

**Charter Township of Breitung**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
Main Board Room – Breitung Township Hall  
Monday, February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Superintendent Mulka, Assessor Murawski, Fire Chief Rose, Asst Fire Chief Marshall, Christina Maki, Mike Bronzyk, Sharon Reuter, Deputy Kuenzer, Matt Kuschel (Attorney), Mike Ireland, and Jim Paul (Daily News).

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson and the pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: None.

**Approvals:**

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the February 12, 2024 Agenda, as presented with the addition of 13. Executive Session for Land Acquisition.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve the January 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting minutes, as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing:

Schinderle Appeal Hearing: Property owner Kerry Schinderle not present. Mr. Schinderle has filed a civil suit in Circuit Court against the Township's denial of his appeal to the Dangerous Building Officer's order. Superintendent Mulka, Deputy Kuenzer, and Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer Bronzyk gave testimony to the fact that the house is uninhabitable, the water has been shut-off for years and there has been no significant change to property cleanup and remains a hazard. Attorney Matt Kuschel counseled the Board on the next steps of the proceedings to adopt a resolution and order giving Mr. Schinderle 21 days to comply by March 4, 2024 or further action will be taken.

**Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve Resolution No. 02122024-A, a resolution and order of findings and enforcement of property deemed as dangerous buildings including structures and adjoining grounds at 421 Henford, Kingsford, MI. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Day, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Treasurer Taylor, and Trustee Taff. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Trustee Peterson, excused. **Motion: carried.**

**Old Business:**

Training Request: Government Essentials Webinar Series: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve attendance to the 2024 Governing Essentials Webinar 3-part Series from MSU Extension totaling \$50, for Deputy Assessor Gasperich and any members of the Planning Commission, Boards and Committees. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Community Schools request for support: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the contribution of \$2,000 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools 2024 summer program. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**New Business:**

Designate alternate location for February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to change the location of the February 26, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting to the Quinnesec Fire Hall at 3800 Menominee St., Quinnesec, MI. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Cemetery Fee Schedule: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Day to approve the changes to the Cemetery Fee Schedule as presented including the addition of a Burial Rights transfer fee, Temporary Monument removal fee, after hours fees for cremains placed in a headstone and also additional wording clarifying fees waived for Veterans. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

2024 Water Rate Consideration: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Clerk Larson to approve changes to the water price control schedule as presented; Fixed rate increase to all meter sizes, Standard rate increase by CPI, Wintertime turn off/on charge December 1<sup>st</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>, and Hydrant service charge. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Department Recommendation to hire: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Day to accept the recommendation to hire firefighter Ken Wood, FFII status, Station 2 East Kingsford. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Poverty resolution: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Day to adopt Resolution No. 02122024-B 2024 Real Property Tax Poverty Exemption as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Day, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Treasurer Taylor, and Trustee Taff. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Trustee Peterson, excused. **Motion: carried.**

Resolution for Protests by Mail and Alternate Board of Review Start Date: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to adopt Resolution No. 02122024-C, a resolution to accept protests by U.S. mail and for an alternate start date for the March Board of Review. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Day, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Treasurer Taylor, and Trustee Taff. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Trustee Peterson, excused. **Motion: carried.**

Accounting Procedure and Audit Update:

**Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to appoint Township Accountant Christina Maki as a designee to process tax payments in the absence of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to allow for receipting for payments made in person. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Day, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, and Trustee Taff. **Nays:** Treasurer Taylor. **Motion carried.**

Accounting Training: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve two upcoming BS&A Webinars; Check and Deposit Reconciliation April 9<sup>th</sup> and Budgeting June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, for Township Accountant Christina Maki to attend for a total of \$400. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Reports:**

Clerk's Financial Report:

**Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from January 18, 2024 through February 7, 2024. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Treasurer Taylor announced she will not submit a Treasurer's report anymore, the Township Accountant can provide it.

Fire Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Fire Chief Rose. For the month of January 2024, the Breitung Township Fire Department handled the following: 6 fires, 4 vehicle accidents/rescues, 11 medical assists, 2 other.

**Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Supervisor Olson to approve getting the Fire Department compressor fixed, not to exceed \$6,000. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Township Superintendent Mulka.

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports: None.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of January 2024, the Breitung Township Officers handled the following: 6 accidents, 35 complaints, 1 code enforcement, and 2 arrest.

**Board Discretionary Time:**

- Treasurer Taylor announced she would like to step down from the Refuse Committee.
- Happy Birthday Ann Gasperich!
- Supervisor Olson stated Legislators are still discussing the location of the Veterans Cemetery, possibly in the U.P.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Day to approve the bill list in the amount of \$57,841.27. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer Taylor left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Closed Session:

**Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Day to close the regular board meeting and enter into Closed Session to discuss a land acquisition. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Day, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, and Trustee Taff. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Trustee Peterson excused; Treasurer Taylor unexcused.

Regular meeting closed and Closed Session entered into at 8:45 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 8:57 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to authorize Superintendent Mulka to explore a location for possible land acquisition and give permission to the Parks and Rec Committee to explore a land acquisition further. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor