

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 12-21-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

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

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Terry Carlson-Tower News, Scott Lilya (left @ 12:20pm)

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Clerk Sundahl asked that Resolution 2023-33 Township Election Hours be added to the end of new business

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to accept the agenda with change as requested

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve the minutes of 11/30/2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve the November 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMC-Dividend Payment
- Johnson, Killen, Seiler-Rate Increase 2024
- Lake Vermilion Resort Association-Letter to Dept of Revenue
- Friends of the Parks-donation request
- IRRR-Dec 6th Meeting Recap
- MN Management & Budget-Pay Equity
- MAT-Legal Case

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached

- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-None
- Recreation-Public works attempting to flood the rink, unsure of weather
- Wastewater Board-Meeting held on 12/20/23, Board will be calling for 2nd bids on the Water Filtration Plant
- Ambulance Commission-No meeting until January 2024, Supervisor Tuchel and Supervisor Tekautz attended the Task Force Meeting held in Mt Iron last week. The legislative task force is hosting 4 Field Meetings throughout the state, meeting was well attended.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented
 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
 Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Scott Lilya Property-Puncher Point

Discussion by the Board of time and place of hearing, Clerk Sundahl stated she was awaiting approval of paperwork (Order of Hearing Date/Notice of Right to Appeal from Township Attorney at this time

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve public hearing @ property located @ 5737 Puncher Point Road on February 15th @ 2:00pm pending township attorney approval of paperwork
 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Approve Notice of Right to Appeal pending township attorney approval

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Infrastructure Projects Updates

- 2023 Infrastructure-IRRR meeting on December 6th, approved 75k, 75k received from CDBG funding for this project, scope has been scaled back trying to stay within budget without doing work that will just have to be redone. JPJ Engineering gave Supervisors drawings to review of the project. Supervisor Tuchel and Public Works Supervisor Gorsma to review and will let John @ JPJ know of any concerns, updates. JPJ can get Advertisement for Bids in next weeks Tower News.

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to set the bid opening with Supervisor Tuchel and Clerk Sundahl on January 25th, 2023 @ 11am with discussion and any approval to be held during the regular board meeting at Noon on January 25th, 2023

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

2024 CDBG Grant-This grant is being requested for the Center St Project. Supervisor Tuchel and John Jamnick from JPJ Engineering will be attending 01/11/2024 @ the St Louis County Building in Gilbert at 11:15pm for the Breitung Township Presentation.

PFA Loan-No new updates, JPJ Engineering continues to work on easements.

Gravel Pit-The Board approved a reconciliation cost with Mesabi Bituminous at the last Special meeting in the amount of \$31,884.50

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Chairman Tomsich will meet with the Tower committee in January of 2024.

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Committee notes from last meeting were presented. Committee is working with Jennifer from JPJ to dial in specifics of the project. Will apply for an IRRR Culture and Tourism grant (current one will need to be closed out) as well as a DNR Outdoor Recreation grant, and LCP grant.

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sunsdahl continues to attend meetings either in Grand Rapids and/or the City of Tower. Projects that are being looked at are possibly Senior Housing and or Workforce Housing. Dave working with Maxfield on a potential first phase of a Housing Study as TEDA has approved up to 5k for a study. Group also looking into a LHTF and other options to boost housing in the area.

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

Safe and Sick Leave Policy-Clerk Sunsdahl working with Township attorney on new policy and/or an addition to the Breitung Policy Handbook.

McKinley Park Dock Quotes-Public Works Supervisor Gorsma and Clerk Sunsdahl received 2 quotes to replace the middle dock at McKinley Park as it is in need of replacement. Supervisor Gorsma suggests the township accept the bid from Manick Docks.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the bid from Manick Docks in the amount of \$6760 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Culture and Tourism Grant 2024-The Township currently has an open grant but hoping to be completed and closed out in the spring of 2024. IRRR will be accepting applications for 2024 and the Township is looking to apply to assist with the Soudan Rec Area to include looking at the dugout and replacement of at the ball field.

Police Department

- Online Auction for Kia Vehicle-Breitung Township now has clear title of this vehicle. Previous discussion that this vehicle would go for more money should the township put it out to bid in a wider area.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the Police Department using MNBID to auction the KIA

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

- Purchase of New Computer-Chief Reing would like to purchase a new desktop computer with Taco's with Cops profit.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel for the Police Department to purchase a new computer in the amount of \$1950

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2023-31-PERA for new Police Officer

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2023-31 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

SOS Cigarette License 2024-Clerk Sunsdahl has given application to the SOS for renewal of its Cigarette License for 2024

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the Cigarette License for the SOS Store pending completed application, insurance and fee of \$50

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolutions

- Resolution 2023 #32-Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2023 #32 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Resolution 2023 #33-Township Election Hours

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2023 #33 with voting hours 12N-8pm

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting-January 25th, 2024 @ 12N @ Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:30pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township