

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TELEPHONIC
MARCH 23, 2020**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka, Attorney William Fahey, Administrative Assistant Adrienne Savord, Township Deputy Sheriff Chris Kuenzer, DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom, Fire Chief Jeff Iverson, The Daily News reporter Brian Christensen and resident Joe Hruska.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Attorney William Fahey explained the telephonic meeting rules and gave a few pointers from his experience with these types of telephonic meetings.

Attorney Fahey also asked that the board adopt the Breitung Charter Township Telephonic Meeting Rules in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing meeting procedures for Township public bodies in compliance with Executive Order 2020-15 issued by the Governor of Michigan on March 18, 2020.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to adopt the Breitung Charter Township Telephonic Meeting Rules. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens, Supervisor Olson, Trustees Rochon and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the March 23, 2020 Agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Rochon and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Old Business: COVID-19: After a lengthy discussion regarding how various Township departments will operate during the three weeks of "Stay Home, Stay Safe" a **motion** was made by Trustee Wales and **supported** by Trustee Soderbloom for all Township employees to remain home unless their immediate supervisor calls them in. From March 24, 2020 through April 14, 2020 all hourly employees will be paid their normal 40 hour per week. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Wales, Rochon, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

New Business: Fire Department Request to Solicit Bids for Portable Radios, Programming and Microphones: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to postpone this request until the first meeting in May. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Rochon, Wales, Soderbloom, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor and Trustee Johnson. **Motion carried.**

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to receive and place on file Clerk Neuens' Revenue/Expenditure Report and Balance sheet for the period ending February 29, 2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated March 7, 2020 through March 20, 2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Rochon, Soderbloom, Wales and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Chief Iverson spoke with Pete Schlitt and the manager of Integrity Ambulance Service regarding the Township Board's decision to not respond to lift assists until the COVID-19 threat is confined. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: Stay tuned regarding the possible special meeting for the evening of April 6th. Will look into whether we should have a meeting on Monday, April 27th now that the annual MTA conference has been canceled. Assessor Gillett plans to be in the office sometime this week. Happy Birthday to Mary Ann Hansen on April 3rd!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the bill list in the amount of 8,844.78. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Johnson, Soderbloom, Supervisor Olson, Trustees Rochon and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments made.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor