

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019**

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

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

Invocation given by: Trustee Wales.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the January 14, 2019 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the December 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing – Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to recess the regular board meeting and enter into the public hearing regarding the prohibition of marihuana establishments. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Start Time: 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments:

Kurt Gilhuber, W8079 US 2/141, Lot 100, Iron Mountain, MI: Doesn't understand why the Township would pass this ordinance. The money could be used to clean up the township and put in sidewalks. Passing this ordinance would be throwing money away.

Brian Smeester, 380 Cass Ave., Kingsford, MI: Marijuana is not a bad drug. This ordinance should not pass.

Robert Allen, W8079 US 2/141, Lot 62: Medical Marijuana card holder and recreational user. Do not pass this ordinance. Take the money and put it back into the community.

Mike Day, W7225 Wales Drive, Quinnesec: Supports this ordinance 100%. Is ok with medical marijuana but not recreational marijuana.

The Board received three letters in the mail from Lee Deneau, Millie Stearns and an unsigned letter, all in support of the ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments in the township

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

End time: 7:15 p.m.

Old Business: Quinnesec Water Distribution System Recommendations: After a thorough review of all documents provided and conversations with selected firms, DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom recommends Coleman Engineering to develop the preliminary drawing estimates for water main upgrades and to identify potential back-up well exploration locations in the Quinnesec Water Distribution system.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to award the preliminary design of 3 separate Quinnesec water main projects for \$1,000 and identify back-up well locations in Quinnesec for \$1,000 to Coleman Engineering. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Appointment to the Board of Review: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to appoint the following to the Board of Review for a 2 year term expiring on December 31, 2020: Bill Dixon, Bill Hasse, Leon Patterson and Roger Rose as the alternate. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The new Board of Review members will need to take the Oath of Office within 10 days of this appointment.

New Business: Ordinance Prohibiting Marihuana Establishments: The Breitung Township residents spoke loud and clear at the November 6, 2018 General Election; they do not want the legalization of recreational marijuana. The “Yes” votes for recreational marijuana were 1,175 and the “No” votes were 1,701. County Wide voters did not want recreational marijuana either. County wide “Yes” votes were 5,039 and the “No” votes were 6,347.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 1 -2019, an ordinance to prohibit marihuana “marijuana” establishments within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Breitung pursuant the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, as may be amended. Ordinance to include the “marijuana” spelling as well and the “marihuana” spelling.

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

MTA Annual Conference: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve all board members and the Township Superintendent to attend the Michigan Townships Association Conference and Expo April 1-4, 2019 with conference registration, pre-conference seminar registration, mileage, tolls, parking, up to 4 nights lodging, per diem for the Trustees and expenses for others.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Fighter Application: Under the recommendation of Chief Iverson and Assistant Chief Scott Marshall a **motion** was made by Trustee Wales and **supported** by Trustee Johnson to approve James Lieburn as a probationary fire fighter for Station 1 (Quinnesec). **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Fighter Promotion: Under the recommendation of Chief Iverson and Assistant Chief Rob Blazier a **motion** was made by Trustee Soderbloom and **supported** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Fire Fighter Ryan Cousineau to be promoted to Lieutenant for Station 2 (East Kingsford).

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Board of Review Training: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the meeting stipend for the Board of Review members that attend the Upper Peninsula Assessors Association on February 5, 2019. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated December 20, 2018 to January 9, 2019.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Report - Highlights: Incidents, activities, statistics and schedule of upcoming Dickinson County fire training and meetings. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Community, DPW & Planning Commission. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: Happy Birthday to Chris Wilcox, January 10th!

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Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of \$37,841.51. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor