

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Rochon at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** **Present:** Trustee Wales, Trustee Rochon, Trustee Taff, and Trustee Peterson  
**Absent:** Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Treasurer Taylor, all excused

Also Present: Superintendent Mulka and Deputy Clerk Schaller.

Invocation given by: Trustee Peterson

Pledge recited by all.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Peterson to approve the December 12, 2022 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Peterson to approve the November 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, the amended November 14, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, the November 21, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, the November 28, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, and the December 5, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Public Hearing: 2023 Budget Hearing:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Peterson to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget at 6:03pm. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.** Superintendent Mulka noted that the Public Hearing was announced in the Iron Mountain Daily News on December 2, 2022, notice was posted on the website, and a copy of the proposed budget was available for viewing at the Township office. There were no inquiries from the public before or during the Public Hearing. Superintendent Mulka further noted that we have \$1.3M in projects budgeted over and above the previous year and that none were funded by loans. Trustee Peterson commended the Board for their wise spending habits.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Peterson to close the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget and open the regular meeting at 6:04pm. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Old Business: Electronic Door Lock Update:** After discussion on how well the new system was working, it was decided to complete the door lock project and remove the push button keypads. A memo would be sent to employees reminding them to use their fobs for building entrance.

**New Business: Recommendation to Hire:** **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to hire Lorenzo Valentino as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 2. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Daily New Christmas Ad:** **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to purchase the 2x2 ad for \$86.40. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**2023 Meeting Schedule Resolution:** **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to adopt Resolution No. 12122022 with the **adjustment** of moving the November 13, 2023 meeting to November 6, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Wales, Trustee Peterson Trustee Taff, Trustee Rochon. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

**Clerk's Financial Report:** **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from November 23, 2022 through December 8, 2022. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Fire Report – Highlights: Written report submitted Fire Chief Rose. Also mentioned was the receipt of a large screen TV donated by the Alpha/Mastodon Fire Department for use in the training room.

Superintendent Report – Highlights: Written report submitted by Superintendent Mulka.

Superintendent Mulka noted that there was an adjustment to the contract for the second Code Enforcement Officer – there would only be a single vehicle used which keeps the contract under the approved amount. Superintendent Mulka brought attention to the Motor Pool Fund and that \$140k would be moved from that fund to use toward purchase of the mini-excavator and skid steer. Trustee Rochon suggested that the vehicle portion of the Code Enforcement Officer contract be taken from the Motor Pool Fund as well. Superintendent Mulka stated there was a line item in place for transfers of this type.

Trustee Taff inquired about the MJ Electric lighting and the color change option for the bulbs. Superintendent Mulka noted that there are bulbs that are color-changing without having to change the bulbs themselves.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of November 2022, the Breitung Township Officer handled the following: 0 accidents, 20 complaints, 2 code enforcement complaints, and 1 arrest. There was discussion about a current code enforcement cleanup and what is being done to bring the property back into compliance.

Board Discretionary Time: Trustee Wales wished all the Board Members and Employees a Merry Christmas!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to approve the bill list in the amount of \$125,113.03. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None.

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

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Trustee Rochon at 6:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor