

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Trustee Wales.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 7:01 p.m. End time: 7:03 p.m.

Rita Luri, Quinnesec: Wanted to commend the Township Board and Department of Public Works for everything they do for the township.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the June 12, 2017 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the May 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Timber Sales: Within and adjacent to the county owned land for the solid waste transfer facility (The Baler) are three parcels the Township owns for future water supply needs. We have the opportunity to join with the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Authority on their sale that was recently bid out for timber harvesting.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve a timber sale agreement with Wender Logging for Parcel No.'s 133-001-10, 134-013-10 and 134-022-10 with VanOss Forestry Services, LLC as the project director. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Support for 4th of July Fireworks: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve \$500 in support of the July Fourth Celebration fireworks. Check to be made out to SAL Fireworks Fund -2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Action on Tax Foreclosed Land: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to reject purchasing the three properties in foreclosure. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Personnel Committee Recommendations: 1) Changing the pension contribution start date to one year from hire date 2) Change Adrienne Savord's official start date from June 1st to March 21st 3) Increase the Assessor's vacation to four weeks.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Clerk Neuens to start making the "1-4 Years of Service" Township contribution to the MERS Defined Contribution Plan at the employee's one year anniversary date. Once the employee steps up to the "5-9 Years of Service" category, those contributions will take effect on January 1 according to the years of service they have at the January 1 date, and so will follow the remaining steps of the pension contributions. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Clerk Neuens to increase Assessor Joan Nelson's vacation to four weeks effective immediately. **Vote: Ayes:** Clerk Neuens, Supervisor Olson and Trustee Soderbloom. **Nays:** Trustees Dixon, Wales and Treasurer Taylor. **Tie Vote. Motion died.**

Principles of Governance: Diane Randall, the 2017 Michigan Township Association president, is encouraging townships to renew their commitment to the Principles of Governance.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the Principles of Governance. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Request to Purchase Township Land: We have received two offers to purchase vacant township property.

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to accept Marilyn Struebing's offer to purchase the two lots south of her property [Parcel # 668-003-00] in the amount of \$4,000 with Mrs. Struebing paying the closing costs. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to accept Mark Ellis' offer to purchase the four landlocked lots identified as parcel # 586-017-00 in the amount of \$3,000 with Mr. Ellis paying all closing costs. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Dixon, Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens and Treasurer Taylor. **Nay:** Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Economic Development Alliance Pledge: As the EDA reinvents itself, they are asking members and potential members to pledge to a committed investment in economic growth. Superintendent Gaudette would like the Township to consider increasing our commitment to \$10,000 for a minimum of three years.

A decision will be postponed until the June 26, 2017 meeting.

Master Plan Update Recommendation: **Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Dixon to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the estimate from CUPPAD in the amount of \$4,020 for updating the Township's Master Plan. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Department Application: Fire Chief Jeff Iverson is recommending Robert S. Theobald as a probationary fire fighter for Station 2 [East Kingsford].

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve Robert S. Theobald as a probationary fire fighter for Station 2 [East Kingsford]. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports:

Clerk's Financial Report **Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated May 20, 2017 to June 9, 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: April, May & part of June's incidents & meetings; the township has received payment from Dickinson County for repairs on rescue truck.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Zoning, Roads, Community, Office, DPW.

Committees/Board/Commission Reports: May 26, 2017 Personnel Committee Minutes.

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Board Discretionary Time: Good discussion among board members on this evening's agenda items; East Kingsford Park could use updated picnic tables; Senator Tom Casperson will be at the June 26th township board meeting; Happy Birthday to Adrienne Savord on June 11th!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the bill list in the amount of \$152,139.18. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 8:27 p.m. End Time: 8:34 p.m.
Rita Luri, Quinnesec: Wondering if the Parks & Recreation Committee could contact the Road Commission to see if speed bumps could be placed on Lincoln and Cliff Street to slow traffic around the park area; Enough money is being lost due to the dark store issues, feels that \$10,000 for the Economic Development Alliance is just too much.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor