

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 09, 2019**

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

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

Invocation given by: Trustee Wales.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the December 9, 2019 Agenda with the addition of 5/c 2020 Budget Public Hearing. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the November 25, 2019 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing - 2020 Fiscal Year Budget Presentation: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to recess the regular board meeting and enter into the 2020 Budget Public Hearing. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Start Time: 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: No comments.

Board Comments: No comments.

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to close the public hearing and enter back into the regular board meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

End time: 7:05 p.m.

New Business: Poverty Exemption Recipients' Refuse Bill Discussion: Treasurer Taylor would like to discuss the possibility of waiving refuse bills for our residents that qualify for and have poverty exemption on their property taxes.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to waive the refuse bills for Breitung Township residents that have filled out the form and qualify for the poverty exemption on their property taxes. This provision will take effect January 1, 2020. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Flexible Spending Account Discontinuation Discussion: Due to the high cost of administering the FSA program and the lack of employee participation, Treasurer Taylor is requesting the Board to consider discontinuation.

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Wales to discontinue the Flexible Spending Account due to high cost of administration and lack of employee participation. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Water Rate Recommendation: Per the joint meeting on December 5, 2019, the Water/Sewer Board recommended a 2.4% cost-of-living, as well as a \$1 per thousand gallons increase for the East Kingsford Residential and Quinnesec Water Systems. The East Kingsford Commercial System will see a 2.4% cost-of-living increase only. The draft rate schedule is being submitted for review and approval.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the updated Charter Township of Breitung Water/Sewer Price Schedule according to the Water/Sewer Board's recommendation of a 2.4% cost-of-living, as well as a \$1 per thousand gallons increase for the East Kingsford Residential and Quinnesec Water Systems with the East Kingsford Commercial System seeing a 2.4% cost-of-living increase only. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

District 10	East Kingsford	\$8.79 (effective 01/01/2020)
District 20	Quinnesec	\$4.68 (effective 01/01/2020)
District 30	EK Commercial	\$14.10 (effective 01/01/2020)

MML Renewal Quote Discussion: MML is quoting \$32,959 for the 2020 General Property & Liability Insurance. This is a 2.5% increase from the 2019 premium of \$32,154.

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Wales to accept the General Property & Liability premium from MML in the amount of \$32,959 for the year of 2020. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Township Agreement for Improvements to Local Roads: **Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the Dickinson County Road Commission Township Agreement for Improvements on Local Roads/Maple Street. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated November 23, 2019 to December 6, 2019.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Community, DPW, Code Enforcement, IT Committee, etc.
[Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: Great American Disposal has been having trouble getting to some of the private roads because of wintery conditions; May have to look closer at how to handle this type of situation. Happy Birthday to Deputy Treasurer Abbey Taylor on December 19th and to Trustee Aaron Rochon on December 20th!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of \$121,638.69. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor