

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2021**

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

**Roll Call: Present:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Peterson [arrived at 7:04 p.m.], Taff and Treasurer Taylor. All attended in person except for Treasurer Taylor via telephone.

Also Present: Twp. Superintendent Steve Mulka, DPW Superintendent Jay Davis, Fire Fighter Joe Hruska, Assistant Chief Rick Lindow, and Assistant Chief Scott Marshall – all attended in person. Deputy Chris Kuenzer and Daily News/Brian Christensen – via telephone.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was recited by all.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the April 12, 2021 Agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the March 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the April 6, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**COVID-19 Updates & Discussion:** Anyone can be scheduled for the COVID vaccine. Positivity rate is at 10.1%. 37 new cases from over the weekend. 56% of the cases are 25 years or under. 83% of 65 and older have been vaccinated. 60 new cases in the month of April. High risk area-Category E.

**Personnel Update and Discussion:** At the special board meeting that took place at 5:30 this evening, the Board made a motion to offer Justin Murawski the position of Deputy Assessor/Deputy Zoning Administrator. Once the meeting concluded, Assessor Gillett contacted Justin with the Board's offer. Justin accepted and will be starting on April 28, 2021.

Superintendent Mulka will furnish Justin with a letter spelling out the job offer.

**New Business: Ad Request:** **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to place a 2-col. x 4" ad in the Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce tabloid edition in the amount of \$172.80. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Water Shut-off Policy after Shut-off Moratorium:** **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Rochon to send out letters to notify past-due water customers they have a period of 30 days to pay their past due bills, after which penalties would be applied to the balance and Shut-off notices will resume for non-payment. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Reports: Clerk's Financial Report:** **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Peterson to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report from to March 19, 2021 to April 9, 2021. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Fire Report - Highlights: Assistant Chief Scott Marshall informed the Board they have had 5 grass fires; Bass Lake Road, Swanson, Collins, William Drive, and Alter Metals. Assisted the Iron Mountain Fire Department with a structure fire on Vulcan Street. 10 sets of fire gear will need to be replaced this year.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Meetings attended, Zoning/Permits, Personnel, DPW, Fire Department, Projects, Grants, Underserved Broadband Internet Service, Audit, Ordinances, Water Shut-off Restrictions, etc. [Go to [www.breitungtwp.org](http://www.breitungtwp.org) to read full report]

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of February 2021, the following was handled by the Breitung Township Officer: 3 accidents, 19 complaints, 4 code enforcement complaints and 6 arrests.

Dept. of Public Works Report: Update on ongoing tasks/projects, completed tasks/projects. Will be hiring the normal summer help for grass cutting.

Board Discretionary Time: Verso Mill donated \$500 to the Fire Department along with a thank you for a job well done in fighting the fire on their property back in 2020. Happy Birthday to the following: April 10<sup>th</sup> – Mike Day, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Karie Taff, April 20<sup>th</sup> -Guy Forstrom, and April 24<sup>th</sup> – Ben Peterson!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of \$70,997.47. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor