

Charter Township of Breitung
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Main Board Room – Breitung Township Hall
Monday, August 14, 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, Deputy Assessor Gasperich, Fire Chief Rose, Deputy Polzin and Michael Day.

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

Public Comment: Start time: 6:02 p.m. End time: 6:05 p.m. Mr. Al Unger of S. Lake Antoine Rd, Iron Mountain expressed concerns in his neighborhood to the Board and requested the area be inspected.

Approvals:

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the August 14, 2023 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business:

Opening of Sealed Bids for Fire Truck and Lawnmower: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Wales to open the sealed bids. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

1990 Mack Tanker Fire Truck: None

Toro 224 Lawnmower: 8 bids

Jim Ellis	Quinnesec	\$700
Mary Ann Hansen	Quinnesec	\$1005
Wendy Mulka	Kingsford	\$888
Michael Setzer	Kingsford	\$400
Brent Johnson	Iron Mountain	\$500
Dickinson Co Road Commission	Iron Mountain	\$1201
Jeff Ellis	Iron Mountain	\$351.50
Steve Mulka	Kingsford	\$578

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Mary Ann Hansen's bid of \$1,005.00 for the Lawnmower. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Taylor, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to send an email with bid information to the Upper Peninsula and Northeast Wisconsin Fire Departments for the Tanker Fire Truck with no minimum bid requirement, sealed bids due Monday September 11, 2023 by 4 p.m. CST. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Road Paving Bids: Old Carney Lake Road and Haystack projects.

Payne & Dolan of Gladstone \$328,675.50 (1½ inch overlay instead of ultrathin overlay and project can be completed in 2023).

Bacco of Iron Mountain \$303,315.40 (Ultrathin ¾ inch overlay and project will be done in 2024)

The Dickinson County Road Commission's portion of this project is 25% of the cost.

Motion by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Peterson to accept the bid from Payne & Dolan if the project can be completed in 2023 but if not, the Board reserves the right to rescind bid acceptance.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Property Purchase Proposal: Subject moved to #13 Closed Session.

New Business:

Personnel Transfer Recommendation: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Trustee Rochon to recommend the requested personnel transfer of Theresa Boyer from Custodian to Clerk Assistant/Election worker at the Clerical 1 rate. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Memorial Bench for Jean Rose: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to allow placement of the donated Memorial Bench for Jean Rose at the Quinnesec Park, location to be determined by Department of Public Works. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

UPAA Fall School Request: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to approve attendance at the UP Assessors Association Fall School in Harris, MI for Holli Beeck and Ann Gasperich, September 12-13, 2023 to include \$65 registration for Ann, (Holli's registration is waived), meals, lodging and mileage or use of the Township vehicle. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Open Position on Planning Commission: Jesse Land has announced his resignation from the Planning Commission. Supervisor Olson will be making a recommendation for a replacement.

Reports:

Clerk's Financial Report:

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Wales to approve Clerk Larson's Post Transaction Report from July 21, 2023 through August 10, 2023. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Fire Chief Jim Rose. Correction to note: 911 Advisory meeting will be held August 15, 2023 not September 13, 2023. Trustee Peterson requested statistics of numbers and types of calls be added to the Fire Report similar to Code Enforcement's report.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Written report submitted by Township Superintendent Steve Mulka. Contact UP Office Furnishing requesting a sample of Tables and Chairs be available for viewing at the next meeting in the Township Hall Board Room.

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to accept the Coleman Engineering proposal for professional engineering services for the East Kingsford Water Main Extension Project not to exceed \$10,400. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports: None.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of July 2023, the Breitung Township Officer handled the following: 4 accidents, 54 complaints, 6 code enforcements, and 2 arrests.

Board Discretionary Time:

- Happy Birthday Steve Mulka and Denny Olson!
- Trustee Taff commented on the new garbage cans being left near the street on days there is no garbage collection. He questions if an ordinance amendment or new ordinance is needed.
- Trustee Peterson is requesting a Special Meeting for Ordinance Amendments. He has also been made aware of Taxicabs operating out of Breitung Township.
- Trustee Rochon clarified that Breitung Township’s 150-year celebration is in 2028 but Quinnesec’s 150-year celebration is in 2026.
- Supervisor Olson states the Refuse Committee needs to setup a meeting and a Special Board Meeting is also needed. He will be attending a Legislative Tour in Grayling, MI on August 28, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Peterson, **seconded** by Trustee Taff to send a letter of Congratulations to the City of Kingsford on their Centennial. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **seconded** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the bill list in the amount of \$364,210.73. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Clerk Larson to close the regular board meeting and enter into closed session to discuss the Property Purchase Proposal.

Regular meeting closed and executive session entered into at 7:45 p.m.

Regular meeting entered back into at 8:04 p.m.

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 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Wendy Larson
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor