

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – IN PERSON & TELEPHONIC**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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

**Roll Call: Present:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson all attended in person. Treasure Taylor attended telephonically.

Also, Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka-in person, Fire Chief Jeff Iverson-telephone, and Deputy Kuenzer-telephone.

Invocation given by: Trustee Soderbloom.

Pledge was recited by all.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve the September 14, 2020 Agenda with the addition of 8/g-Gold Star Families Resolution, 8/h-Assessing Fall School and 8/i-Healthcare Assistance Millage Resolution. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the August 17, 2020 Closed Session minutes, August 24, 2020 Special Meeting minutes, August 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes, August 31, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes, and the September 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens and Supervisor Olson. **Nays:** Treasure Taylor. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business: COVID-19 Updates & Discussion:** After a lengthy discussion it was decided to not get the Township Attorney involved with writing the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan. We would just follow MTA and MIOSHA's information.

In addition, a **motion** was made by Trustee Johnson and **supported** by Trustee Soderbloom if an employee stays home due to COVID symptoms and chooses not to be tested for COVID-19, they must use their own sick leave, personal time or vacation time; if no leave time is available they go without pay. If a test is taken for COVID-19, a copy of the results letter must be submitted to the Township.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Dickinson County Designated Assessor:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the Dickinson County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**New Business: Annual Physicals:** It is being recommended that the Board approve the payment of annual physicals. Past practice has been to pay for the initial fire brigade exam only.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to table this annual fire fighter physical request and assign it to the Personnel Committee and the Fire Chief to come up with recommendations and submit to the Board for review. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Update on Payroll Tax Deferral:** **Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Supervisor Olson to decline participation in the social security payroll tax deferral. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Unlimited Online Learning Access through MTA: No interest was voiced to participate in the unlimited online learning through MTA.

HAVA CARES Act Grant Agreement-Tabulator: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to give Clerk Neuens the authority to execute the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) CARES Act Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan and Dickinson County, Township of Breitung, for an ImageCast Precinct Tabulator – 320C – MI; with the Township paying 50% of the cost of \$5,295.00.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

CUPPAD Annual Membership Dues: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Wales to pay membership dues for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, to CUPPAD Regional Commission in the amount of \$1,171.00. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

First Reading of Proposed Fireworks Ordinance: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to introduce the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-1, an ordinance to promote the health, safety, and welfare by regulating the use, ignition, and discharge of consumer fireworks, to establish applicable permit requirements and fees, and to provide notice of enforcement and penalties for violations of the ordinance. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Gold Star Families Resolution: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to adopt Resolution No. 09142020-A, a resolution Recognizing Dickinson County Gold Star Families who have suffered the loss of a loved one in active service to our nation. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Johnson, Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Upper Peninsula Assessors Association Fall School: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve Treasurer Carol Taylor to attend the U.P. Assessors Association Fall School on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Assistant Assessor Abbey Taylor to attend both September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with registration fee, mileage, meals and overnight lodging. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Healthcare Benefit Assistance Millage Support: The Board decided to hold off making a decision until Clerk Neuens checks with MTA to make sure the Board can pass a resolution in support of a millage appearing on a ballot.

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Johnson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report dated August 22, 2020 to September 10, 2020.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Wales to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor's Cash Summary by Bank for 07/01/2020 to 07/31/2020.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Activities and incidents for the period of July 28, 2020 through September 2, 2020. [Go to [www.breitungtwp.org](http://www.breitungtwp.org) to read full report]

Superintendent Report - Highlights: First reading of Fireworks ordinance, DPW Superintendent position advertised both internally and externally, meetings attended, budgets, Zoning/Planning, Grants, etc. [Go to [www.breitungtwp.org](http://www.breitungtwp.org) to read full report]

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of August the following was handled by the Breitung Township Officer: 3 accident, 25 complaints, 7 code enforcement complaints and 2 arrests.

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Department of Public Works' Report: Lead/Copper testing for Quinnesec – Of the 20 sample locations, 10 had no lead detected in the First draw (kitchen faucet). There was no lead detected in 18 of the Fifth draw samples taken (service line). It does not seem right to be forced to replace service lines that have no lead detected.

Board Discretionary Time: Wondering when we will be getting an Assessing field work update. Any application received for the DPW Superintendent position? The next special meeting will take place on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review resumes for the DPW Superintendent position. Happy Birthday to Treasurer Taylor on September 25<sup>th</sup>!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the bill list in the amount of 64,394.10. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor