

Charter Township of Breitung
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: **Present:** Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Wales (remote), Trustee Rochon, Trustee Taff, Trustee Peterson
Absent: Clerk Larson, excused

Also Present: Superintendent Mulka, Deputy Clerk Schaller, DPW Superintendent Davis, Fire Chief Rose, Joe Hruska, Dennis Peterson, Joe Smeester, Chris Gardner, Montgomery Marshall, Ryan Sanders, Scott Marshall, Rick Lindow, Brian DeBernardi (McCoy), Travis Jones (Midway Rentals), Steve Coron (GFL), Mark Harrick (Waste Management)

Pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: Brian DeBernardi of McCoy Construction and Forestry asked to have time to speak during the Excavator and Skid Steer portion of the meeting. Supervisor Olson approved.

Topics for Discussion and Possible Action per the Public Notice:

- Refuse collection bid review and recommendation
- Excavator and Skid Steer bid recommendation
- Annual Audit one year service agreement
- Cameras for Parks: Update/recommendation
- Discussion with Fire Dept Chief & Officers

Refuse Collection Bid Review and Recommendation:

- Both bids came in at almost twice what we are currently paying
- Neither company could provide traditional pickup; both would go to large, wheeled cans specifically for automated pickup at some point during the contract
- The Township survey from 2022 indicated that residents overwhelmingly favor traditional pickup
- Fuel surcharges in the proposals were one-sided toward the companies
- The Township could feasibly provide refuse pickup privately themselves for what the contract would cost

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Wales to decline both bids and return this issue to the committee. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Excavator and Skid Steer Bid Recommendation: DPW Superintendent Davis announced his recommendation to purchase from Midway Rentals. After discussing the pros and cons of the different brands equipment, there was a **motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to purchase the Midway Rentals equipment at \$184,834.95. **Vote: Aye –** Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Wales, Trustee Taff, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Rochon; **Nay –** Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Annual Audit One Year Service Agreement: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve a one-year service agreement with Gabridge and Company, PLC for \$18,340.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Camera for Parks: Update/Recommendation: Discussion ensued on the type of equipment needed for the parks. Superintendent Mulka noted he was meeting with the Township's current security camera provider during the week to discuss this topic. The Board Members decided to table further discussion until the regular board meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023.

Discussion with Fire Department Chief and Officers:

RECORDKEEPING, FILES:

- A centralized record keeping system was put in place between the three fire stations, with all records going to Joe Hruska
- Job descriptions for all positions are updated or in the process of updating
- Pros and Cons to combining Quinnesec and East Kingsford fire stations
- Procedures are being updated

COMBINING QUINNESEC AND EAST KINGSFORD STATIONS:

- Possible locations for a future combined station, including grant potential for some locations
- The importance of staying within the Township's and Fire Department's Vision

FUTURE FIRE TRUCKS:

- Updating the fleet equipment
- Needed timelines for ordering new equipment
- Criteria for knowing when to update equipment
- Requirements for equipment
- Costs of equipment

Motion by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson for Fire Chief Rose to gather the required specs for a replacement Class A Pumper Truck. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Supervisor Olson **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to add \$50,000 annually to the Future Fire Trucks Fund, to bring the total saved each year to \$125,000, beginning in 2023. **Motion died due to lack of support.**

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to add \$25,000 annually to the Future Fire Trucks Fund, to bring the total saved each year to \$100,000, beginning in 2023. **Vote: Aye – Supervisor Olson, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Taff, Trustee Rochon, Trustee Wales; Nay – Treasurer Taylor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Rochon left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

FIRE NUMBER SURVEY:

- Newer members will be performing a survey of the Township looking for places without fire number signs, difficult access for rescue vehicles, and other things that may make it difficult for a rescue service to reasonably reach the emergency
- If those types of things are found, the Fire Chief will contact the owner to discuss possible correction measures

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Possible assignment of a department member as a community outreach contact
- Discussed how to hold quick events (e.g., open a hydrant for the kids on a hot day) without coming to the Board for approval

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT DINNER:

- Supervisor Olson and Fire Chief Rose will plan the upcoming event

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to adjourn the meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:30 p.m.

Hand notes taken by Deputy Clerk Schaller in Clerk Larson's absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor