

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TOWNSHIP VISION DISCUSSION
JULY 19, 2021

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

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

Also present: Superintendent Mulka.

Pledge was recited by all.

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon to approve the special meeting agenda.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: No comments.

Industrial Park Land Sale: **Motion** by Trustee Peterson, **second** by Trustee Rochon to allow Supervisor Olson to abstain from the Industrial Park Land Sale discussion. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Peterson to appoint Trustee Rochon to chair the meeting during Supervisor Olson's Abstention. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

After a lengthy discussion regarding the Industrial Park, Dennis Olson of OLTU accepted the Township's counteroffer of \$35,000, with the stipulations being that one 50' x 240" building be completed in 2022 with the ability of the developer to approach the Board for an extension if need. In the event the Board denies the extension, the land will revert to the Township on December 31, 2022, with the developer being reimbursed for the purchase price of \$35,000.

Motion by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Wales to enter into a purchase agreement for the remaining 16 acres of Industrial Park land. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Peterson, Taff, and Wales. **Nays:** Trustee Rochon and Treasurer Taylor. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to allow Supervisor Olson back into the meeting and resume his roll of Chair. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Department Personnel: Supervisor Olson stated the Personnel Committee needs to talk to one more person before making a recommendation to the board. Trustee Peterson brought to our attention that the Supervisor appoints a new fire chief with the board's approval. A meeting is set for Thursday with the final candidate. A special meeting concerning the fire chief will be on Monday, July 26th at 6 PM before our regular meeting.

Attorney Update: One of the issues we have with our current attorney is late responses. It has been discussed to retain a local attorney for situations that do not require specific township knowledge. Supervisor Olson and Superintendent Mulka had a phone conference with our attorney stating their concerns. Attorney Fahey will be attending a regular board meeting in early fall.

Future Water Projects: Supervisor Olson stated that changes are happening, and we need to look for water services. What are the board's ideas concerning EK and Quinnesec, what can we do better? A lot of discussion was had. Superintendent Davis and former Superintendent Forstrom attended the meeting and had a lot of information to share. Superintendent Davis spoke about the maintenance that they are constantly attending to. Specifically stated by Forstrom was that he would not like to see the township spending \$500,000 on a new tank and leave Quinnesec water users left to pay it off. He also stated that even with a brand-new tank, there are many maintenance issues. The plan is to have a meeting with the water and sewer board soon.

Board Discretionary Time: It was suggested that there be a cost study on garbage collection. Possibly it is time for the township to hire their own employees to collect township garbage. The Woodbine issue is getting worked out to the

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satisfaction of all involved. Get any road names you would like to suggest for repair/replacement to Supervisor Olson as soon as possible.

Board Discretionary Time-continued: What does the board want to do now to be prepared for 50 years from now? Since we buy water from the City of Kingsford for our East Kingsford customers, we should be looking at drilling our own well in EK. We should be thinking of ways to make our township better for those who come after us.

Motion by _____, **second** by _____ to adjourn the special meeting.
Treasurer Taylor did not take notes regarding adjournment.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at _____ p.m.

Hand notes taken by Treasurer Taylor in Clerk Neuens' absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor