

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette and Ross Bower of Fahey Schultz Burzych and Rhodes.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 7:02 p.m. End time: 7:07 p.m.

Dan Franklin, Colleen Circle Drive, Quinnesec – Concerned about the blight at the corner of Lake and Lincoln; 25 unlicensed cars; toxic substance leaking from cars. Dan’s first complaint regarding this situation was filed in May of this year.

Jack Peterson, Lake Avenue, Quinnesec – agrees with Dan Franklin’s concerns.

Dan Carlson, Lake Avenue, Quinnesec – agrees with Dan Franklin’s concerns.

Superintendent Gaudette gave a brief update on the property at the corner of Lake and Lincoln. A Municipal Civil Infraction was served today.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the October 23, 2017 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the October 3, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes, October 9, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes, October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the October 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Principles of Governance: Refuse to participate in any decision or activities for personal gain, at the expense of the best interest of the township.

New Business:

Resolution to honor William Fahey, Township Attorney: Our Township Attorney, William Fahey was recently recognized as Mid-Michigan Lawyer of the Year for Municipal Law.

Motion by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Resolution No. 10232017-A RESOLUTION TO HONOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY WILLIAM FAHEY. **Roll Call Vote:**
Ayes: Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Dixon, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson.
Motion carried.

Resolution in support of Senate Bill 577: State Senator Tom Casperson has recently introduced Bill 577, a bill that would rename a portion of US Highway 8 in Dickinson County to the “Medio J. Bacco Memorial Highway”.

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Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve Resolution No. 10232017-B A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 577; RE-NAMING A PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 8 IN DICKINSON COUNTY TO “MEDIO J. BACCO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”. **Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Dixon, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson.

Motion carried.

Accounting and Payroll Seminar: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Dixon to approve Treasurer Taylor and Clerk Neuens to attend the November 14, 2017 Accounting and Payroll Seminar in St. Ignace with mileage, meals and one night’s lodging. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Water Tank Roof Bid: DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom and Township Superintendent John Gaudette reviewed the three bids and are recommending GEI Consultants.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to award GEI Consultants the Quinnesec Water System Holding Tank Roof Design contract for a price not to exceed \$2,800.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Central Landfill Authority Representative: This authority meets once a year to review MDEQ post closure compliance reports and financial statements. They oversee the closed landfill site at the corner of Breitung Ave and Hydraulic Falls Road.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Dixon to appoint Superintendent John Gaudette to the Central Landfill Authority for 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

MMFLA Discussion: The Township Board will need to decide whether to Opt-in or Opt-out of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to pass a resolution, at the November 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting, to Opt-Out of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Reports: Clerk’s Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to receive and place on file Clerk Neuens’ Revenue/Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet ending 09/30/17.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Clerk Neuens’ Post Transaction Report dated October 10, 2017 to October 19, 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Financial Report: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor’s Cash Summary by Bank ending September 30, 2017.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Report : No written report, however Chief Iverson informed the board that on October 17th the new fill station at Twin Falls was tested and it works well; October 30th Scott Marshall will be teaching Fire Fighter I; October 31st, Station 1 (Quinnesec) will be having an open house with treats for the kids.

Board Discretionary Time: The majority of the board has received negative comments concerning allowing Medical Marihuana Facilities into the township; Happy birthday to Trustee Soderbloom on October 31st!

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Public Comment: Start Time: 7:40 p.m. End Time: 7:43 p.m.

Dan Carlson, Lake Avenue, Quinnesec – Voiced his concerns regarding the trucking taking place on Lincoln.

Executive Session: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Wales to close the regular board meeting and enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with Verso.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Dixon, Wales, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Regular meeting closed and executive session entered into at 7:45 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to adopt the Township Attorney's recommendation regarding Verso vs. Breitung Township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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 8:45 p.m.

Hand notes taken by Treasurer Taylor in Clerk Neuens' absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor