

# Township of Breitung Agenda – Regular Board Meeting

## Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03/20/2025 Breitung Community Center 6:00 PM

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 02/20/2025 Regular Board Meeting
  - 02/20/2025 Board of Audit Meeting
  - 03/11/2025 Board of Canvass Meeting
- Approval of February 2025 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 49618 - 49708
  - Total Disbursements - \$84,187.56
  - Fund Balance - \$307,486.83
  - Voided Checks – 49621 – 49626, 49628 – 49629 (due to printing error)
- Correspondence
  - St. Louis County Public Works Department
  - St. Louis County Board
  - Minnesota Power
  - St. Louis County – Economic and Community Development Department
  - Carr's Tree Service
  - St. Louis County Association of Townships Agenda & Minutes
- Public Input

### Reports:

- Police – Attached
- Fire – Attached
- Road and Bridge – Attached
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission
- Housing – Attached

## **Old Business**

- Current Infrastructure Projects
  - 2025 Infrastructure
  - 2023 Infrastructure
  - 2022 Infrastructure
  - McKinley Park Trail Loop
  - Thompson Farm Road
- Flood/FEMA process
- Police: Squad Replacement
- Sewer Ordinance
- Fire: Truck Replacement
- Fire: Turnout Gear
- Post Office Faceplates

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills as presented
- Swearing in of New Officers: Teresa Dolina/Treasurer, Stephen Tekautz/Supervisor
- Acknowledgement of outgoing board members
  - Retirement Party Announcement
  - Resolution 2025-05: Renaming Breitung Community Center
- Resolution 2025-04: Employee PERA
- Resolution 2025-06: Grant Application, Gary Sinise Foundation
- Resolution 2025-07: Grant Application,
- Kugler Fire Service Contract

## **Next Board Meetings**

Reorganization Meeting, immediately following regular board meeting on 03/20/2025  
Regular Board Meeting: TBD during the Reorganizational meeting

## **Adjourn**

**Breitung Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting 02-20-2025, 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, Clerk Amber Zak, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Tom Gorsma, Trevor Banks, Chief Daniel Reing, Jodi Summit (The Timberjay Newspaper), Terry Carlson (The Tower News), Steve Tekautz, Paul Peltier (RAMS), Dianna Sundahl, John Jamnick (JPJ), Trudy Hendricks

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

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to accept the agenda as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

**Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 01-16-24 Regular Board Meeting as presented and the January 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

**Correspondence**

- Widseth
- Disaster Training Opportunities
- Dave Denniston – Property Offer
- IUOE Representative
- SLC Association of Townships

Correspondence so noted.

**Public Input**

None

## Reports

- Police – Attached, Chief Reing mentioned the ongoing investigations into two recent structure fires in Tower and having spent significant time in January on those incidents
- Fire – Attached
- Road and Bridge – Attached, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gorsma mentioned having their first water line freeze and that some residents were running water to avoid frozen pipes
- Wastewater Board – Supervisor Tuchel touched on the Rapid Infiltration Basin project having been submitted to MPCA & USDA, noting an archeological survey still needs to be completed; the wastewater board is looking at a potential construction date of September 2025. Noted that the water plant was also coming along in construction and that if the RIBs project was approved, they were expecting completion in 2026.
- Ambulance Commission – No meeting/report
- Housing – No meeting/report

Reports so noted.

## Old Business:

### Current Infrastructure Projects

- 2025 Infrastructure Project – No change, deferred until after 7-1-2025 when the next round of IRRR funding becomes available.
- 2022 and 2023 Infrastructure Projects – Projects and change orders complete, waiting for final pay estimates
- McKinley Loop Trail – No change, waiting to hear if there is approved grant funding in April 2025.
- Thompson Farm Road Project – Chairman Tomsich discussed a major update from MN-DoT: they have requested a by-pass lane on the Southbound traffic lane, physical removal of Old Thompson Road entrance, otherwise close to approval by MN-DoT. Chairman Tomsich noted they were hoping to go to bid by April. Supervisor Tuchel expressed concern about the added by-pass lane, noting that Breitung would be expected to cover the costs of construction; he would check with Eric Fallstrom regarding increased cost and whether additional funds could be received for that

Flood/FEMA process – Clerk Zak updated the board on status, explaining that she was expecting approximately \$150k in remediation and mitigation costs. She further noted that several projects went over the limit of mitigation expenses and it was not clear whether those would be covered; also, several projects had been submitted for payment but whether money would be received for those items was questionable.

### Police: Squad Replacement

The board reviewed two quotes received by Chief Reing for squad replacement. Discussion was had regarding the cost of several pieces of equipment not included in the quotes (light bar, radio, etc.). Chief Reing noted a 5 – 8-month lead time on receiving the vehicle and that he preferred a truck for storage capacity, passenger room, better maneuverability in snow. The board requested a quote on additional equipment and installation, tabled until next meeting.

### Sewer Ordinance

Chairman Tomsich brought to the boards attention that the ordinance would be up for discussion and motion at the annual elector's meeting next month. He specifically explained that the goal of the ordinance was to reduce the Inflow & Infiltration, which would in turn improve the functioning of the system during major events such as the June 2024 flood; further, the ordinance has added penalties for non-repair of sewer laterals, clarification of when and how lines are inspected. Supervisor Tichel suggested adjusting the rates section to state "current year's user rates" so that the ordinance would not need to be adjusted with each rate change.

### New Business:

#### Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to Pay Bills as Presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

#### RAMS Presentation

Paul Peltier from RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools) was on hand to provide a presentation on his organization. After reviewing the mission, usefulness, and membership dues of the organization it was decided that Breitung Township would benefit from a membership.

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to enroll in a RAMS membership

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

#### Police: Part Time Application

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to offer John Shennet employment, having already passed background procedures and post requirements

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

#### Police: Defensive Tactics Training

Chief Reing requested the opportunity to attend tactics training, certification is on a 2 year basis and his certification is up for renewal

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve training for Chief Reing

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

#### Fire Truck Replacement

Chief Banks provided multiple quotes for a similar truck to replace the Tender #2. Significant discussion was had regarding the price of a new rig; the board requested that Chief Banks look into whether fire trucks were on a State Bid as the police squads were. If so, the purchase of the truck could be brought before the electors at the annual meeting for a vote. If not, the township would need to put out a notice for bids for the equipment.

#### Fire: Turnout Gear

Chief Banks discussed the need to order turn-out gear for 11 suits of the fire department as required by OSHA (10-year life on suits). He provided a quote, totaling roughly \$72k; he had applied twice for FEMA grant in the last two years and had not received it. The board indicated that they may need multiple quotes to approve the purchase, directed Clerk Zak to look into it.

### Fire: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Chief Banks requested holding a party to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Breitung Fire & Rescue, indicating the possibility of a spaghetti feed, prizes, activities to be held at the Breitung Community Center on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He indicated that the party would be free for attendees and that the department would work to receive potential donations from businesses for the cost of putting on the event.

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the 75th Anniversary event for Breitung Fire & Rescue  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest

Motion Passed 2-0

### Public Computer/Printer

Discussion was had regarding the public computer and printer located in the community center. It was noted that the computer had not been updated since 2019 and an attempt to use the printer recently had been unsuccessful. Supervisor Tuchel questioned whether it was still considered useful to the township; it was noted by Treasurer Gornick and Deputy Clerk Sunsdahl that the computer did receive use, it had been obtained with grant funding. It was decided to have the computer and printer updated as possible by an IT firm. Once it was restored to working condition, it was suggested that Clerk Zak advertise its availability on Facebook, as many residents may not be aware of it.

### LMCIT: Worker's Compensation Coverage

A deductible selection was required by the board; in keeping with the same decision from last year the board opted for a \$250 deductible considering minimal premium savings for a higher deductible and the cost if someone should get hurt.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to elect a \$250 deductible for the Worker's Compensation Plan through LMCIT for the policy period 03/1/2025 – 3/1/12026

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

### LMC: Liability Coverage Waiver Form

A Liability Coverage Waiver Form was required by LMCIT for coverage ahead of the effective date of coverage.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to select "Does Not Waive" on the form

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

### 4M Fund

Chairman Tomsich updated the board on a fund that Breitung Township currently has access to. Its use had been discontinued previously when interest rates went down. However, with increased rates at this time, the township could place its funds into the 4m fund to receive the higher rate of interest. It was noted that signature cards would need to be updated and signed.

### Nemanich Bench

Chairman Tomsich explained that he had been in contact with Tom Nemanich who had requested to place a bench in honor of his late father, Jerry Nemanich, along the Armstrong Bay Road. The new bench and plaque would be paid for and installed by Tom Nemanich; it was decided that he should work with Tom Gorsma to find a suitable place within Breitung Township's property that would not interfere with snow plowing.

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to give permission to install said bench

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

### Post Office Faceplates

Chairman Tomsich explained that upon the remodeling of the Soudan post office, Breitung Township had purchased the faceplates of the old mailboxes; they had then sold them individually to those that wanted them. At this time, there were 121 remaining faceplates; these would be placed for auction on a government equipment website. Chairman Tomsich would update the board with the sale information at the following meeting.

### Set 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate date for Annual Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to set March 25<sup>th</sup> as the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate for the Township Annual Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

### Next Board Meetings

Board of Audit Meeting: February 20, 2025 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Board of Canvass: March 11, 2025 at 8:30 PM

Breitung Township Annual Elector's Meeting: March 11, 2025 immediately following the Board of Canvass

Regular Board Meeting: March 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

### Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Zak

Clerk, Breitung Township

**Breitung Township**  
**Board of Audit Meeting 02-20-2025**  
**Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting at 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, Clerk Amber Zak, Deputy Clerk Dianna Sundahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Call to Order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Tim Tomsich

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to accept the agenda as presented  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel  
Motion Passed 3-0

**Total Disbursements and Transfers:**

\$2,136,450.93

**Total Receipts, Transfers & Balance:**

\$2,581,699.18

**Fund Balances:**

Motion made by Supervisor Tuchel to accept Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended 2024 with an EOY balance for both the Clerk & Treasurer of \$445,248.25  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso  
Motion Passed 3-0

**Receipts or claims verified by board members:**

None done at this time, this action is done monthly, 30 minutes prior to Regular Board Meetings, books left on the table

**Recommended levy amounts, by fund:**

Discussion on levy amounts focused on increase in Road & Bridge funds and equipment replacement fund. Concerning Road & Bridge, it was noted that continued improvements on infrastructure were a positive for the overall health of Breitung Township; Chairman Tomsich put forth a suggestion to increase Road maintenance & snow removal by \$30k and Medical insurance, benefits & wages by \$3k, resulting in a 4.46% levy increase. It was noted that in the future, there would be some big expenditures; it was decided that the Rehab payments ending in 2029 should be continued as a regular contribution into the next 10 years. Further, the 2008 pumper scheduled for replacement in 2029 would be sorely underfunded as current rigs were closer to \$1M; the fireboat was expected to last longer than 2027 and could be pushed out an additional 5 years but at an increased rate. Chairman Tomsich to update the Equipment Replacement Fund accordingly for the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to recommend a 4.46%, \$33k in Road & Bridge increase in the levy for 2026 to be presented at the Annual Electors' Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel  
Motion Passed 3-0



**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:24 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Zak

Clerk, Breitung Township

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**Breitung Township**  
**Board of Canvass Meeting 03-11-2025, 8:00 PM**  
**In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**  
**33 First Avenue, Soudan MN 55782**

Residents Present: Tim Tomsich, Erin Peitso, Matt Tuchel, Jorgine Gornick, Dianna Sundahl, Lori Tomsich, Stephen Tekautz, Trevor Banks, Rolf Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Stephanie Ukkola (Resident, Timberjay Newspaper), Terry Driscoll, Lori Tomsich, Amber Zak

Non-Residents Present: Daniel Reing, Steve Altenburg (Tower News)

Board of Canvass called to order by Tim Tomsich at 8:20 PM

Tim Tomsich, Matt Tuchel, Erin Peitso, Jorgine Gornick, and Amber Zak took the Oath of Office for Canvassing Board.

A review of the voting results was provided by Amber Zak as follows:

For the position of Supervisor #1:

Stephen Tekautz – 42

Blank – 2

Write-in:

Tim Tomsich – 6

Frank Gornick – 1

Greg Dostert – 1

For the position of Treasurer:

Teresa Dolinar – 49

Blank – 2

Write-in:

Mike Dolinar – 1

Total Valid Votes Cast for Candidates: 100

A motion was made by Matt Tuchel to declare the results of the vote valid and sign off on the Summary Statement and any other Abstracts

2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Peitso

Motion passed unanimously

The Board of Canvass Certification was signed by Tim Tomsich, Matt Tuchel, and Erin Peitso and dated 03/11/2025

A motion was made to adjourn by Matt Tuchel, supported by Erin Peitso.

Board of Canvass adjourned 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Zak  
Breitung Township Resident

# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Feb-25

GENERAL	89,546.79
ROAD & BRIDGE	76,041.52
FIRE	45,709.59
PARK	29,274.75
RECREATION	17,704.41
POLICE	59,420.31
PROJECTS	(10,210.54)
TOTALS	307,486.83

**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG - RECEIPTS**

Feb-25

US Postmaster - Rent	465.50
McKinley Park Deposits	11,148.00
Water Department - Reimb Payroll - February	1,756.39
City of Tower - Fourth Quarter	0.00
SLC - Production Tax	13,102.00
SLC - Township Road Aid	12,977.30
City of Tower - Grant Reimb	750.00
MMD Transfer	30,000.00
MMD Transfer	35,000.00
NOW Intererst	17.44
MMD Interest	180.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105,396.82</b>



# Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex  
4787 Midway Road, Duluth, MN 55811 • Phone: (218) 625-3830

**James T. Foldesi, P.E.**  
Public Works Director/  
Highway Engineer

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

**TO:** Township Supervisor Chairs and City Clerks

**FROM:** James T. Foldesi, P.E. *J.T.F.*  
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer  
Public Works Department

**RE:** 2026 St. Louis County Maintenance Striping, Crack Sealing, Chip Sealing and Scrub Sealing Programs

### Aggregate Crushing

#### Agencies Invited to Participate: Townships and Cities

An Aggregate Crushing solicitation with crushing map, will be sent out August 2025.

### Maintenance Striping

#### Agencies Invited to Participate: Townships and Cities

The St. Louis County Public Works Department is announcing the continuation of its maintenance striping program where townships and cities within St. Louis County are invited to participate. Townships and cities that would like to participate in the maintenance striping contract must submit the attached "Maintenance Striping Request Form" to St. Louis County by **Monday, June 2, 2025**. Questions about the maintenance striping program can be directed to Tanja Mattonen at 218-625-3791 or [mattonent@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:mattonent@stlouiscountymn.gov).

The estimated unit prices are:

- 4" solid line or 4" broken line (white or yellow) = \$0.08 per linear foot<sup>1</sup>
- 4" double solid line (yellow) = \$0.18 per linear foot<sup>2</sup>
  1. Does not include the gap between broken line markings
  2. Double solid line quantity includes two 4" solid line markings

St. Louis County will make all payments to the contractor for work completed, including work completed for townships and cities. Townships and cities requesting greater than \$5,000.00 in maintenance striping shall pay to St. Louis County, within thirty (30) days after the award of contract, an amount equal to ninety five percent (95%) of the cost of their portion of the contract. Townships and cities requesting less than \$5,000.00 in maintenance striping shall pay to St. Louis County their total project cost after completion of the project. Each participating agency will also be charged an administrative fee of \$500.00 for project administration. St. Louis County will submit invoices to each participating agency for their share of the project, including the administrative fee.

## **Crack Sealing / Chip Seals / Scrub Seals**

### **Agencies Invited to Participate: Townships and Cities**

The St. Louis County Public Works Department is announcing the continuation of its crack sealing, chip sealing and scrub sealing program where townships and cities within St. Louis County are invited to participate. Townships and cities that would like to participate in the crack sealing, chip sealing or scrub sealing contracts must submit the attached "Crack Sealing Request Form" or "Chip/Scrub Sealing Request Form" to St. Louis County by **Monday, June 2, 2025**. For questions about this program in the southern half of the county, please contact Steve Krasaway at 218-625-3841 or [krasaways@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:krasaways@stlouiscountymn.gov). For questions about this program in the northern half of the county, please contact Eric Fallstrom at 218-742-9821 or [fallstrom@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:fallstrom@stlouiscountymn.gov).

Upon receiving the request to participate, St. Louis County will schedule a meeting to perform a field review of the candidate roads. This preliminary engineering will provide a report to the township or city of a higher accuracy total estimated cost. Townships or cities that approve of their estimated cost will be included in the contract. Participating townships or small cities must pay to St. Louis County a flat fee of \$750.00 which covers project administration, preliminary engineering and field inspection. A flat fee for State Aid cities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. For budgetary estimation, the estimated cost of crack sealing is \$10,000 per mile and the estimated cost of chip/scrub sealing is \$50,000 per mile. Please note, cost may vary based on the condition of the roadway.

St. Louis County will make all payments to the contractor for work completed, including work completed for townships and cities. Townships and cities requesting greater than \$5,000.00 in crack sealing, chip sealing or scrub sealing shall pay to St. Louis County, within thirty (30) days after the award of contract, an amount equal to ninety five percent (95%) of the cost of their portion of the contract. Townships and cities requesting less than \$5,000.00 in crack sealing, chip sealing or scrub sealing shall pay to St. Louis County their total project cost after completion of the project. St. Louis County will submit invoices to each participating agency for their share of the project, including the combined administrative, preliminary engineering and inspection fee.

### **Formal Request Procedure**

To request to participate in one of these programs, submit the respective request form(s) of the program(s) you would like your agency to participate in to the contact information provided at the bottom of the form(s).

**A resolution must be attached from the requesting town board or city council that approves entering into a cooperative agreement with St. Louis County. Requests that do not include this resolution may not be accepted into these programs.**

The deadline for submitting your agency's request form(s) is **Monday, June 2, 2025**. If we do not receive your request by this deadline, St. Louis County cannot guarantee acceptance into any of the aforementioned contracts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosures

Cc:

V. Lund  
T. Mattonen  
S. Krasaway  
E. Fallstrom  
M. Hemmila



**Thank You**

Dear Breitung Township,

Thank you for hosting our County Board Meeting on January 14, 2025. We enjoy being able to hold meetings in various communities throughout the county and appreciate your warm welcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Havela".

Chair, St. Louis County Board



AN ALLETE COMPANY

Account Number: 6766600000

Dear Customer,

A recent review of your account indicates that your monthly electricity usage will necessitate a change in rate.

When a customer's use is greater than 2,500-kilowatt hours (kWh) for three consecutive months, or when the connected load indicates customer demand may be greater than 10 kilowatts (kW), the customer is placed on what's known as a "demand rate." The method used to calculate your bill will change to reflect the demand rate. The energy charge (kWh) is reduced when demand charges are implemented. Please keep in mind, however, that it's uncertain as to whether your bill will increase or decrease, because that will depend on your actual monthly electricity consumption.

*What is Demand?* Please visit our website for more details:

[http://www.mnpower.com/CustomerService/CommercialRates?TargetFrame=\\_blank](http://www.mnpower.com/CustomerService/CommercialRates?TargetFrame=_blank)

If you have questions regarding this change, or any other aspect of your electric service, please don't hesitate to contact us at (800) 228-4966.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Power



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TOWN OF BREITUNG  
PO BOX 56  
SOUDAN, MN 55782-0056





# To Our Commercial/ Industrial Customers

On November 25, 2024, Minnesota Power received approval of the rates contained herein from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. These rates apply to usage on or after March 1, 2025.

For your information and convenient reference, this folder contains the following electric service rates and rules:

- **GENERAL SERVICE**
- **LARGE LIGHT & POWER SERVICE**
- **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DUAL FUEL INTERRUPTIBLE ELECTRIC SERVICE**
- **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL FIXED OFF-PEAK ELECTRIC SERVICE**



AN ALLETE COMPANY

If you would like additional information regarding these rates and how they apply to your business, please visit [www.mnpower.com](http://www.mnpower.com) or call 1-800-228-4966.

## GENERAL SERVICE APPLICATION

To any customer's electric service requirements when the total electric requirements are supplied through one meter. Service shall be delivered at one point from existing facilities of adequate type and capacity and metered at (or compensated to) the voltage of delivery. Service hereunder is limited to Customers with total power requirements of less than 10,000 kW and is subject to Company's Electric Service Regulations and any applicable Riders.

Applicable to multiple metered service only in conjunction with the respective Rider for such service.

### TYPE OF SERVICE

Single phase, three phase or single and three phase, 60 hertz, at one standard low voltage of 120/240 to 4160 volts; except that within the Low Voltage Network Area service shall be three phase, four wire, 60 hertz, 277/480 volts.

### RATE (Monthly)

<b>Customers Without A Demand Meter</b>	
Service Charge	\$15.00
Energy Charge for all kWh (¢/kWh)	9.919¢
<b>Customers With A Demand Meter</b>	
Service Charge	\$15.00
Demand Charge for all kW	\$6.00
Transmission Demand for all kW	\$4.03
Energy Charge for all kWh (¢/kWh)	6.931¢

*Plus any applicable adjustments.*

### MINIMUM CHARGE (Monthly)

The appropriate service charge plus any applicable Adjustments, however, in no event will the Minimum Charge (Monthly) for three phase service be less than \$25.00 nor will the Demand Charge per kW of Billing Demand be less than the Minimum Demand specified in customer's contract.

*Plus any applicable adjustments.*

### HIGH VOLTAGE SERVICE

Where customer contracts for service delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available primary voltage of 13,000 volts or higher, the monthly bill, before Adjustments, will be subject to a discount of \$2.45 per kW of Billing Demand. In addition, where customer contracts for service delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available transmission voltage of 115,000 volts or higher, the monthly bill, before Adjustments, will be further subject to a discount of 0.800¢ per kWh of Energy. Where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available distribution bulk delivery voltage of 23,000 volts to 46,000 volts, the Energy Charge will also be subject to a discount of 0.153¢ per kWh of Energy.

High Voltage Service shall not be available from the Low

### Voltage Network Area as designated by Company. DETERMINATION OF THE BILLING DEMAND

When customer's use exceeds 2,500 kWh for three consecutive months or where the connected load indicates customer's demand may be greater than 10 kW, the customer may be placed on a demand rate.

The Billing Demand will then be the kW measured during the 15-minute period of customer's greatest use during the month, as adjusted for power factor, but not less than the minimum demand specified in customer's contract. Demand will be adjusted by multiplying by 90% and dividing by the average monthly power factor in percent when the average monthly power factor is less than 90% lagging. However, in no event shall the average monthly power factor used for calculation in this paragraph be less than 45%.

### PAYMENT

Bills are due and payable 15 days following the date the bill is rendered or such later date as may be specified on the bill.

### LARGE LIGHT AND POWER SERVICE APPLICATION

To the entire electric service requirements on customer's premises delivered at one point from existing facilities of adequate type and capacity and metered at (or compensated to) the voltage of delivery.

Service hereunder is limited to Customers with total power requirements of less than 50,000 kW and is subject to Company's Electric Service Regulations and any applicable Riders. Customers with total power requirements in excess of 10,000 kW shall be served under this rate only where customer and Company have executed an electric service agreement having an initial minimum term of ten (10) years with a minimum cancellation provision of four (4) years.

### TYPE OF SERVICE

Single phase, three phase or single and three phase, 60 hertz, at one standard low voltage of 120/240 to 4160 volts; except that within the Low Voltage Network Area service shall be three phase, four wire, 60 hertz, 277/480 volts.

### RATE (Monthly)

<b>Demand Charge</b>	
For the first 100 kW or less of Billing Demand	\$1,050.00
All additional kW of Billing Demand (\$/kW)	\$9.25
<b>Transmission Demand Charge</b>	
All kW of Billing Demand (\$/kW)	\$6.07
<b>Energy Charge</b>	
All kWh (¢/kWh)	5.165¢

*Plus any applicable adjustments.*

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Where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available primary voltage of 13,000 volts or higher, the Demand Charge will be subject to a discount of \$2.45 per kW of Billing Demand. In addition, where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available transmission voltage of 115,000 volts or higher, the Energy Charge will be subject to a discount of 0.800¢ per kWh of Energy. Where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available distribution bulk delivery voltage of 23,000 to 46,000 volts, the Energy Charge will also be subject to a discount of 0.153¢ per kWh of Energy. High voltage service shall not be available from the Low Voltage Network Area as designated by Company.

### DETERMINATION OF THE BILLING DEMAND

Billing Demand is the kW measured during the 15-minute period of customer's greatest use during the month, as adjusted for power factor, except that the Billing Demand will not be less than the lower of:

- 75% of the greatest adjusted demand during the preceding eleven months, or
- The greatest adjusted demand during the preceding eleven months minus 100 kW.

However, the Billing Demand shall not be less than the minimum demand specified in the customer's contract. Demand will be adjusted by multiplying by 90% and dividing by the average monthly power factor in percent when the average monthly power factor is less than 90% lagging. However, in no event shall the average monthly power factor used for calculation in this paragraph be less than 45%.

### PAYMENT

Bills are due and payable 15 days following the date the bill is rendered or such later date as may be specified on the bill.

## COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DUAL FUEL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE

### APPLICATION

To the interruptible electric service requirements of Commercial/Industrial Customers where an alternative source of energy is available to satisfy these requirements during periods of interruption. Service shall be delivered at one point from facilities of adequate type and capacity and shall be metered at (or compensated to) the voltage of delivery. Service is subject to the Company's Electric Service Regulations and any applicable Riders.

### TYPE OF SERVICE

The small service rates are applicable where connected load is 75 kilowatts (kW) or less single phase and served at 120 volt, 120/240 volt or 120/208 network voltage and supplied through one meter at one point of delivery. The large service rates are for any three phase customers, or any current transformer rated single phase services. The connected load on these services is larger than 75 kW and is supplied through one meter at one point of delivery.

### DUAL FUEL PROGRAM OPTIONS

#### Dual Fuel (standard)

Customer must be prepared to have load interrupted for up to 300 hours of customer's Dual Fuel requirements during any annual period. Dual Fuel load can be interrupted two times per day up to four-hours at a time. There will also be at least two hours between any interruptions.

#### Dual Fuel Plus

Customer must be prepared to supply all of the interruptible load from an alternative energy source for up to 1,000 hours of customer's Dual Fuel requirements during any annual period. Dual Fuel load can be interrupted for 20-hours per calendar day. In the event of a 20-hour interruption period, there will be a period of at least two hours before the next interruption period.

### RATE (Monthly)

<b>Service Charge</b>	
Small Service	\$6.00
Large Service	\$16.00
<b>Energy Charge - Dual Fuel (standard)</b>	
Small Service	7.949¢ per kWh
Large Service - Low Voltage	7.949¢ per kWh
Large Service - High Voltage	7.812¢ per kWh
<b>Energy Charge - Dual Fuel Plus</b>	
Small Service	5.551¢ per kWh
Large Service - Low Voltage	5.551¢ per kWh
Large Service - High Voltage	5.435¢ per kWh

*Plus any applicable Adjustments.*

The High Voltage Service Rate is applicable where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available high voltage level (13,000 volt system or higher).

Customers who have a qualified Air Source Heat Pump as approved by the Company, may elect to be exempt from dual fuel interruptions from June through September and would pay the energy charge below.

### Energy Charge

All kWh (per kWh)	9.919¢ per kWh
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### MINIMUM CHARGE (Monthly)

The Minimum Charge shall be the Service Charge plus any applicable Adjustments.

### PAYMENT

Bills are due and payable 15 days following the date the bill is rendered or such later date as may be specified on the bill.

### CONTRACT PERIOD

Not less than one year or such longer period as may be required under an Electric Service Agreement.

### SERVICE CONDITIONS

- The primary energy source for the Company approved Dual Fuel installation must be electric. An approved Dual Fuel installation requires that the secondary or back-up energy source be capable of continuous operation. Under no circumstances will firm electric service or a back-up generator qualify as the secondary or back-up energy source.
- The interruptible load of the approved Dual Fuel installation shall be separately served and metered and shall at no time be connected to facilities serving customer's firm load.
- Interruption will normally occur at such times:
  - when the Company is required to purchase or generate power at a cost higher than customer's energy charge,
  - when the Company expects to incur a system peak,
  - when, in the Company's opinion, the reliability of the system is endangered, or
  - when the Company performs necessary testing of interruptibility of customer's loads.

Interruptions shall normally occur for reliability-related needs before interruptions for any certified interruptible loads for Large Power, Large Light and Power, and General Service.

- The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by or resulting from any interruption of service except in the case of gross negligence on the part of the Company.
- If Company is unable to disconnect with integrated disconnects in the meters, Company will provide and customer will install as directed by the Company, equipment to provide signals to control load. Customer must provide a continuous 120 volt

AC power source at the Company's control point for operation of the Company's remote control equipment.

- The rate contemplates that this service will utilize existing facilities with no additional major expenditures. Customer shall pay Company the installed cost of any additional facilities required which are not supported by this rate. Customers who have guaranteed annual revenue commitments to support line extension costs under a firm rate schedule that are not fully satisfied before switching to Dual Fuel service may be required to have their extension cost contributions recalculated.
- Upon receiving a control signal from the Company, the Customer must shed its interruptible load in ten (10) minutes or less, and for a duration as required by the Company, as specified in Dual Fuel program options above.
- Those customers who fail to interrupt their interruptible load after being notified to do so by the Company shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Company due to such failure, including but not limited to penalties assessed the Company by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) in the event the Company experiences a system capacity deficiency. Those costs shall be charged on a pro rata basis to all customers who did not interrupt as requested. Such customers shall also be billed as follows:
  - The first failure to interrupt shall result in the Customer being billed for the entire month on the standard applicable General Service or Large Light and Power Service Schedule (thereby not receiving an interruptible discount).
  - If a second such failure to interrupt occurs, in addition to billing as specified in (a) above, the Company reserves the right to discontinue customer's service under the Dual Fuel Interruptible Electric Service Schedule

## COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL FIXED OFF-PEAK SERVICE

### APPLICATION

To electric service for commercial/industrial customers for controlled energy storage or other loads which will be energized only for the time period between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Central Prevailing Time (CPT) each day. Service is subject to the Company's Electric Service Regulations and any applicable riders.

### TYPE OF SERVICE

The small service rates are applicable where connected load is 75 kW or less single phase and served at 120 volt, 120/240 volt or 120/208 network voltage and supplied through one meter at one point of delivery.

The large service rates are for any three phase customers or any current transformer rated single phase services. The connected load on these services is larger than 75 kW and is supplied through one meter at one point of delivery.

### RATE (Monthly)

<b>Service Charge</b>	
Small Service	\$6.00
Large Service	\$16.00
<b>Energy Charge</b>	
Small Service - Low Voltage	5.551¢
Large Service - Low Voltage	5.551¢
Large Service - High Voltage	5.435¢

*Plus any applicable Adjustments.*

The High Voltage Service Rate is applicable where service is delivered and metered at (or compensated to) the available high voltage level (13,000 volt system or higher).

### MINIMUM CHARGE (Monthly)

The Minimum Charge shall be the Service Charge plus any applicable Adjustments.

### PAYMENT

Bills are due and payable 15 days following the date the bill is rendered or such later date as may be specified on the bill.

### CONTRACT PERIOD

Not less than thirty days or such longer period as may be required under an Electric Service Agreement.

Supervisors - please let me know if you want me to do anything with this. Thanks!



# Saint Louis County

Economic and Community Development Department  
www.stlouiscountymn.gov

**Darren Jablonsky**  
Interim Director

To: St. Louis County Cities and Townships  
From: Brad Gustafson, Community Development Manager  
Date: February 24, 2025  
Re: CDBG and HOME Programs Requalification

Since 1992, the cities and townships in St. Louis County have partnered with the County to access funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To date, more than \$70 million has been awarded to community development and affordable housing activities that benefit St. Louis County residents.

St. Louis County must requalify with HUD every three years to continue receiving CDBG and HOME funding. As part of the process, St. Louis County must notify you in writing that the Joint Cooperation Agreement (JCA) between your jurisdiction and St. Louis County will automatically renew unless you terminate the agreement. This letter serves as our notification. While participating with the County under the JCA, local jurisdictions automatically participate in the HOME Program and are not eligible to apply separately for the State of Minnesota CDBG (Small Cities Program) and HOME programs.

The Joint Cooperation Agreement will automatically extend for a successive three-year qualification period covering 2026-2028. If your jurisdiction wishes to remain eligible for continued participation in the St. Louis County program, **you do not have to do anything**. Your eligibility will continue under the terms of the existing Joint Cooperation Agreement.

If your jurisdiction chooses to discontinue participating with the County during the 2026-2028 requalification period, you must notify both the County and HUD in writing that your jurisdiction is terminating the agreement at the end of the current federal fiscal year. The notification to not participate must be in the form of a resolution adopted by your governing board and mailed to both the County and HUD by June 15, 2025.

We hope that your jurisdiction will continue its partnership with the County. If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Brad Gustafson*

**Brad Gustafson**, Community Development Manager  
Economic and Community Development  
**Office:** 218-742-9563 **Toll Free:** 1-800-450-9777, Ext. 7563 **Fax:** 218-749-7194  
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Spring 2025

**To: Township Board Members**

We've received requests from several townships for roadside brushing, tree trimming, tree removal, and spraying, and we're reaching out to see if your township has similar needs.

Our services include:

- Mechanical brush mowing and trimming (Kwik Trim) for fast, clean right-of-way maintenance.
- Aerial lift trucks for removing overhang and trees.
- Brush spraying by state-certified applicators using GPS-tracked, modern equipment.

**About Us:**

- In business since 1974.
- Staffed with trained, certified tree trimmers and ISA-certified arborists.
- Fully insured (certificate available upon request).
- Members of TCIA and A+ rated by the Better Business Bureau.
- Local offices across the state, headquartered in Ottertail, MN.

Interested? We'd be happy to visit, answer questions, and provide a free estimate.

Call us at 1-888-470-3355 We Can Do More Because We Know More!

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Sincerely,**

Carr's Tree Service

218-367-3355 (Office) 1-888-470-3355 (Toll Free)

Scan the link below to visit us at: [www.carrstreeservice.com](http://www.carrstreeservice.com)



## Emergency Storm Work

We have experience in organizing and dispatching professionally trained teams throughout Minnesota when we're hit with powerful storms.

Emergencies can be trying and hectic, but our teams are qualified with all necessary credentials, following all ANSI and OSHA standards to ensure the work is completed safely.



## Chemical Application

Herbicide applied by licensed applicators can eliminate woody plants & noxious weeds from roadsides and powerline right of ways.



## Brush Mowing

When doing line clearance, lot clearing projects, or cutting a trail through the woods, our brush mowing equipment can get the job done quickly. These machines can handle material up to 5" in diameter and give the cleanest cut.



## Power Line Clearance

We work with electric companies to complete utility line clearance jobs. Our approach includes using employees that live and work in the same areas, which creates a sense of ownership and pride in the product we deliver. It also keeps communication levels at their highest and allows utility customers to operate more cost-effectively.

## Our Services

### Removals

We LOVE trees, but some trees are just in the wrong place, have become dangerous due to decline/death/physical damage. We provide sound advice on which trees should be removed, as well as which trees have options other than complete removal.



### Pruning

Properly trimming your tree can direct growth away from buildings, lights, antennas/satellite dishes, utility wires, anything that trees must not contact. A Crown Clean can be done to remove deadwood and broken branches.

### Climbing Specialists

Our climbing specialists can safely work in trees that no type of lift can access. Whether cleaning deadwood or removing a whole tree our team can take care of your tree no matter the location.



### Stump Grinding

Once a tree is removed, the remaining stump can be unsightly and unsafe. Our stump grinders will make short work of removing it for good.

## Plant Health Care

Many common tree issues require the assistance of products designed to protect the tree from certain insects and diseases. Our team will provide you with a solid treatment plan based on your trees needs.



## Crane Assisted Removals

We understand that our customers want to avoid yard damage from heavy machinery. When access to the tree is a problem or the tree is too unstable to rig down safely, our Certified Arborists use a crane to remove the tree in pieces.

## ISA Certified Arborist Consultations

Trees are living organisms, and they get sick from time to time due to site conditions, insect damage, or tree diseases. Think of our ISA Certified Arborists like a tree doctor who is always here to help.



## Cable & Brace Systems

We offer 2 types of cable systems depending on the needs of your tree. Cables can be installed preventatively to protect your tree, and often can be installed after minor damage to prolong the tree's life.

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIPS  
TENTATIVE AGENDA MARCH 26, 2025  
CALL MTG. TO ORDER PRESIDENT JIM AIRD**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. INTRODUCE ANY NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ATTENDING FOR FIRST TIME
3. SPEAKERS –
  - a. State Representatives, County Commissioners
  - b. MAT Dist. 10 Director Kevin Cornick
  - c. Any others?
  - d. Cory Leinwander Assistant County Assessor
4. RESOLUTIONS
5. CORRESPONDENCE – MISC. PHONE CALLS/EMAILS SENT: February Minutes, Upcoming speakers
6. Secretary Report – Minutes of 02/26/25
7. Treasurer’s Report

<b>Beginning Balance 01/9/25</b>	<b>\$ 7,795.99</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	Solway Annual Conference -560.00
	JAN Sec/Treas & Reimb <u>-318.18</u>
<b>Ending Balance 02/7/25</b>	<b>\$7,477.81</b>
8. Old Business
  - a. Any other old business
9. New Business
  - a. Notice of Slate of Officers at the April 2025 Meeting; Three volunteers needed to audit the 2024 books at 5:15pm on April 23, 2025 Cotton Community Center
  - b. Meeting of SLCAT President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and District Directors to choose banquet facilities and menu items April 23, 2025 at 5:45pm
  - c. New Business from the Floor
  - d. Next Meeting April 23, 2025 6:30 pm  
April Speaker: Youth in Action, Dana and Aimee  
May Speaker: Gordon Ramsay and Undersheriff
10. Adjourn

ST. LOUIS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS  
FEBRUARY 26, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
NEXT MEETING: MARCH 26, 2025 6:30 PM  
SPEAKER: Cory Leinwander, Assistant County Assessor

<https://meet.goto.com/912555773>

Phone: 1-312-757-3121 Access Code: 912-555-773

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Following Meeting: April 23, 2025 6:30 pm Cotton

<https://meet.goto.com/504207557>

Phone: 1-646-749-3122 Access Code: 504-207-557  
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**Call Meeting to Order:** President Jim Aird called the February 26, 2025 meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm, Cotton Town Hall. There were 28 township officers present and six officers virtually present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

St. Louis County Commissioner Michael Jugovich discussed budget cuts school districts are facing and answered questions concerning the reintroduction of elk, aquatic invasive species funding, and landfills.

St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson discussed the opening of a time capsule that was recovered from the former Northland Office Building. The capsule was opened at the St. Louis County Government Services Center in Virginia. There were over 100 people in attendance. The county will be bonding for a new Public Works building in the Hibbing/Chisolm/Balkan area. The anticipated investment is \$40 million. Updating public works facilities is crucial so equipment can be parked inside heated buildings and prolong the life of the equipment. The county has drastically reduced the number of offices rented and are no longer in the nursing home business. The money saved is being used to pay off bonds.

St. Louis County Auditor Nancy Neilson appreciates Commissioner Nelson's knowledge on bonding and financing. Township elections are coming up in a couple weeks. Rosters are being sent out this week. Public accuracy testing must be completed at least three days before the election and must be posted at least two days prior to the test. Notify the county immediately if there are programming issues during preliminary testing. Offices must be open for absentee voting on March 8 from 10 to noon and until 5:00pm on March 10, 2025. St. Louis County Election staff will be available for assistance on election day until 8:30 pm. A question was asked if the law requiring head election judges to work the entire day can be changed. Legislatures would need to be contacted. Commissioner Nelson mentioned the county is paying their election judges \$12.00 per hour and they are considering increasing the rate. He asked how much townships are paying their election judges.

**District 10 MAT Director Kevin Connick:** Spring short course is being held on April 4, 2025 in Duluth and April 3, 2025 in Grand Rapids. If your township has not filed their annual financial reporting form with the state please do so as soon as possible. There is currently no penalty but that could change after this legislation session. He was asked to testify tomorrow on a bill that would raise the threshold amount that determines when townships in special districts are required to have an outside audit. It is currently at \$250,000 and they would like to increase the amount to \$750,000. There was supposed to be a hearing today on annexation and reform legislation but that did not happen. There will be no voting on MAT bylaws at the upcoming short courses. He is going to recommend MAT bring a sample of the new MAT logo.

The association heard from Michael Sturdy, General Manager of Operations for Pulsar Helium Inc. He provided a brief overview of the company and the Topaz Project that is being conducted on private land surrounded by the Superior Forest. The location is beneficial because there is an existing road network and grid power nearby. Often times these locations are extremely remote. They are searching for primary helium. It is used in fiberoptics, spacecrafts, hard drives, MRI scanners, and deep-sea diving. The US is the biggest helium consumer on the planet. Most of America's helium is currently imported from other countries. They have drilled two exploratory wells and are working on acquiring data. They are hoping there will not be setbacks or negative feedback as the procedure is minimally invasive and the impacted

land can be reclaimed after the wells are depleted. They are unsure what the tax structure will look like on the helium.

**Secretary's Report:** January 22, 2025 minutes were sent by email to all township clerks, interested officers, St. Louis County commissioners, and state representatives. A letter inviting county commissioners and state representatives to our monthly meetings via USPS and email. A motion was made by Earl Grano, seconded by Gene Kacer to approve the January 22, 2025 minutes as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan read the following cash flow statement: Beginning Balance 12/9/24 \$10,879.41; Deposits none; Expenses: secretary/treasurer, Solway reimbursement, community center rent, Shubat Transportation, credit card charges. Ending Balance 01/08/2025 \$7,795.99. A motion was made by Rory Kick, seconded by Gene Kacer and carried to approve the treasurers report as submitted.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Jim Aird, seconded by Jim Hofsommer and carried to reappoint Scott Welsh as a representative to the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board. The term for each MIC appointment is for two years with no limits on the number of reappointments. The Board of Directors Meeting and 2024 Financial Audit will be discussed and scheduled at the next meeting.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Gene Kacer and seconded by Sandi Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Megan Julin, Sec/Treas.

Phone: 218-348-5959, Email: [slctownshipofficers@gmail.com](mailto:slctownshipofficers@gmail.com). Address: PO Box 126 Cotton, MN 55724





# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER

PHONE: (218) 753-6660  
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DANIEL REING  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## Breitung Police Department February 2025 Monthly Report

Calls for Service (ICRs) 63

Citations 3

1 juvenile male citation for Driving too Fast for Conditions

1 adult male citation for Expired Registration on license plates (Expired in 2022)

1 adult male citation for Speed (79/60)



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CHIEF OF POLICE

We are two months into 2025. Please stay safe out there. I want to remind everyone to watch for emergency lights as you are driving. Please pull over, we are trying to assist those in need. It is dangerous for us to drive at higher speeds, please help us by pulling over to give us more room. It is not only a reminder; it is also the law. G.R.E.A.T. classes are in full swing. The students enjoy the material and are excited for the weekly gathering.

I also want to welcome Officer Jon Shenett to the department. He comes with numerous years of experience. He also works full time for the Babbitt Police Department.

**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**February 2025 Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting and annual meeting was held on 02/12/2025.

This month's training consisted of our mandatory training in Hazmat. We also had a refresher course in the ERG Book, Hazardous response spill kit and Four Gas Monitor.

We received four calls for service for the month of February which included the following, Assisted the Tower Ambulance with a medical on Pine Island, assisted with extrication of a patient on a motor vehicle accident in Tower, assisted with a landing zone at the Tower Airport and a report of a fire of a possible residence in Soudan which turned out to be a large campfire.

## Road and Bridge report March 2025

Limited plowing and sanding

Thawed culverts

Cutting and trimming trees

Set up township election

Oil changes and maintenance on equipment

Sweeping streets

Jetting culverts

Manhole inspections

Continue televising sewer laterals

One water main froze, two laterals

Closed skating shack for the year on February 26th due to unseasonably warm temperatures.

# Housing Committee Report

March 2025

Dianna Sunsdahl

- Tower Area Collaborative will meet February 12<sup>th</sup> @ Tower City Hall and via ZOOM. Did not meet for the month of March, will meet again in April.
- Tower Clerk will be applying for the SRCG Grant and an IRRR Grant for pre-work
- The TAC Team will discuss in further detail the planning of a Community Meeting after results of testings-maybe an open house type of meeting
- Zoning Ordinance-City of Tower and Planning and Zoning to discuss best plan moving forward and see what the business community on Main Street would like. To be put on the March Agenda for Planning & Zoning

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Dianna Sunsdahl @ [deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org](mailto:deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org)

*Dianna Sunsdahl*

## ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES

The following provides a summary of the steps involved for a rural town to adopt an ordinance under Minn. Stat. § 365.10, subd. 17, for an urban town to adopt an ordinance under Minn. Stat. § 368.01, subd. 19, and for towns that are engaged in planning and zoning to adopt a zoning ordinance under Minn. Stat. § 462.357. **NOTE:** (1) A different procedure will apply for ordinances adopted under other authorizing statutes; (2) These procedures assume the board wishes to publish only a summary of the ordinance rather than the full text; (3) The zoning ordinance procedure assumes the town already has a planning commission and a comprehensive plan; and (4) Always seek professional assistance when adopting an ordinance.

### **General Welfare Ordinance in Rural Towns (Minn. Stat. § 365.10, subd. 17)**

1. **Town board passes a motion to seek elector authority for a particular ordinance.**
2. At an annual or special town meeting a motion is made and passed to authorize the board to adopt the ordinance to regulate a particular issue.
3. Seek professional assistance as needed to draft the findings of fact, ordinance, and summary to be used for publication See Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 2.
4. At a board meeting, pass motion to adopt the ordinance and approve the summary language for publication. The decision to publish the summary instead of the full text must be approved by a two-thirds vote of a three-member board and four-fifths vote of a five-member board. The chair and the clerk sign the ordinance. (Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 3).
5. Publish the ordinance title and summary once in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the town along with a notice of where the full ordinance can be obtained (Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 2 & 3).
6. The whole ordinance must be posted in the community library. If there is no library, it must be posted in another public place that the town board names. (Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd.4).
7. The ordinance must be recorded in the town's ordinance book within 20 days after publication along with proof of publication. (Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 5).
8. The ordinance must be recorded in the county law library. (Minn. Stat. § 415.021).

### **General Welfare Ordinance in Urban Towns (Minn. Stat. § 368.01, subd. 19)**

1. Seek professional assistance as needed to assist the town to draft findings of fact, the ordinance, and a summary to be used for publication.
2. At a board meeting the board passes a motion to adopt the ordinance and approve the summary language for publication. The chair and the clerk sign the ordinance.
3. Publish the ordinance title and summary once in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the town along with a notice of where the full ordinance can be obtained. The decision to publish the summary instead of the full text must be approved by a two-thirds vote of a three-member board and four-fifths vote of a five-member board. (Minn. Stat. § 368.01, subd. 21).

**STATEMENT OF THE TOWN BOARD  
CALLING FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
(Minn. Stat. § 365.52, subd. 1)**

We, the undersigned town supervisors and the town clerk of Breitung Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota, do hereby declare that the interests of the town require a special town meeting to be held because:

An amendment to Ordinance 90-03 - An Ordinance Establishing Sewer Use Regulations has been proposed by the board; according to Minn Stat. SS 365.10, subd. 17, it is necessary for the board to receive authorization to adopt the amendment to the ordinance and regulate sewer usage

The particular business to be transacted at the meeting is as follows:

A vote by Breitung Township electors to approve or deny authorization for the Breitung Township Board to adopt ordinance 90-03A, with or without adjustments

The meeting is to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, at the following place: \_\_\_\_\_.

This statement shall be filed in the town clerk's office. After the statement is filed, the clerk shall record this statement of need and provide ten days' published notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting in a qualified newspaper having general circulation in the town.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**DRAFT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

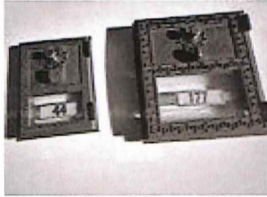
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Clerk

Breitung Township, MN  
PO Box 56  
33 First Avenue  
Soudan, MN 55782-0056

Bill of Sale Date: 18 Mar 2025  
Asset ID: 1

Bill of Sale ID: 31820251  
Inventory ID: 1  
Award Amount: \$390.00 USD

**Asset Information**



**Description:** Lot of (121) Vintage Post Office Box Plates      **VIN/Serial:**  
**Year:**                      **Make/Brand:**                      **Model:**                      **Meter:**  
**Body:**                      **Trim:**                      **Color:**                      **Title Restriction:** Not Applicable

**Sale Information**

**Actual Sold Amount:** \$390.00 USD  
**Other Amount:** \$0.00 USD  
**Buyer's Premium:** \$48.75 USD  
**Sales Tax Amount:** \$28.77 USD  
**BP Tax Amount:** \$3.59 USD  
**Total Amount:** \$471.11 USD

**Paid On:** 18 Mar 2025 Credit Card  
**Other Amount Description:**

**Buyer Information**

John Capano  
2224 Arlington Pl  
Clearwater, FL 33765  
USA  
j.capano1011@gmail.com  
9109870716

Asset is sold as is, where is and without warranty. Once the asset is removed from the seller's premises there is no refund of monies previously paid.

Buyer/Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



STATE OF  
MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF: St. Louis

TOWN OF: Breitung

OFFICIAL OATH  
OF

Township Supervisor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF  
THE TOWN CLERK OF THE

TOWN OF Breitung THIS 20th  
DAY OF March, 2025.

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TOWN CLERK

# ELECTED OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

State of Minnesota,  
County of St. Louis }  
Town of Breitung } ss.

I, Stephen Tekautz do solemnly  
Name of Person Taking Oath

Swear that I will support the Constitution of  
Swear or Affirm

the United States and of the State of Minnesota, and faithfully, for

and on behalf of the citizens of Breitung Township discharge the  
Name of Town

duties of the office of Supervisor - 3 year term of the  
Ex: supervisor - 3 year term

Town of Breitung in the County of  
Name of Town

St. Louis and the state of Minnesota, to the best  
Name of County

of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of  
March, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Person taking the Acknowledgement*  
Town Clerk, Ex Officio Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Or Notary Public

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Signature of Officer Taking Oath

STATE OF  
MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF: St. Louis

TOWN OF: Breitung

OFFICIAL OATH  
OF

Township Treasurer

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TOWN CLERK

# ELECTED OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

State of Minnesota,  
County of St. Louis }  
Town of Breitung } ss.

I, Teresa Dolinar do solemnly  
Name of Person Taking Oath

Swear that I will support the Constitution of  
Swear or Affirm

the United States and of the State of Minnesota, and faithfully, for

and on behalf of the citizens of Breitung Township discharge the  
Name of Town

duties of the office of Treasurer - 2 year term of the  
Ex: supervisor - 3 year term

Town of Breitung in the County of  
Name of Town

St. Louis and the state of Minnesota, to the best  
Name of County

of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of  
March, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Person taking the Acknowledgement*  
Town Clerk, Ex Officio Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Or Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer Taking Oath

RESOLUTION 2025-05  
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP of St. Louis County, MN  
**Resolution Renaming the Breitung Community Center**

**Whereas**, the Breitung Township Board wishes to recognize the outstanding service of Mr. Timothy Tomsich to Breitung Township;

**Whereas**, Mr. Tomsich has dedicated over 45 years of service as a town supervisor to Breitung Township, many of those as chairman;

**Whereas**, Mr. Tomsich provided time, talent, and energy to make Breitung Township infrastructure more sound, the community safer, the opportunity for recreation more abundant, and accessibility more commonplace;

**Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved:** That the Town Board for Breitung Township hereby renames the Breitung Community Center as the Timothy Tomsich Community Center;

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the Town Board of Breitung Township will work to facilitate the physical change of renaming the building the Timothy Tomsich Community Center.

Adopted by the Breitung Town Board, March 20, 2025

Upon vote taken the following voted: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Supervisor Matthew Tuchel

For:

Against:

**By the Breitung Town Board**

**Attested to by**

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**Town Chair-Tim Tomsich**

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**Town Clerk-Amber Zak**

RESOLUTION 2025-06  
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP of St. Louis County, MN  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BREITUNG FIRE AND RESCUE  
TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM  
THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION FIRST RESPONDER GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority approves the Breitung Fire and Rescue Chief to apply for funds from the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant program for Lifesaving Equipment.

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for Lifesaving Equipment from the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant program.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of Breitung Township does adopt this resolution.

Township Supervisors: Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tuchel, Supervisor Peitso

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2025-06 was declared duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Amber Zak – Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-07  
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP of St. Louis County, MN  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BREITUNG FIRE AND RESCUE  
TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM  
LAKE COUNTRY POWER OPERATION ROUND UP**

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority approves the Breitung Fire and Rescue Chief to apply for funds from Lake Country Power Operation Round Up for Lifesaving Equipment;

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for Lifesaving Equipment from Lake Country Power Operation Round Up;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of Breitung Township does adopt this resolution.

Township Supervisors: Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tuchel, Supervisor Peitso

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2025-07 was declared duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Amber Zak – Clerk

Kugler Township

9172 Hwy 135 N

PO Box 599

Dear Breitung Township,

Kugler Township is looking into changing fire protection for the northern part of the township. We are inquiring if Breitung Fire Department would be interested in taking this area. Roughly it would be about 50 household in that area. If the township is interested in this, we would be looking for year to year contract with them. Please let us know if Breitung would be interested.

Thanks,

Chairperson

Chris Suihkonen