

Charter Township of Breitung
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Main Board Room – Breitung Township Hall
Monday, October 9, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present: Trustee Wales (remote), Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Trustee Taff, Trustee Peterson, and Treasurer Taylor (6:04 p.m.). **Absent:** Clerk Larson, excused.

Also Present: Fire Chief Rose, Deputy Brian Polzien, Michael Day, Jim Paul with the Daily News, Superintendent Mulka.

The Invocation was given by Supervisor Olson and the Pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: None

Approvals:

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve the October 9, 2023 Agenda, as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the September 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the October 2, 2023 Vision-Budget Workshop Special Meeting minutes, as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing: None.

Treasurer Taylor joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business:

Mary Dixon Park Bench and Tot Lot: Supervisor Olson suggested having a dedication ceremony for the Tot Lot. Superintendent Mulka said that he could be a representative for the Township Board and could set up a small ceremony. **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to name the newly installed bench, "The Mary E Dixon Tot Lot Bench" in recognition of the years of attention and work done by her and with her family at the park. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

New Business:

Fire Department New Hire: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to table this item until the October 23, 2023 meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

2024 Road Projects Update: Supervisor Olson stated that Beech, Birch, and Sherman streets were on hold as they are going to be part of an upcoming water project, and Beverly, Park, and Leeland streets were on hold until a project starts up for Hibbard Street in the hopes of getting better prices. **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to send Williams Drive, Collins Road, Becker Drive, and Schettler Drive as our 2024 road project recommendation to the Road Commission. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports:

Clerk's Financial Report:

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from September 20, 2023 through October 4, 2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Fire Chief Rose.

Fire Chief Rose noted that there were two individuals going through the initial hiring process for the Fire Department. He gave an overview of the Fire Department's community promotional activities.

Superintendent Mulka noted that Lieutenant Ryan Sanders had asked to put a box in the Township Hall for the Salvation Army in order to collect food for the Halloween week food donation and invited everyone to participate.

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Peterson to approve spending in the amount of \$300 for the Halloween Open House. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Township Superintendent Steve Mulka. Superintendent Mulka stated he had contacted MRMA for a presentation on their program offerings. He noted that MRMA offers equipment grants among other things to their customers.

Superintendent Mulka stated that he had not received bids for the tables and chairs by the time the agenda was created for this meeting, but that there were bids to open. He said he would put the bid openings on the October 23, 2023 meeting agenda and contact the bidders to let them know about the delay.

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports: Supervisor Olson noted that the Personnel Committee would be meeting in the upcoming week to discuss hiring.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of September 2023, the Breitung Township Officers handled the following: 10 accidents, 48 complaints, 1 code enforcement, and 1 arrest.

Board Discretionary Time:

- Trustee Rochon stated the Sheriff's Department recently put out a press release containing information about the Quinnesec Cemetery larceny cases. He noted that the suspect had been found and arrested.
- Superintendent Mulka informed the Board that the Dickinson County Lions had program information about grants from Build UP for new housing units, with grant amounts up to \$77,000 available per living unit for developers. He asked everyone to spread the word.
- Superintendent Mulka stated that he was working with the Solid Waste Authority to negotiate longer open hours on Saturdays and/or on Weekdays, as residents with typical nine to five jobs struggled to get their waste dropped off during current hours.
- Supervisor Olson noted that the Dickinson County Township Association meeting would be held on October 16, 2023 in the Board Room, and stated Lois Ellis would be the speaker for that meeting, and that she would most likely speak about the new grant program.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the bill list in the amount of \$45,067.79, which excludes No. 5 for \$3,126.14. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor