

Charter Township of Breitung
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Main Board Room – Breitung Township Hall
Monday, May 8, 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, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Taff and Trustee Peterson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Superintendent Mulka, DPW Superintendent Davis, Fire Chief Rose, Assistant Fire Chief Lindow, Michael Day, Mike Badini, Larry Lindholm, Toby Brace, The Home Depot Manager Paul Lichttenegger, Dr. Bob Baker and Derek Collar from Coleman Engineering.

Invocation given by: Supervisor Olson.

Pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 6:03 p.m. End time: 6:09 p.m.

Larry Lindholm of 4835 Thomson Ave, Quinnesec requested gravel be laid on the platted road by his garage. Mr. Lindholm states the Road Commission does plow this road. Supervisor Olson will discuss this with the Road Commission as it is a County Road.

Paul Lichttenegger of The Home Depot was inquiring about the condition of the frontage road between First National Bank and Dollar Tree near The Home Depot. Supervisor Olson explained that is a private road, not a Township or County Road, and is the responsibility of the Store Owners to maintain the frontage roads. Superintendent Mulka stated a request has been submitted to MDOT to evaluate the safety of exiting the highway onto that road. Superintendent Mulka has the contact information for the owner of the Dollar Tree if someone needs to get in touch with them.

Approvals:

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the May 8, 2023 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the April 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the April 10, 2023 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented. During discussion time after reading the Closed Session minutes, Treasurer Taylor asked for further discussion in a Closed Session.

Vote: None. Topic of the Approval of the April 10, 2023 minutes will be moved to 13. Executive Session on the agenda.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business:

Lake Antoine Association request: Dr. Bob Baker spoke about the history of invasive species and the different treatments used in the past. He explained which treatments were most effective and the contributions received for treatments in previous years. **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by _____ to provide \$4,087.00 towards the Milfoil treatment of Lake Antoine. **Motion died due to lack of support.**

Assignment of a 3rd Signatory: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to adopt Resolution No. 05082023 Policy for Alternate Check Signing Procedure. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Wales, Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Larson, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Taff and Trustee Peterson. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

Mower: Floor Model Price review: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to purchase the floor model Toro Mower for \$40,050.00 from Reinders as recommended by DPW Superintendent Davis. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Scrap Tire Grant & cleanup site: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve the Scrap Tire Cleanup for 2023 using Liberty Tire Recycling, scheduling one Saturday morning per month at the DPW building for Breitung residents and also site cleanup on Superior Ave in East Kingsford, with the \$9,000.00 grant money awarded to the Township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Bid review for 2023 Road Project/s: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve the bid and Township portion of the cost for the Turner's Grade and Grand Oak 2023 road project, approximate cost is \$132,653.85. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Open bids for Water Service Line Replacements: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Clerk Larson to open bids for Water Service Line Replacements. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

- Water Service Lines
Morin Excavating of Niagara, To Curb: \$53,000.00 To Main: \$42,300.00 Total Bid: \$95,300.00
- Water Main Installation
FA Industrial Services, Inc. of Iron River, \$508,985.00

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to accept the bid from Morin Excavating for a total of \$95,300.00 for the Cox/Mellen Street Water Service Lines project. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to have DPW Superintendent Davis and Superintendent Mulka review the FA Industrial bid and bring information back to the Board for a decision. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

New Business:

Mini library request: Toby Brace approached the Board requesting permission to install a mini library outside the Township office and he would build the box at his own expense to house the books if the Township would provide the post for installation. An explanation of a non-profit organization called Little Free Library can be found at littlefreelibrary.org. This library of books would be geared toward children and Mr. and Mrs. Brace would be the stewards to maintain its appearance and monitor the appropriateness of the books for children. Linda Hayes of Quinnesec would purchase the placard that would allow registration with Little Free Library to get a charter number and be added to their map for people to find it.

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Clerk Larson to purchase all the materials and the post not to exceed \$400.00, the location will be near the bench in front of the Township office. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Artifacts Committee report: Trustee Taff gave a brief overview of the artifacts assessed around the Township Hall with the help of Guy Forstrom who gave insight to the history of the pieces. A new display area of curated artifacts was revealed and plaques for the two Honor Rolls in the Board Room was mentioned so that people would know they are Breitung Township Veterans and the wars they served in. **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to order plaques for the WWI and WWII Honor Rolls. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Class of 2023 Signature Ad: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to approve the Advertiser's Signature ad for the Breitung Township Schools Graduation edition for a total of \$33.25. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Training request: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Clerk Larson to approve the registration cost of \$40 for Deputy Assessor Gasperich to attend the Houghton County Equalization Database Cleanup, Audit, & Maintenance training June 5, 2023 in Houghton. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Reports:

Clerk's Financial Report:

Motion by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from April 21, 2023 through May 4, 2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Fire Chief Rose gave his report verbally to the Board.

There was a meeting held at the airport, a drill will be conducted by the FAA on May 16-17, 2023 and the Breitung Township Fire Department will be participating in that training.

Fire Fighter I and Firefighter II classes are coming to a close. The written test will be on Thursday May 11th and the practical test will be on Saturday May 13th, 2023.

Rope rescue training was conducted.

Joe Hruska has resigned as the Department Training Officer. This position will need to be filled soon.

The Fire Department did participate in the Fire Preparedness program at the Kingsford Middle School on Saturday May 6th, 2023.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Township Superintendent Steve Mulka. Superintendent Mulka was directed to add more to the Thank You letter to WE Energies, more like a resolution or plaque.

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports:

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of April 2023, the Breitung Township Officer handled the following: 0 accidents, 26 complaints, 4 code enforcements and 1 arrest.

Trustee Rochon stated the newly hired Deputy for Breitung Township will be ready to start in July.

Board Discretionary Time:

Superintendent Mulka thanked Clerk Larson and Theresa Boyer for painting his office.

Clerk Larson stated it was a Team effort and thanked DPW for emptying and prepping Superintendent Mulka's office in order to paint.

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to approve the bill list in the amount of \$24,972.04. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Peterson to close the regular board meeting and enter into closed session to discuss the Closed Session meeting minutes from April 10, 2023.

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

Regular meeting closed and Closed session entered into at 7:44 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 7:51 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve the April 10, 2023 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented with the correction of the Attorney's name from Lindsey to Mills. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor