

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – IN PERSON & TELEPHONIC
AUGUST 10, 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 – all attended in person, wore masks, and sat 6’ apart.

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka, Fire Chief Jeff Iverson, Sheriff Deputy Chris Kuenzer and Brian Christensen/Daily News via telephone.

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No Comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the August 10, 2020 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the July 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes/In Person and Telephonic, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Old Business: COVID-19 Discussion: **Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to discontinue the “Shelter in Place” wage coverage, with all employees returning to their normal working hours effective Monday, August 17, 2020. However, if an employee displays COVID symptoms, is awaiting COVID test results or has received a positive COVID test result, they will be paid with no sick leave being deducted until they are approved to return to work. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fireworks Ordinance: The Board would like the sentence under “Enforcement” to be worded “Sworn law enforcement officers or designated code enforcement officer are authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.” Superintendent Mulka will revise the draft Fireworks Ordinance and bring to the next board meeting.

Township Land Sales Policy: Superintendent Mulka will look further into what Township land would be available for sale and present to the Board. The Board will reconsider a policy at a later meeting.

New Business: Roofing Bids Opening: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to receive and open the one bid received for the replacement of the following township building roofs: East Kingsford warming building, Cemetery Sexton building and the pump house #3. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Petschar Construction, 716 East C Street, Iron Mountain, MI - \$19,875.00

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to have DPW Superintendent Forstrom and Township Superintendent Mulka review Petschar Construction’s bid and award the bid if all specifications are met and if they feel it is most advantageous for the Township.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Appointment of Secretary for the ZBA, Planning Commission and Water/Sewer Board: Superintendent Mulka would like to discuss the possibility of staff taking over the secretarial duties for the ZBA, Planning Commission and Water/Sewer Board. The Board will consider this request during the 2021 budget process.

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated July 24, 2020 to August 7, 2020.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Meetings, Budget/Revenues, Barriers and Protection in the Office, Drop Box, Office Opening Plan, Scrap Tire Grant, Parks, Personnel, etc.

[Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of July the following was handled by the Breitung Township Officer: 1 accident, 19 complaints, 6 code enforcement complaints and 0 arrests.

Board Discretionary Time: Trustee Johnson announced that he will not be moving on to the November ballot; the Board assured him that we look forward to continuing to work with him through November 20th and look forward to him running again in 2024. There is no DCTA meeting on August 17th. Wishing Mike Day a speedy recovery. There have been issues with Frei Drive, but they are being handled. Happy birthday to Brian Christensen/Daily News on Friday, August 14th!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the bill list in the amount of 55,846.04. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor