

Breitung Township
Regular Board Meeting 01-16-2025, 6:00 PM
In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center
33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Deputy Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Public: Chief Daniel Reing, Jodi Summit (The Timberjay Newspaper), Terry Carlson (The Tower News)

Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tim Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 12/19/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented and the December 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

None

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police – Attached. Discussion about excess parking violations during snow emergency. Option in Parking Ordinance to tow vehicle. Chief Reing will work with Maintenance Supervisor for space.
- Fire – Attached
- Road and Bridge – Attached
- Wastewater Board – Next meeting 01/21/25, Water Plant project 1/3 completed, Supervisor Tuchel working with PFA and working with John Jamnick on RIB Project
- Ambulance Commission – No meeting in January
- Housing – Attached

Reports so noted.

Old Business:

Current Infrastructure Projects

- 2025 Infrastructure Project
Remains the same, Chairman Tomsich will continue to work with IRRR to get the project funded now that the CDBG funding is gone. Supervisor Tuchel and Chairman Tomsich meeting with IRRR next week about updated grant application
- 2022 and 2023 Infrastructure Projects- Supervisor Tuchel and Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma met with Tom Nemanich from Mesabi Bituminous to review change orders and costs to projects. Mesabi Bituminous will be sending over Invoices for changes.
- McKinley Loop Trail- Application submitted last week and will know more by the end of April 2025.
- Thompson Farm Road Project-Project remains with MNDot and then will go to St. Louis County for approval

Flood/FEMA process-Attached

Account Balance Review

Discussion to have Treasurer move monies around in funds to bring to levels at about equal to end of year 2023 per

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to take \$120,000 from the General Fund and move it to R&B Fund, take \$30,000 from the Police Fund, \$30,000 from the Park Fund, and \$40,000 from the Water Fund and move the \$100,000 to the Project Fund

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Breitung Township Water Department Account Manager

Discussion that there is a lot of work that happens in the month of April for the Water Department so the Manager has asked to work through the month of April 2025.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to have the Water Department Account Manager work through the end of April 2025 @ \$900.00 a month

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Skating Rink & Shack

Supervisor Peitso stated that the Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma is having a difficult time with staffing the skating shack. Options:

- Have camera's, need wi-fi but cannot be done without engineering
- Not staffed 7 days a week but 3 busiest. Possibly Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
- Lights on a timer for both inside the shack and outside the shack
- Door Lock that opens with an App on a phone

Resolution 2025-01: Resolution Appointing Election Judges

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pass Resolution 2025-01 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Peitso
Motion Passed 3-0

Resolution 2025-02: Resolution Appointing 2025 Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to pass Resolution 2025-02 as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tuchel
Motion Passed 3-0

Resolution 2025-03: Resolution Authorizing Breitung Township to Issue a General Obligation Note to the City of Tower

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to pass Resolution 2025-03 as presented
2nd by Chairman Tomsich
Motion Passed 2-0
Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest

Next Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting: February 20th, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Breitung Community Center
Board of Audit Meeting: February 20th, 2025 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM
2nd by Supervisor Peitso
Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Deputy Clerk, Breitung Township