

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 08, 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.

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka.

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 7:03 p.m. End time: 7:05 p.m.

Lola Johnson, representing the Calvary Lutheran Church: On Saturday, August 10th they will be hosting a free community picnic for the Quinnesec residents.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the July 08, 2019 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the June 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Old Business: Woodbine Abandonment – Re-visit: Supervisor Olson updated the board on some recent findings regarding the request to abandon Woodbine from the alley connecting John Street and Woodbine, south to Hoadley Street.

New Business: Demolition of Building off of Breitung Ave: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to receive and open the two bids received for the buildings located at 441 E. Breitung Ave., 461 E. Breitung Ave., and 109 Fisher Street. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

- 1) Morin Excavating, Niagara, WI: \$26,800
- 2) Bill Neuens Landscaping, Iron Mountain, MI: \$12,850

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to refer both bids to the DPW and Township Superintendents for their review. If all specs are met, they will award to the low bidder, Neuens Landscaping. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Shapefiles Data Request Fee Schedule: Assessor Gillett is requesting the Board to put together a fee schedule for assessing information purchase requests. Many municipalities have established Data Transmission/Work Request fees anywhere from \$250 all the way up to \$2,500. The average price seems to be \$1,000 for the original purchase with a renewal fee of \$750.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve \$1,000 for the purchase of a Shapefile and \$750 for renewals. Assessor Gillett is to customize the Data Transmission/Work Request form to suit Breitung Township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated June 22, 2019 to July 03, 2019.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: With no written report, Superintendent Mulka gave a brief overview: Working on Maple Street water main; DEQ Lead & Copper Rule - DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom has a really good inventory of what portions of the EK and QU waterlines contain lead or copper. Our water has been tested in both EK and QU and the laboratory results are showing no detectable lead or copper. Our water is very safe; we received the new 60' aluminum flag pole for the cemetery; there are zoning issues regarding the use of the Summer Breeze Campground property for Tree of Life Center's Gathering Music & Harvest Festival that may prevent it from being held there.

Board Discretionary Time: Clerk Neuens will be calling around to schedule a special meeting to discuss what direction the township will be taking concerning code enforcement.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the bill list in the amount of \$300,558.39. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 7:46 p.m. End Time: 7:48 p.m.

Mike Day of Quinnesec: Wanted to thank the Board for such affordable garbage collection fees! He did his own survey and found out the following: Township of Norway residents have to contract directly with GAD at \$384 per year/\$32 per month; City of Norway residents are billed \$156 per year/\$13 per month; Breitung Township residents are billed \$73.80 per year/\$6.15 per month!

Also wanted to mention how nice the Breitung Township Fire Department looked in the July 4th parade!

Executive Session: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to close the regular board meeting and enter into executive session to discuss a pending Michigan Tax Tribunal Case. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Soderbloom, Johnson, Rochon, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Regular meeting closed and executive session entered into at 7:54 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes to stipulate for the amount discussed in the closed session, regarding the current Michigan Tax Tribunal Case. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Trustee Soderbloom at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor