

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 11, 2020**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka, Fire Chief Jeff Iverson, and Sheriff Deputy/Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kuenzer.

Invocation given by: Trustee Soderbloom

Pledge was led by Clerk Neuens.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the May 11, 2020 Agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the April 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes with noted changes under the Parks discussion and the May 4, 2020 Special Meeting minutes with correcting "Trustee Olson" to "Supervisor Olson". **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business: Fire Department Request to Solicit Bids:** **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Clerk Neuens to allow the Fire Department to solicit bids for portable radios, programming, and microphones; with the bid deadline of June 22, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

**New Business: Fire Department Promotions:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to accept Assistant Chief Rob Blazier and Chief Jeff Iverson's recommendation of the following promotions: Ryan Cousineau to be promoted from Lieutenant to Captain and Jeremiah Jacobson from Training Officer to Lieutenant/Training Officer. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

**Fire Department Resignation:** **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to accept the resignation of Fire Fighter Thor Anderson, with a certificate of appreciation sent, as he has moved out of state. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

**Fire Department Hiring Approval:** **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to accept Assistant Chief Rob Blazier and Chief Jeff Iverson's recommendation to hire Jacob Metz as a probationary fire fighter for Station 2 (East Kingsford). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

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WE Energies Contract/Invoice Approval: This agreement/invoice from WE Energies is for wiring of light poles in East Kingsford for Christmas Decoration.

**Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the agreement with WE Energies, in the amount of \$2,825.31, to wire light poles in East Kingsford for Christmas Decorations. Invoice to be paid through the Prosperous Places Grant. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Letter of Support Request from D.C.R.C: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to submit a letter of support for CR 569 over the Sturgeon River near Brown's Lake Road, Structure #2201 and a letter of support for CR 569 over the East Branch of the Sturgeon River near M-69, Structure #2202. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated April 11, 2020 through May 11, 2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor's Cash Summary by Bank for 03/01/2020 through 03/31/2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Incidents for end of April and beginning of May; other updates.  
[Go to [www.breitungtwp.org](http://www.breitungtwp.org) to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Code Enforcement activity, 2020 paving projects/Frei Drive and Swanson Drive, "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order has been extended until May 28<sup>th</sup>/COVID meeting updates, face shields received for Fire Department. [Go to [www.breitungtwp.org](http://www.breitungtwp.org) to read full report]

Code Enforcement Report: Two vehicles have been hauled away from the Jones property.

Board Discretionary Time: The DPW did a great job with the first compost pick-up of 2020. A full refund has been received from MTA for the annual conference registration fees.

After further discussion regarding the Township Parks, a **motion** was made by Trustee Soderbloom and **supported** by Trustee Wales to place signs throughout each park stating that all picnic tables, pavilions, and playground equipment are off limits. DPW to maintain snow fencing to block entrance to pavilion and playground equipment. Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Johnson and Soderbloom. **Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of 44,191.09. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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**Adjournment: Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor