

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 12-23-2021 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Public: Stephanie Ukkola- Timberjay, John Jamnick-JPJ Engineering (12:05pm), Tom Gorsma- Public Works, Daniel Reing-Breitung Police Chief, Valeda McDonald, Keith Nyman, Doug Erickson, Trudy Hendricks

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Minutes from the 12-02-21 Regular Board Meeting

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the November Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

Habitat for Humanity- Clerk Sundahl to send letter about vacant lot at Main/Gordon St, Soudan

Edwards Oil-so noted

St. Louis County Public Health-so noted

Lee Peterson-so noted

City of Ely-so noted

International League of Cities-so noted Board declined to join

Unemployment Insurance-down, so noted

Lighting for Rink-Give letter to Greg

LCP-Operation Round Up Grant-so noted received grant for Kiddie Rink

Public Input:

None

Reports:

- Police-See attached, busy month
- Fire-See attached
- Road and Bridge-No report out plowing. Supervisor Dostert asked the DOT for funding assistance to get water at the monument but stated it is the townships responsibility because the township owns it. Possibly funding through DNR since trail runs behind.

- McKinley Park- None
- Recreation-Rink Open as of today, 6 employees and fully staffed, Kiddie Rink picked up from Duluth this week.
- Wastewater Board-Short meeting in December. IRRR granted \$250k for forced main sewer project from the train to the ponds. All funding in place for work.
- Ambulance Commission-Nothing new to report. Greenwood Township invited Virginia Ambulance to speak at a meeting, appears to be an expensive venture.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Update on Police Department
 - City of Tower Contract-Supervisors reviewed last update received from the City of Tower, and township attorney has reviewed again and given recommendation for change to Section 11.
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the revised Police Contract with the City of Tower as presented at today's meeting
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Recreation Committee -Public Meeting on 12/09/21 was advertised, no one new in attendance. Prices given for projects with a total cost of \$388,850 not including architecture and engineering costs. Can apply for DNR grant of \$250k but would have to match. Would go to other entities for monies, will have to apply in February/March of 2022. Still waiting on more information and costs. Need solid numbers, firm cost estimate as well as list of importance for Board to make a decision.
- Tower Trail Committee-Final plan delivered, on the Township Website. Will work with others to see what the plan is moving forward. Thought is to have 1 entity responsible to run grant monies through, probably not the Recreation Committee as they do not have an ID number. Will have a meeting in 2022.
- Trail Update with the City of Tower-Have not heard anything back from the City of Tower in regards to payment of their portion of the McKinley Park Trail and maintenance that the Township of Breitung has done or will do moving forward. Chairman Tomsich to look at costs and work with Clerk Sundahl and send the City of Tower an invoice for maintenance costs.
- McKinley Park-Resolution 2021-27 Adopting the 2022 McKinley Park Rate Schedule
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Resolution 2021-27 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Pay Bills as Presented
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Township Operations-Consensus to make no changes to Township Operations at this time. Housekeeping suggested ordering toilet seat covers, Clerk Sunsdahl to order.
- Portable Recording Systems-Police-Chief Reing stated he has been working with the township attorney on this matter. Per State Statute the agency must provide an opportunity for public comment before it purchases or implements a portable recording system. Clerk Sunsdahl to Publish and Post and a Special Meeting will be set in February. Chief Reing is working with other agencies in regards to a written policy and procedure. Chief Reing spoke with Watchguard and anything recorded would be stored on the Cloud and free of charge. Cost for the cam is \$1195 to include a charging station. \$700 has been promised by private citizens.
- Use of Community Center on a monthly basis by the Quilters Group
Motion by Supervisor Dostert to allow the Quilters Group to use the Community Center on a monthly basis as requested
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Renewal of Tobacco License submitted by the Soudan Store
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the renewal of Tobacco License as submitted
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0
- Partial Pay Estimate #4 from JPJ Engineering-Partial Pay Estimate presented in the amount of \$29,362.13 for the 4th Avenue Project. Breitung Water and Sewer to reimburse the Township for line CO-2 in the amount of \$12,525.00 plus work done on sewer laterals to be determined by Public Works Supervisor Gorsma
Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Partial Pay Estimate #4 and pay as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Fund Balances-Chairman Tomsich spoke of the different funds that money transfers should be made. See below:
 - Transfer \$35k to the Equipment Replacement Reserve fund. \$25k from the General Fund and \$10k from Fire Fund
 - True up Reserve Sick days for Road and Bridge and Police and transfer from their perspective funds. Clerk Sunsdahl to work on this
 - Remove Police Forfeiture Fund Account
 - Add a new Park Reserve Fund Account and transfer \$50k from the Park Fund

- Transfer \$25k to the Gravel Reserve Fund. \$10k from R&B Fund and \$15k from the General Fund

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the fund balance transfers as presented 2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

- Skating Shack-Consensus by the Board to accept the Skating Shack Hours and Skating Rink Rules as presented, but did not continue the Safe Skating Rink Policy or Skating Rink Questionnaire.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, January 27th, 2022 at 12:00noon

Special Board Meeting: to be held 2nd week of February

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:06pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township