

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Neuens at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Trustee Wales.

Pledge was recited by all.

Motion by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Garrett to appoint Trustee Soderbloom to chair the meeting in Supervisor Olson’s absence. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start time: 7:02 p.m. End time: 7:12 p.m.

Dan Carlson, Lake Street, Quinnesec: concerned about all the truck traffic going down Lake Street. Hoping there is something the Township can do to minimize this.

Rita Luri, Division Street, Quinnesec: Wondering if there is any protocol for checking on what is actually going into the Niagara World Wide landfill off of Kimberly Street. Would also like to know who is responsible for repairing the Quinnesec roads from all the damage the heavy trucks are doing.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Garrett to approve the March 13, 2017 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the February 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 27, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

New Business:

Water Operator Continuing Education: DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom is recommending Bill Bailey to attend the 68th Annual Upper Peninsula Water Works Institute April 18th and 19th in Gladstone, MI.

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Bill Bailey to attend the 68th Annual Upper Peninsula Water Works Institute April 18th and 19th in Gladstone, MI with registration, meals and mileage or the use of a township vehicle. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Plat Book Advertising: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Trustee Garrett to purchase a ¼ page ad for the 2017 Dickinson County plat book, through Mapping Solutions, in the amount of \$350.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Department Application Form: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the newly revised Paid-On-Call Volunteer Fire Department application as presented.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Budget Amendment 1-2017 is to record the payment from the Department of Treasury for our commercial and industrial personal property tax (PPT) reimbursements.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Garrett to approve BA 1-2017 in the amount of \$739,788 to be reflected in the 2017 budget as revenue received for reimbursement of commercial and industrial personal property tax. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Volunteer Fire Department Application: Fire Chief Iverson and Assistant Fire Chief Lindow have recommended the hiring of Steven Gonzales as a probationary Fire Fighter for Station 3 [North Breitung].

Motion by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to hire Steven Gonzales as a probationary Fire Fighter for Station 3 [North Breitung]. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated February 23, 2017 to March 9, 2017.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Zoning, Water/Sewer, Community, Roads, DPW & Visioning.

Board Discretionary Time: The DCTA meeting will be held in Vulcan hosted by Norway Township on March 20th with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m.; Breitung Township has joined other municipalities in filing an Amicus Curiae Brief supporting the City of Escanaba in their case that is before the Michigan Supreme Court; Available to the Board is a complete set of revised ordinances, an excerpt of only the Zoning portion and also the current Master Plan; Today marks DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom's 39th year with the Township!; Verso and Niagara World Wide LLC are the two entities that would need to get together to talk about providing access through Verso's property to the Niagara World Wide landfill.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Garrett to approve the bill list in the amount of \$35,360.20. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 7:40 p.m. End Time: 7:46 p.m.

Dan Carlson, Lake Street, Quinnesec: County Commissioner Barb Kramer had mentioned possible access through the Verso property 100 feet south of gate 1. Dan would like the Township Board to look into this.
Mary E. Dixon, College Ave., Quinnesec: Is in need of approximately \$2,500 to wire the light poles for the Christmas decorations that were purchased. Would this money be able to come from the Township's Parks & Recreation fund?

Ben Peterson, Quinnesec St., Quinnesec: Lake Street needs to be paved and from Ben's time as a township trustee he is aware that Township funds can be put into a road regardless of whether it is designated as a primary or a local road.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Clerk Neuens to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Trustee Soderbloom at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor