

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Superintendent Gaudette.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the October 9, 2017 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the September 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the September 25, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Principles of Governance: Strive for compliance with all state and federal statutory requirements.

Old Business: Water System Roof Bid Opening: **Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to receive and open the three bids submitted for engineered plans for the Quinnesec Water System storage tank. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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| GEI Consultants, Iron River, MI | - | \$2,800 [not to exceed] |
| UP Engineers, Iron Mountain, MI | - | \$3,660 |
| Coleman Engineering, Iron Mountain, MI | - | \$8,000 [\$5,750 Design & Bidding; \$2,250 Construction Oversight] |

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Dixon to refer the Quinnesec Water System storage tank engineering bids to DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom and Superintendent John Gaudette for their review. A recommendation will be presented at the October 23rd meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

New Business: Assessor Conference Request: Assessor Nelson is requesting to attend the Upper Peninsula Assessors Association (UPAA) Conference in Harris, MI on November 8, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve Assessor Nelson to attend the Upper Peninsula Assessors Association (UPAA) Conference in Harris, MI on November 8, 2017 with registration and mileage. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Resolution for PA 152 Exemption: This Act provides certain thresholds to limit the costs of providing health care insurance to public sector employees. Although the Board has begun the process of gradually increasing the health insurance participants' portion of premium cost share, we will not reach the mandated levels for 2018.

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Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Dixon to approve Resolution No. 10092017, a RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 for the year of 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Dixon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Recreation Plan Survey: A requirement of MDNR for revising our current Recreation Plan is a public engagement component. A community survey was successful in the past and was the preferred method decided at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to prepare a recreation survey, for the Planning Commission, to be sent out to Breitung Township residents without a return envelope or pre-paid postage. Survey to be prepared in-house. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated September 23, 2017 to October 06, 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: September incidents; meetings; October 10th is the Woodland Elementary function. [Go to www.breitungtp.org to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Zoning, Fire Department, Michigan Tax Tribunal and Water System. [Go to www.breitungtp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: Zoning has been busy with many new homes being built; A big, warm welcome to Brent Johnson as he sits at the board table for the first time as the newly appointed Township Trustee; Reminder of the meeting that will be presented by the Dickinson County Prosecuting Attorney Lisa Richards at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16th, regarding the medical marijuana facilities licensing act.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the bill list in the amount of \$144,779.12. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor