

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

*Public Comment:* No comments.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the December 11, 2017 agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the November 27, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes, November 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the December 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

*Public Hearing - 2018 Fiscal Year Budget Presentation:*

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Clerk Neuens to recess the regular board meeting and enter into the 2018 Budget Public Hearing. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Start Time: 7:05 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Mary Dixon of Quinnesec: concerned about the wage and salary increases and also voiced her opinion regarding the Feed America food truck.
- Erni Luri of Quinnesec: concerned about the wage and salary increases and vacation time increases.
- Rita Luri of Quinnesec: does not agree with the Superintendent's 5% increase or the vacation time increases.

Board Comments:

- Supervisor Olson drew attention to The Principles of Governance that the township board adopted and also made known the township does have a vacation schedule in place. A lot of time and attention goes into the budgeting process and it is not taken lightly.
- Clerk Neuens addressed the fact that she researched what Chocoday Township, a Charter Township that is of similar to Breitung, pays their Township Superintendent, Clerk and Treasurer and it is considerably higher than what Breitung Township has in place.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to close the public hearing and enter back into the regular board meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

End time: 7:28 p.m.

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New Business: General Property and Liability Insurance Renewal: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to renew our Liability and Property Insurance with the Michigan Municipal League for \$30,745. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

2018 Meeting Schedules Resolution No. 12112017-A: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Clerk Neuens to approve Resolution No. 12112017-A a RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE for Township Boards and Commissions. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Dixon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies: This resolution is required by MDOT as part of their conditions for utility work in road right-of-ways.

**Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Resolution No. 12112017-B a PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Dixon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Service Line Length Policy Adoption: This policy is to clarify our ordinance regarding water service lines.

**Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Johnson to adopt the BREITUNG TOWNSHIP WATER SERVICE LINE POLICY as recommended by the Water/Sewer Board.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Water & Sewer Rate Increase Recommendations: In addition to the annual 2% increase of the water rates, the Water/Sewer Board is recommending the following increases:

East Kingsford	3% to help offset the approximately 6% rate increase by the City of Kingsford [with annual 2% increase the total increase will be 5% for 2018].
Quinnesec	5% to address the long term infrastructure needs of the system [with annual 2% increase the total increase will be 7% for 2018].
EK Commercial-Sewer	10% to offset lack of COLA in prior years and address capital needs [with annual 2% increase the total increase will be 12% for 2018].
Parrish Properties	The sewer rate should become a policy of twice the rate we pay for the service.

**Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Dixon to approve the four rate increases recommended by the Water/Sewer Board for 2018 and to extend the policy of annual COLA increases to the East Kingsford Commercial Water and Sewer rates. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Fighter Resignations: According to Chief Iverson Andy Wickman and Daniel Weber have resigned from the department after many years of service. For various reasons Robert Theobald, John VanDusen and Tony Verette are no longer able to serve on the department.

**Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to accept the resignations of Andy Wickman and Daniel Weber; Certificates of Appreciation to be sent. Probationary Fire Fighters Robert Theobald, John VanDusen and Tony Verette to be removed from the Breitung Township Fire Department roster as they are no longer able to serve. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Longriders Raffle License Support: The State of Michigan requires notification of and approval by the local governing body of the non-profit organization seeking a charitable gaming license.

**Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Dixon to approve Resolution No. 12112017-C a RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LONGRIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF UPPER MICHIGAN, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Dixon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Feeding America Food Bank: Mike Miller of the Dickinson County Veterans Affairs Office asked the Board if the Township would be willing to host a Feeding America/Salvation Army mobile food pantry out of the DPW building on Thursday, January 12, 2018.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to authorize the use of the DPW building for the Feeding American/Salvation Army mobile food pantry on Thursday, January 12, 2018 hosted by the Veterans Affairs office. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The Township's Liability insurance company recommends obtaining a certificate of insurance showing auto and general liability coverage from the Veteran Affairs coordinator.

Michigan Township Association 2018 Conference and Expo: The annual educational conference sponsored by MTA will be in Traverse City April 23-26, 2018.

**Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve interested board members and the Township Superintendent to attend the annual MTA Conference April 23-26, 2018 with registration, mileage, tolls, parking, up to four nights lodging, Per Diem for Trustees and expenses for others. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Capitol Conference: The Michigan Townships Association is hosting its annual Capitol Conference and Legislative Advocacy sessions January 31, 2018 in Lansing.

**Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve any interested board member and Township Superintendent to attend MTA's 2018 Capitol Conference in Lansing with registration, mileage, meals, 2 nights lodging and Per Diem for Trustees. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Supervisor Olson and Treasurer Taylor. **Nays:** Trustees Dixon, Wales and Clerk Neuens. **Motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated November 10, 2017 to December 8, 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Highlights for November and December.

Board Discretionary Time: Compliments to those who helped put on the "Christmas at the Quinnesec Park"!; a thank you to the Office of Veteran Affairs and the Longriders Club for all they do for our community; Happy Birthday to Deputy Treasurer Abbey Taylor on December 19<sup>th</sup>!; Merry Christmas everyone!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the bill list in the amount of \$49,468.91. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Public Comment: Start Time: 8:38 p.m. End Time: 8:39 p.m.

Rita Luri of Quinnesec thanked the board for all their hard work, agrees with Chief Iverson on the importance of good training and education and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor