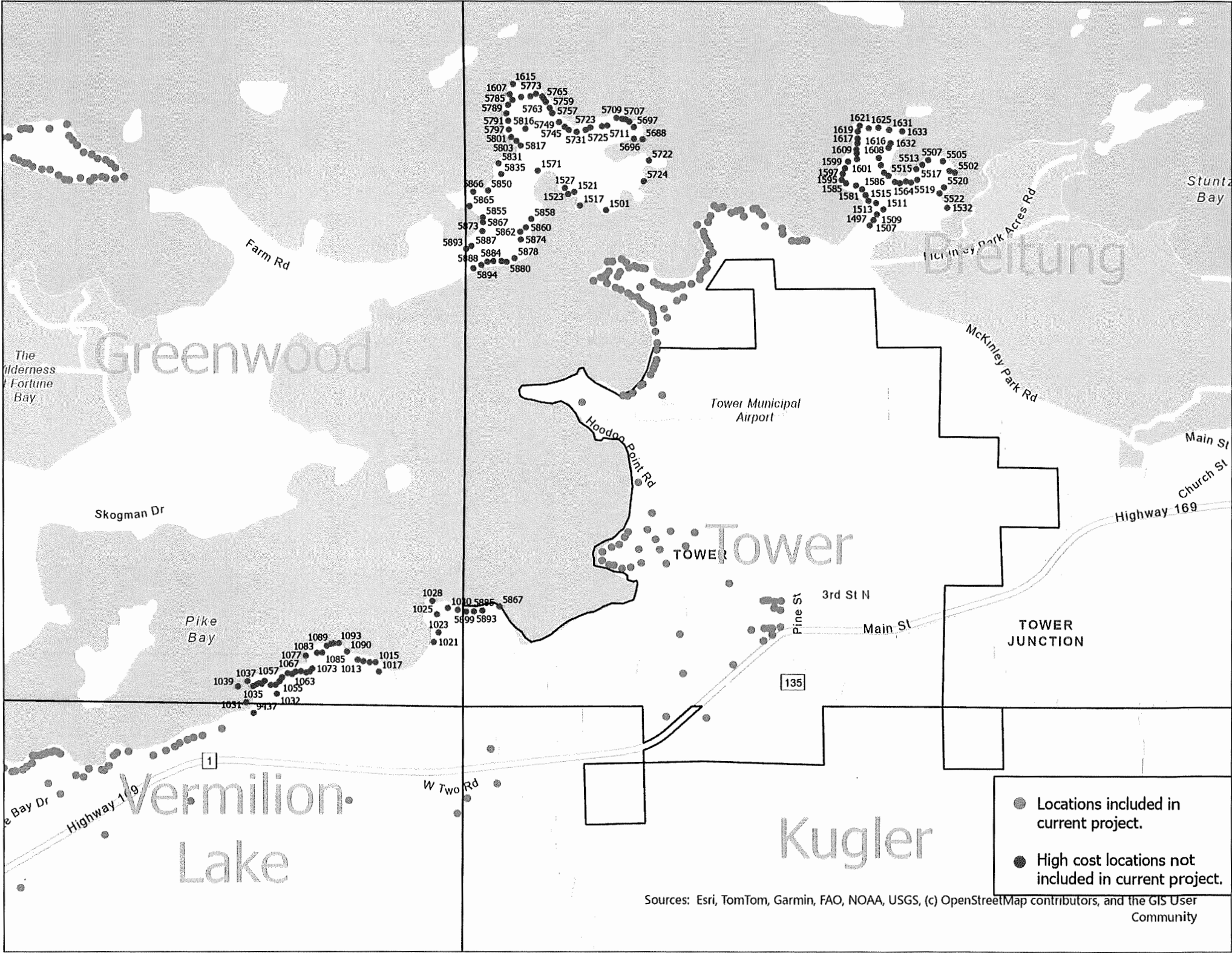
## Construction Project Areas

Construction Area	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
Bois Forte – Lake Vermillion SE (Phase 1)	Ⓛ							
Bois Forte – Lake Vermillion SW (Phase 2)	Ⓛ							
Bois Forte – Orr (Phase 3)	Ⓛ							

The timeline for fiber to the home construction on this project is slightly different due to the challenges faced in determining how to manage the project budget after waiting so many years for permitting approvals. Construction has begun in the Orr area already. Construction in the “East Lake Vermillion” area will commence in early June while “West Lake Vermillion” will commence in late June or early July while contractors await shipments of materials.

As CTC sales representatives sign you up for service you can expect that a home investigation appointment will be scheduled with you. At this appointment a CTC technician will review with you, in person, any particular obstacles we need to be aware of on your property such as septic systems, private power lines that are not located by Gopher State One Call, invisible pet fencing, underground sprinkler systems etc...The technician will also evaluate the inside of your structure to determine the optimal location for fiber optic cabling to enter your home and where the optimal placement of wireless router location is. The technician can also work with you to identify outdoor Wi-Fi opportunities to ensure exceptional Wi-Fi service near the lake, on your dock or perhaps to an adjacent garage or other structure.

Following the home investigation, you’ll see construction crews come to your property to install the drop fiber cable from the road to your home. Next the splicers will arrive to “connect” the cables, and finally when all locations on your street or neighborhood are connected, CTC will enable service to your home. You can contact CTC at 218-454-1234 at any point in this process to determine the exact status of your installation. You can expect service availability will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026.



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

**From:** Jamie Saude <jamie@cnefargo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Cc:** Eric Engler; Steve Lewis; Troy Huseby; Steve Gilbert  
**Subject:** Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) Breitung Township Cable Placement Permit  
**Attachments:** Breitung Township sjg.pdf

Township of Breitung,

Attached you will find a permit for underground construction of communication facilities permit along with maps from Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC). Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) proposes to place fiber optic cable in the township right of way along the routes of the attached map. All roads will be directional bored, and cable will be placed at a minimum depth of 36" in public right of way following the township roads. We would appreciate if you could review the information and approve the permit application at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to me or Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC).

Please let us know if there is a meeting you would like us to attend or set up to discuss any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Jamie Saude



**Jamie Saude**

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**PERMIT FOR UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION  
OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

The CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY incorporated under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA, with its principal place of business BRAINERD, MN, does hereby make application requesting permission to occupy certain portions of public rights-of-way with buried communications cable in the BREITUNG TOWNSHIP.

IT IS AGREED:

1. The applicant will bear all costs of installation and subsequent maintenance.
2. The applicant will, at any time subsequent to the installation, at his own expense, remove or relocate his utility lines as he deems necessary to conform to new grades, alignment or widening of right-of-way resulting from maintenance or construction operation for highway improvements. The applicant further agrees to perform this operation promptly upon verbal notice within a reasonable amount of time by the BREITUNG TOWNSHIP without cost to the BREITUNG TOWNSHIP.
3. The applicant shall return the entire right-of-way, which has been disturbed or damaged during construction, to its original condition.
4. The applicant shall indemnify and hold the BREITUNG TOWNSHIP harmless for any and all damages, loss and expense including judgments, cost and attorneys' fees for personal injury, death, or property damage resulting from the construction, operation, or maintenance of such utility lines.
5. The applicant agrees to place all facilities in accordance with the attached plat or an approved alternate.
6. Construction is expected to start on or about MAY 2025 and be completed by DECEMBER 2025.

APPLICANT:

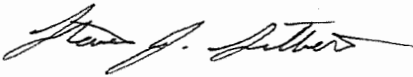
CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY

1102 MADISON ST

BRAINERD, MN 56401

Date: 5/25/2025

By: \_\_\_\_\_



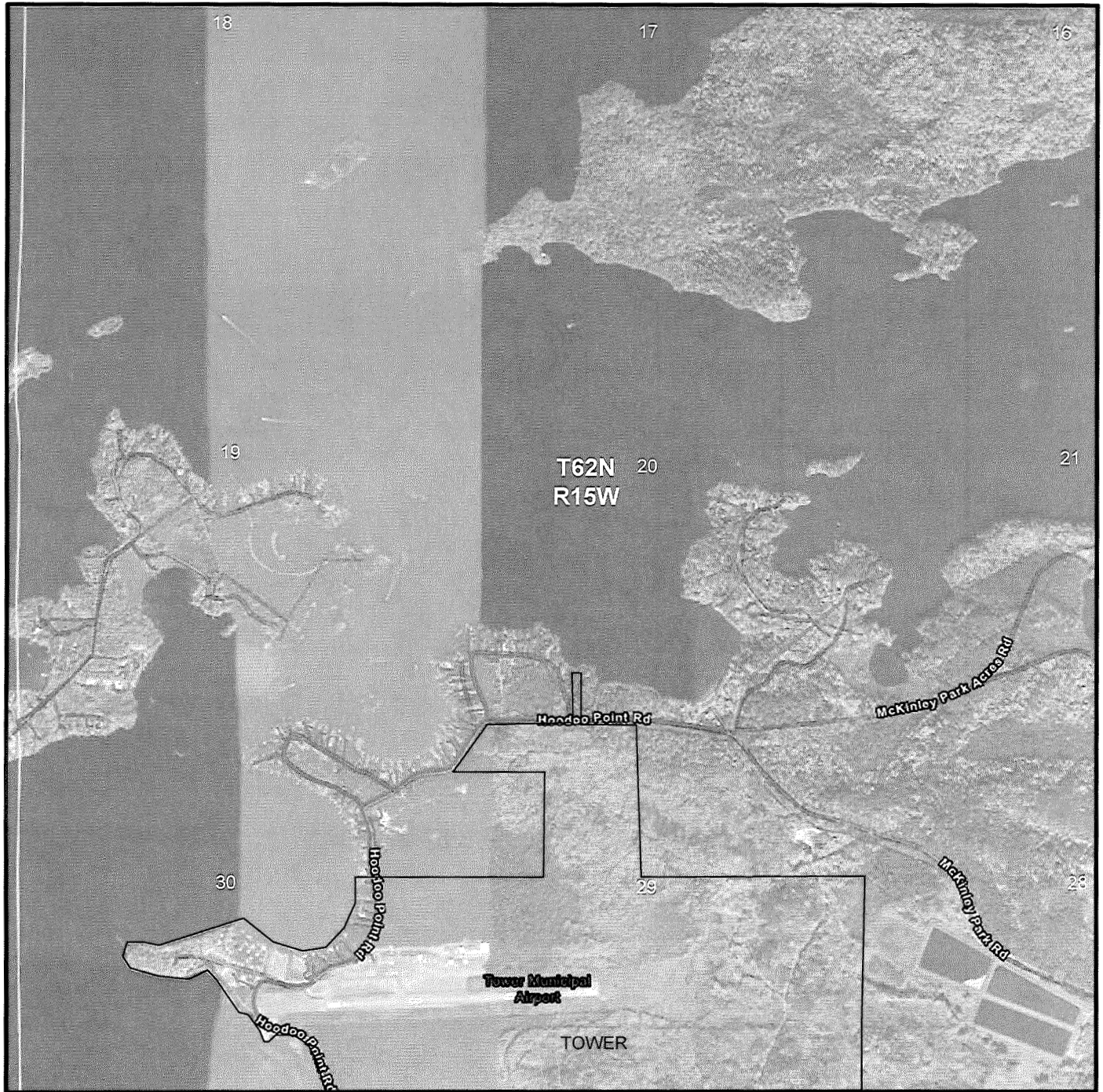
APPROVAL GRANTED:



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Provisions:

1. The buried communications cable will be placed at 42" minimum depth and in the outer 10' of the road R/W where conditions permits.
2. All pedestals or terminals will be set on the road R/W lines.
3. Hard surfaced roads will be bored. Plow across gravel roads.
4. The Contractor will repair all damaged tiles and other facilities.
5. Cleanup work will follow immediately behind as construction progresses.

Breitung Township  
62N 15W  
Sections 19,20,21,29,30



Legend	
	Fiber Optic Communication Cable
	Municipal Boundary



Dear Breitung Township Board Members,      May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Matthew Tichel, Erin Peitso, Stephen Tekautz, Amber Zak, Teresa Dolinar

I will not be able to attend the township meeting. I will be teaching Basic Dog Obedience Training for the Tower-Soudan Community Education Class. I will drive over as soon as class is finished to see if you have any questions for me, if you are still available. This should be in the 7:10 – 7:15 pm time frame or earlier.

Last winter while setting up community education classes for our community I was told that the school was not open during the summer for classes. In December of 2024 I secured a local indoor facility where we could conduct these classes during summer. I was informed last week that this business is no longer offering their community room and headed in a different direction with the business space. Yikes!

When I moved back here I quickly came to realize that there were very few outlets for dog owners to work with their dogs to become better educated family and community members. I have now taught two dog obedience classes for the community at the school; last fall and now this spring. I would like to keep up the education, momentum, opportunities and word of mouth going. Not everyone wants to train their dog in the winter, but fortunately this quickly changes during the summer months. I am requesting the use of our Breitung Community Room at a reduced cost or at no cost to keep the fees for this opportunity affordable for residents. During week one of class we are in need of class space for 10-15 humans only and during the next constitutive five weeks we will need to be approved to have our 10-12 canines with the humans training inside when the weather restricts us from working outside. Please let me introduce myself. My name is Mandy Meyer and I am a resident of Breitung Township. I was born, raised and graduated high school from Babbitt, MN. Four years ago I moved from the south metro to Tower-Soudan. For the last 35 years I have been teaching Dog Obedience for Community Education Classes in four separate south metro school districts. 30 years ago I started Kaos Kennels Inc as a professional dog trainer and certified veterinary technician. I opened a dog boarding, training and daycare facility. Yes, even before this was the cool thing! I have been working with Charissa Dahl, director of the Tower-Soudan Community Education program. If you need a reference or have any questions for her she can be reached at [cdal@isd2142.k12.mn.us](mailto:cdal@isd2142.k12.mn.us) or 218-290-2985. She could also vouch for the custodial staff on how clean we leave the grounds and room we work in when inside. Please see this as an ongoing commitment from me to offer dog classes for years to come. With a consistent and permanent indoor summer location we can make this happen.

At this time we are need of the Breitung Community Room for Humans only starting Wednesday June 18 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and continuing for the next 5 weeks, June 25, July 2, July 9, July 15, July 23 from 5:45 – 7:15 pm for 10- 12 with dogs and their owners if the weather limits us from training outside.

Wags,  
Mandy Meyer  
Professional Dog Trainer/Owner Kaos Kennels/Veterinary Technician/Pet Enthusiast  
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FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND SAVE HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR USE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG COMMUNITY ROOM

Adopted April 27th, 2023

We, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that we have been authorized to use/rent the community room at The Township of Breitung, Soudan, MN for a special event. We further recognize that this includes the use of the kitchen adjacent to the community room, restrooms and grounds. We understand the FACILITY USE AND RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS as adopted on April 27th, 2023 and are hereby attached as part of this agreement for the use and rental of said facility.

We hereby agree that we will responsibly use the facility. We will inspect the facility prior to use and agree to be responsible for any damages that result from our use and to pay for the repair of any damages caused by our negligent use of said facility and equipment. We further agree to save the Township of Breitung harmless from any and all claims, either by us or those who participate in the use of the facility or Township owned equipment.

I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the group seeking to use the facilities and that I personally, on behalf of said group, accept responsibility for any damages to said facility. I also certify that I have read and will comply with the rules and regulations on the use of the facility.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 25.

Name: Mandy meyer

Group Name: Community Education  
Day obedience classes

Address: 5515 Miettunen Pk Rd, Tower

Telephone: 952-217-3214

Date Needed: Wed June 18<sup>th</sup>: For Sure  
Next 5 weds 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23  
if weather permits us  
from working outside

Time Needed: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Purpose: Community Education  
Day Obedience classes

Adult Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

(for youth groups only)

Signature: Amanda Meyer

Township Office Use only:  Scheduled  Key Picked Up  Key Returned  Fee Paid

