

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the September 11, 2017 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the August 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Principles of Governance: Cooperate in all reasonable ways with other governmental entities and consider the impact our decisions may have outside our township's borders.

New Business: Vacancies: The Township has openings for the following boards/commissions: Board of Trustees, Water/Sewer Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission; The primary concern is the appointment of a new Trustee.

The following people expressed their interest in the vacant Trustee position: Brent Johnson, Dave Johnson, Linda Lieburn, Ben Peterson and Robert Werner.

Michael Day expressed his interest for the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy.

Approval of the 2017 Tax Rate Request [Form L-4029]: **Motion** by Trustee Dixon, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve the 2017 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, levying 4.2 mils to support the programs and projects for the 2018 fiscal year. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Chief Job Description: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the Fire Chief Job Description as submitted with suggested changes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Water Storage Tank Roof RFP: **Motion** by Treasurer Taylor, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to seek bids for engineered plans for the Quinnesec Water System Storage Tank Roof with the RFP [Request for Proposals] due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Department Staff Change Recommendations: After recommendation by Chief Iverson, a **motion** was made by Trustee Wales and **supported** by Treasurer Taylor to hire Bryce Conery as a probationary fire fighter for Station 1 [Quinnesec]. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated August 26, 2017 to September 07, 2017.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Fire Report - Highlights: August incidents; meetings, etc. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Zoning, Fire Department, Community, Office, Michigan Tax Tribunal and Water Systems. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Board Discretionary Time: Remember 911; The initial draft of the 2018 will be handed out for review; Thank you to all who attended the first North Breitung Board meeting; The Dickinson County Township Association meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th in Felch with Prosecuting Attorney Lisa Richards being the tentative speaker; Happy Birthday to Treasurer Taylor on Monday, September 25th!; The DCRC is doing a project on the Upper Pine Creek Road and would like the Township to partner with them. Norway was approached for help but they have no funds available. The DCRC has asked for the township to contribute \$10,000 with them contributing \$30,000.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to contribute \$10,000 to the Dickinson County Road Commission to assist with paving approximately 4,000 feet of the Upper Pine Creek Road that is south of the Boundary Line Road. **Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Taylor and Trustee Soderbloom. **Nays:** Trustees Dixon and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the bill list in the amount of \$31,865.52. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Start Time: 8:00 p.m. End Time: 8:02 p.m. – Ben Peterson of Quinnesec expressed that he does not agree with the Township contributing tax payers money toward the Upper Pine Creek Road project because half of the road is in the City of Norway.

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 8:03 p.m.

Hand notes were taken by Treasurer Taylor in Clerk Neuens' absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor