

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve the August 14, 2017 Agenda with the addition of 8/f – Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference and the removal of the Tax Tribunal Executive Session from Item 13. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the July 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Principles of Governance: Treat all persons with dignity, respect, and impartiality, without prejudice or discrimination.

New Business: Water/Sewer Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Resignation: Don Okler, Jr. is resigning from the Water/Sewer Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals due to moving out of state.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Dixon to accept the resignation of Don Okler, Jr. from the Water/Sewer Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective July 31, 2017.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Water Operator Education and Training: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Chris Wilcox to attend the S-3 License Exam preparation classes on September 18th and 19th and to take the S-3 exam on November 1st with registration, meals and mileage or use of a township vehicle.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Appointments: No action taken.

Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Seminar: No action taken.

Upper Pine Creek Road Discussion with the County Road Commission: Jim Harris, the Dickinson County Road Commission Superintendent of Operations updated the Board regarding the Upper Pine Creek Road.

The DCRC plans to pave a portion of Upper Pine Creek Road with an ultra-thin overlay from Timber Ridge Road to the Boundary Line Road, however there is approximately 4,000 feet before (south of) Boundary Line Road that is in very poor condition. The DCRC would like to know if the Township would consider partnering with them to pave that addition 4,000 feet for a total of \$40,000 by paying one half of that expense.

The Township would like to take time to consider this request and a decision will be made at a future board meeting.

Michigan Association of Planning 2017 Annual Conference: Code Enforcement Office, Steve Mulka is looking for the Board's financial support to attend a Zoning and Planning Seminar being held at the end of September.

Motion by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve ½ of the cost, up to \$600, for Steve Mulka to attend the Michigan Association of Planning 2017 Annual Conference September 27-29, 2017.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated July 22, 2017 to August 10, 2017.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Report - Highlights: Arcadis Group methane mitigation area; Department responses; U.P Firemen's Tournament held in Florence, WI. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Zoning, Fire Department, Community, Office, Water & Sewer.
[Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports: July 26, 2017 Refuse Committee Meeting.
[Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: The new balance beams are in place at the EK Park; 1,984 scrap tires were turned in through GAD for the DNR Tire Grant; Governor's luncheon is this Thursday at the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the bill list in the amount of \$56,496.08. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Dixon to pre-approve the final payment for the DNR Tire Grant, to be paid to Great American Disposal, when it arrives. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 8:02 p.m. End Time: 8:03 p.m. – Jim Harris of Kingsford complimented the DPW crew on the good condition they keep the East Kingsford and Quinnesec Parks in.

Executive Session: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. **Roll Call Vote**: Trustees Soderbloom, Dixon, Wales, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Regular meeting closed and executive session entered into at 8:04 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 9:37 p.m.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor