

Charter Township of Breitung Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Main Board Room – Breitung Township Hall

Monday, April 24, 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, Clerk Larson, Trustee Taff and Trustee Peterson.

Absent: Treasurer Taylor, excused.

Also Present: Superintendent Mulka DPW Superintendent Davis, Assessor Murawski, Fire Chief Rose, Assistant Fire Chief Lindow, Mike Day, Waste Management rep Mark Harrick, GFL rep Steve Coron and Chris Nelson from Teck Solutions.

Invocation given by: Trustee Peterson.

Pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: None.

Approvals:

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve the April 24, 2023 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented with the exception of changing the Happy Birthday from Mary Ann Hansen to Alyssa Taff. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business:

Update on Refuse Collection Contract:

Contract and Bid Comparison for Refuse pickup

- The Bid specifications stated, " Preference will be given for a three (3) year contract." Waste Management was the only bidder who offered 3 years.
- Fuel Surcharges were to be based on actual fuel costs, above or below the quarterly benchmark. GFL did not meet those bid specs. They proposed a percentage of the total monthly contract cost. (Their January and February invoices for fuel surcharges were \$4,810.29 for each month). Actual cost above or below the benchmark would provide more stable costs for the Township.
- No contractor bid the option for hand collection. Automated loading and carts are the only option available for refuse collection in our area.

Contractor	Minimum Term	Per customer charge	Provide Dumpster	Fuel Surcharge Benchmark	Pays back to Township if below Benchmark
GFL	5 years	\$12.00	No	\$4.00	No
Waste Management	3 years	\$12.44	Yes	\$4.427	Yes

Old Business:

Update on Refuse Collection Contract: (continued):

Contract and Bid Comparison for Refuse pickup

- ❖ Waste Management would provide dumpsters at no cost if residents on secondary or private roads combine their pickup locations at an approved turnaround with a dumpster, saving wear and tear on those roads.
- ❖ GFL would receive a fuel surcharge immediately as their proposed benchmark of \$4.00 is below current diesel pricing. They did not meet the bid specifications on the fuel surcharge. It was to be based on the actual cost of fuel and not a percentage of the contract.
- ❖ There is currently no fuel surcharge billed to the Township. Waste Management will pay back (credit our bill) if the fuel price falls below the set benchmark for the quarter of \$4.427. GFL would not credit the Township if it went below their benchmark of \$4.00.

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to mail a Refuse collection two-page letter, instead of a trifold, to the residents through Print Blvd including cost for envelopes and postage.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendments: Superintendent Mulka read the proposed Garbage Ordinance amendments. **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the 1-2023 Ordinance amendments to Chapter 50 regarding Garbage.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Wales, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Trustee Taff and Trustee Peterson. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Treasurer Taylor. **Motion carried.**

Copier Bid Recommendation: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Supervisor Olson to approve the purchase of the Cooper Konica BIZ HUB 650i for a total of \$9,241.14 as submitted. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Mower Bid Recommendation: Further information is needed. Decision tabled until the next meeting May 8, 2023.

New Business:

Park Project-Walking/Bike Path: The Board discussed the planning stages of the walking path Park Project.

Reports:

Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from April 5, 2023 through April 20, 2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to receive and place on file Clerk Larson's Revenue/Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet ending 3/31/2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Financial Report: **Motion** by Clerk Larson, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor's Cash Summary by Bank for the month of March 2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Township Superintendent Mulka gave a verbal report to the Board. He has been working on the Garbage Ordinance amendments, received sample ordinances for Solar and Wind for the Planning Commission to work on and commented that every class he attended at the MTA Conference in Traverse City last week was worthwhile. He stated that Attorneys at Fahey, Schultz Burzych Rhodes, including William Fahey and Helen Lizzie Mills were speakers for some of the classes. He reaffirmed to the Board that they are an asset to our Township. Also, the Township will be talking to Attorney Fahey in the future on 425 agreements.

Assessor's Report: Written report submitted by Assessor Murawski. Also, the audit will be in May or June.

Department of Public Works Report: Written report submitted by DPW Superintendent Davis.

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports:

Board Discretionary Time:

Happy Birthday to Trustee Ben Peterson April 24th and Fire Chief Jim Rose May 1st!

Trustee Taff inquired about a third signer for checks, follow-up is needed with Attorney Fahey.

Trustee Peterson was wondering about the search for a Local Attorney. Supervisor Olson suggested talking about this subject at a Vision meeting.

Trustee Rochon reminded the Board about looking for another liability insurance contractor for next year. Superintendent Mulka spoke with a few vendors at the MTA Conference, and it was suggested around Labor Day some would review our current policy and see what they can offer. We are currently with MML through Meadowbrook. Superintendent Mulka and Trustee Rochon suggested also looking at MERMA.

Trustee Rochon also mentioned the Township's Sesquicentennial is in 2026 and if the Board plans to throw a celebration, it should start soon, and he is willing to be a part of the planning.

Superintendent Mulka stated the new sound system has been installed. Chris Nelson from Teck Solutions is present at this meeting to make sure the audio is working. Assisted Listening is now available for ADA Compliance with advanced notice.

Supervisor Olson thanked the Board for sending him to the MTA Conference.

Trustee Taff gave a report on the current flooding and how it may affect the Township.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to write a letter to WE Energies commending them on their professionalism and keeping this area safe. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Mulka was directed to draft the letter and send it to the proper place.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve the bill list in the amount of \$53,888.71. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor