

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2019**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 7:02 p.m. End time: 7:09 p.m.

Sandy Adams of Quinnesec – would like the board to consider designating a space in the new section of the cemetery for Green Burials.

Phyllis Carlson of Quinnesec – has been active in doing presentations regarding Green Burials and would like the township to seriously consider offering an area in the Quinnesec Cemetery. Chassell and the Keweenaw area, among others, have designated areas for Green Burials.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the May 13, 2019 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the following board meeting minutes: April 15, 2019 Special Meeting, April 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, April 24, 2019 Special Meeting, April 30, 2019 Special Meeting and the May 6, 2019 Special Meeting; correction to the last paragraph on page 1 of the April 30, 2019 minutes – strike “experienced candidate vs. the candidate with no experience” and replace with “candidates”. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Old Business: 1999 Ford Ranger Bids: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to receive and open the 6 bids received for the 1999 Ford Ranger. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

- 1) Tyler Smith - \$400
- 2) Richard Reith - \$1,510.51
- 3) Jeff Ellis - \$1,149.95
- 4) Jason Denkins - \$475
- 5) No Name - \$700
- 6) Joe Arcand - \$400

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to accept the bid from Richard Reith in the amount of \$1,510.51 for the 1999 Ford Ranger. If Mr. Reith backs out then it will go to the next high bidder, Jeff Ellis for \$1,149.95. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

1975 GMC Tanker Bids: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to receive and open the 2 bids received for the 1999 Ford Ranger. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to accept the bid from Kevin Rometti in the amount of \$750 for the 1975 GMC Tanker. If Mr. Rometti backs out then it will go to Joseph Malone for \$650. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Nays:** Trustees Rochon, Wales, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion died.**

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Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to refer the 1975 GMC Tanker bids to DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom to make the final decision. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Road Projects Change Request: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to request a change order for the 2019 paving projects as follows: Change Forest View Drive to crush, shape and pave from overlay and change Wabash Street to overlay from crush, shape and pave.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Supervisor noted that Bacco has agreed to honor their quoted price from last year

New Business: MTA Assessing Training Request: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve members of the township board to attend MTA's "How to Hang On to Your Township's Assessing" workshop being held on June 12, 2019 at the Heirman Center at Bay College in Escanaba, MI with registration and mileage; trustees receiving per diem. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment Support Request: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve \$1,500 toward Lake Antoine's Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Dickinson County Tax Foreclosure Properties: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to decline the offer to purchase foreclosed parcels 002-545-005-00 and 002-545-007-00.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Resolution 05132019 – Lead & Copper Rules: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Resolution No. 05132019; a resolution opposing implementation of the new lead and copper rules.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustees Wales, Rochon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Compost Collection Schedule Revision Request: Due to the time and expense that is put into compost collection, DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom is requesting that the months of July, August and September be eliminated due to the very little compost that is put out.

A final decision on the recommended revisions to the compost collection schedule will be postponed until the Board gathers more information from DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom.

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated April 17, 2019 to May 10, 2019.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Community, DPW, Planning/Zoning and Assessing.

[Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: The DCTA will be meeting Monday, May 20th at the Norway Township hall in Vulcan; starting at 6:30 p.m. Happy Birthday today to John Gaudette!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of \$54,039.41. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 8:07 p.m. End Time: 8:09

Phyllis Carlson of Quinnesec: Her suggestion regarding the compost schedule would be to have it in Mid-May, June, skip July and August and then do September, October and November. Or have a compost drop off site in the same area that brush is dropped off.

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Public Comment- continued: Mike Day asked if a replacement has been found for the Superintendent position.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor