

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TELEPHONIC
APRIL 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom.

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka & Fire Chief Iverson.

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the April 13, 2020 Agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the March 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting, March 23, 2020 Telephonic Regular Board Meeting and the April 6, 2020 Telephonic Special Board Meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Old Business: COVID-19 Updates/Discussion: No recent updates other than Superintendent Mulka participated in an Intergovernmental meeting where he was informed there have been a total of 117 COVID-19 tests taken in Dickinson County; 104 returned negative, 3 were positive and 10 are pending. Additional restrictions of the updated Executive Order were also discussed.

New Business: Fire Department Promotion: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to promote Lieutenant Joe Smeester to the rank of Captain. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Fire Department Hiring Approval: Ethan Thomma is already trained in Fire Fighter II and was a fire fighter for Ford River Fire Department for 2 ½ years. Ethan has been interviewed and both Chief Iverson and Assistant Chief Lindow believe he will make a good fit for Station 3 (N.B.)

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the hiring of Ethan Thomma as a probationary fire fighter for Station 3 (N.B.). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Bike Month Resolution: The month of May has been designated as Bicycle Month both in Michigan and national each year. Bike to Work Day is always the third Friday in May (May 15th this year) and Bike to Work Week (May 10-16).

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Resolution No. 04132020 as Resolution declaring the month of May to promote bicycle safety. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated March 21, 2020 to April 10, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Clerk Neuens to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor's Cash Summary by Bank for 02/01/2020 to 02/29/2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: The fire department responded to a wildfire at the Verso mill. It was approximately 110 acres. Norway Fire Department and the DNR assisted. It was caused by a train that was being worked on near the yard. Precautions are being investigated to be sure this doesn't happen again.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Continues to receive applications for zoning permits.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of January the following was handled by the Breitung Township Officer: 2 accidents, 23 complaints, 7 code enforcement complaints and 3 arrests.

Board Discretionary Time: Supervisor Olson has been riding the township roads checking conditions for future road projects. Trustee Soderbloom will not be running for another term as Township Trustee.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the bill list in the amount of 40,289.53. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor