

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – CODE ENFORCEMENT &
NIAGARA DEVELOPMENT ROAD UPDATE
JULY 15, 2019**

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

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

Also present: Superintendent Mulka.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the July 15, 2019 agenda.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Niagara Development Road Update: Currently refuse is going into the Niagara Development landfill by State of Michigan order. The refuse being transported to the landfill is actually sludge and has been deemed safe. It can be used by farmers.

Supervisor Olson reported on a long-term solution to alleviate the traffic on Lake Street and through Norway. The Railroad must be contacted with a proposal of a Class A road running from near the meat packing plant to Kimberly Road.

The following Ad Hoc committee was formed to look into solutions: Marty Fittante – U.P. Economic Development, Jim Harris – DCRC, Brian Bousley – Dickinson County, Nick Ghere – Niagara Development, Lois Ellis – DAEDA and Denny Olson – Breitung Township Supervisor.

Code Enforcement Discussion: Superintendent Mulka provided input and suggestions. A clear definition with clear direction for code enforcement is necessary. There are ordinances that need to be fixed in order to provide better enforcement, especially if the case ends up going to court.

Supervisor Olson inquired if we could utilize a local attorney for local code enforcement cases. Superintendent Mulka thought that the current contract with Attorney Fahey would have to be reviewed before considering this avenue.

Superintendent Mulka will be putting together a list of suggested ordinance changes, which will be submitted to the Township Board and the Planning Commission for review and consideration.

Another suggestion offered was to contract with the Sheriff's Department to enforce our code enforcement ordinances.

A special meeting will be held with Sheriff Scott Rutter to discuss options regarding a contract, duties and code enforcement. Supervisor Olson will contact the Township Clerk to set up a special meeting date and time.

Public Comment: No comments.

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Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to adjourn the special meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:17 p.m.

Hand notes taken by Trustee Soderbloom in Clerk Neuens' absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor