

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – TELEPHONIC
COVID-19 UPDATE, BILL PAY, ROAD PAVING PROJECTS
MAY 4, 2020**

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

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

Also present: Superintendent Mulka, Jim Harris & Todd Roell/Dickinson County Road Commission and citizens Paul and Karie Taff.

Pledge was led by Trustee Rochon.

Public Comment: Karie Taff, Quinnesec: Would like the Board to consider re-opening the parks since Governor Whitmer is encouraging outdoor activity.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the May 4, 2020 Agenda with the 2020 Road Projects to be discussed first. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustee Rochon, Clerk Neuens and Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

2020 Road Projects: Todd Roell will be re-working the road estimates for Swanson and Frei; however, the number will be coming in at roughly \$250,000.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the Dickinson County Road Commission to move forward with the 2020 paving projects of Swanson Drive and Frei Drive, not to exceed \$260,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Soderbloom, Clerk Neuens, Trustees Rochon, Johnson, Wales, Treasurer Taylor, and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

COVID-19 Update: Shelter in Place: Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-59, extending her “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through May 15, 2020.

The new order will require people to wear homemade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also lift some restrictions on outdoor activities and allow some workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back to work.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to keep all Breitung Township buildings closed to the public until further notice. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Trustee Johnson to extend the employee “Shelter in Place” for all township employees, including the township custodian, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, to remain home unless their immediate supervisor calls them in. This will be effective until further notice and all full-time employees will be paid their normal 40 hours per week; the custodian will be paid for 17.25 hours per week, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer will be paid 21 hours per week. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Rochon, Soderbloom, Johnson and Clerk Neuens. **Motion carried.**

As of Thursday, April 30, 2020, DPW Superintendent Guy Forstrom called all DPW employees back to their full-time, 40-hour work week. However, if there is a week in which any of the DPW employees do not put in a full 40 hours, they will still be compensated for their full 40 hours under the motion above regarding the “Shelter in Place-until further notice”.

COVID-19 Update: Brush Pile: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to open the Township's brush pile to residents. Residents desiring a key will call the office to give their name, address, and phone number. Township staff will fill out the brush pile key sign-out sheet, assign a key number, put the key in an envelope labeled with the resident's name and tape the envelope to the outside of the front office door. Once the resident is done with the key, they will place the key back into the envelope and deposit the key into the drop box located to the right of the front office door. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees Wales, Rochon, Supervisor Olson, Clerk Neuens, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Soderbloom and Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Parks: No changes to the closed status of the parks. Will discuss further at the May 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Gabridge & Company, 2019 Audit Fees: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to pay \$10,450.00 to Gabridge & Company, PLC for planning and remote auditing procedures for the December 31, 2019 financial statement audit report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Supervisor Olson, Trustee Wales, Treasurer Taylor, Trustees Rochon, Soderbloom, Johnson and Clerk Neuens. **Motion carried.**

Board Discretionary Time: Happy Birthday to Deputy Clerk, Karie Taff on April 19th, and Happy Birthday to DPW Superintendent, Guy Forstrom on April 20th!

Public Comment: Paul Taff, Quinnesec: As a past Verso Mill employee of over 24 years, he wanted to reassure the Board that most outside contractors for the Verso Mill shutdown are from the local area.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor