

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Wales and Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Taff and Peterson.

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka, Fire Fighter Joe Hruska, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Marshall, Deputy Chris Kuenzer, DPW Bill Bailey, and Brian from The Daily News.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge was led by Treasurer Taylor.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the January 25, 2021 Agenda with the addition of 8/e: Ice Rink Discussion. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Peterson and Taff. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve the January 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff, Peterson, and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Old Business: COVID-19 Updates & Discussion: The numbers are still going in the right direction. Vaccines are being allocated. Township meetings must remain virtual until February 21, 2021.

New Business: Community Schools Request for Contribution toward Summer Program: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the contribution of \$2,000 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools 2021 summer program. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff and Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Fire Department Hiring Recommendation: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to approve the recommendation of Assistant Fire Chief Rick Lindow to hire Tiare Hazen as a probationary fire fighter for Station 3 [North Breitung]. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Taff, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Peterson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Budget Amendment 1-2021: **Motion** by Clerk Neuens, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve Budget Amendment 1-2021 as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Clerk Neuens, Trustees Peterson, Taff, Rochon, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

2021 Road Bids – Four Season & Lucas Drive: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Taff to have the Dickinson County Road Commission to procure bids for Lucas Drive and Four Seasons. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff, Peterson, and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Ice Rink Discussion – Warming Houses: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Taff to open the warming houses at the Quinnesec and East Kingsford ice rinks with supervision of skaters, social distancing among non-family members, wearing of masks and to increase the disinfecting of the bathrooms and commonly touched surfaces. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Taff, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Peterson, Wales, and Supervisor Olson. **Nay:** Treasurer Taylor. **Motion carried.**

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Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Peterson to receive and place on file Clerk Neuens' Revenue/Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet ending 12/31/2021. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff and Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report from December 25, 2020 to January 20, 2021. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Taylor, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff, Peterson, and Wales. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Clerk Neuens to receive and place on file Treasurer Taylor's Cash Summary by Bank for 12/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Peterson, Clerk Neuens, Trustee Taff, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: Fire Fighter Joe Hruska updated the Board on the grant he is putting together for the following: 22 SCBA's, 10 additional face pieces, 18 batteries, and 3 battery chargers for a total of \$187,090.00 [Grant will pay \$178,180.95/Twp.'s share \$8,909.05] [Price may go up slightly if more fire fighters are hired before the grant is submitted]. The grant is due by early February and they will be awarding around the end of April.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Peterson to pre-approve the Township's share of the Federal Fire Grant, for new SBCA's, in the amount of \$8,000 - \$12,000. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Taff and Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Meetings, permits, personnel, etc. [Go to www.breitungtwp.org to read full report]

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement report for the period of January 1, 2020 through January 22, 2021.

Board Discretionary Time: The Township's DPW Superintendent has been deployed to Washington, D.C. for an extended period. According to his employment agreement he will not be paid for any National Guard duties outside of what is considered regular and annual training and exercises. During his deployment, health insurance "Opt-Out" will not be paid, no sick time will accrue and no holiday pay [according to Section 11 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual].

Public Comment: No comments.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Clerk Neuens to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustee Peterson, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Wales, Supervisor Olson, Trustees Rochon, Taff, and Clerk Neuens. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor