

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Steve Mulka and Attorney Bill Fahey.

Invocation given by Supervisor Olson.

Pledge recited by all.

Public Comment: Start time: 7:04 p.m. End time: 7:09 p.m. – Dave Lucas of Baler Road expressed his concerns with the blasting that is going on in the Bacco Construction gravel pit on US2 and 141 south of the Laborer’s Training school. The blast he experienced on July 6th was so strong that it shook items off the shelves in his garage. The second blast on August 23rd was so intense the whole house was moving and everything in the house was shaking. He is concerned of the damage this could cause to his structures, concrete footings, floors, walls, windows, and wells.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the September 15, 2021 Agenda with the additions of 8/f-Pay & benefits for full-time Deputy Clerk, 8/g-Approval of L-4029, and 8/h- Request for O.T. pay for Administrative Assistant/Water Clerk .

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve the following minutes as presented: July 19, 2021 Special Board meeting, August 23, 2021 Regular Board meeting, August 23, 2021 Special Board meeting, and August 30, 2021 Special Board meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

New Business: Water Tank Vent: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve the purchase and installation of a 12” pressure pallet vent on the existing 6” ductile pipe for \$6,400.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

By installing this new type of vent, it will help reduce pollen and particulates from being drawn into the tank when the water level drops, in turn reducing the chances of contamination.

Amendment to the Township Zoning Map: **Motion** by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to change north section of parcel #002-003-005-00 from C-2 Commercial to RR-1 Residential. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

This zoning change will need to be published as an ordinance. Superintendent Mulka will proceed.

First Reading of the Blight and Dangerous Building Ordinances: After this first reading, the Board will advertise a summary of the ordinances, post them in the Clerk’s office and on the website.

Motion by Trustee Taff, **second** by Trustee Rochon to advertise a summary of the Blight and Dangerous Buildings Ordinances [changing the effective date to “which shall be upon the publication following the final adoption] in the Clerk’s office and on the Township’s website.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

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Water Department Training: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Chris Wilcox and Jose Rivera to attend the 2021 U.P. Water Works Fall Institute and Water System Operators' training on September 28th & 29th, 2021 at the Island Resort & Casino in Harris, MI with registration fee, mileage or use of township vehicle, and meals; to approve Jay Davis and Bill Bailey to attend the MRWA U.P. Conference at Pine Mountain Resort on October 27th & 28th, 2021 with registration fee and meals. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

2022 Chamber Directory Ad: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve a quarter page ad for the 2022 Chamber Directory, in the amount of \$265. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Pay & Benefits for Full-time Deputy Clerk: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Rochon, once hired, the full-time Deputy Clerk will start at Clerical II Wage (following the .50 step-up increment policy) and full-time benefits per township manual. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

L-4029, 2021 Tax Rate Request: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Supervisor Olson to approve the L-4029 keeping the Township Millage at 4.2 mills. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

O.T. pay for Administrative Assistant/Water Clerk: Employee overtime pay is addressed on page 8, section 5 of the Township's employee manual. No need for action.

Reports: Clerk's Financial Report: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to approve Clerk Neuens' Post Transaction Report from to August 18, 2021 to September 11, 2021. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report - Highlights: August calls, September calls, and other activities. On October 2nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Fall Festival at Lake Antoine and they would like to know if Breitung Township would bring some fire trucks for display.

Superintendent Report - Highlights: Meetings attended, Zoning/Permits, Personnel, Infrastructure, Grants, Ordinances, etc.

Assessor's Report: The office is progressing nicely. Working with Ross Bower on the Thomas Theater appeal. Continuing with fieldwork.

Code Enforcement Report: For the month of August 2021, the following was handled by the Breitung Township Officer: 5 accidents, 24 complaints, 8 code enforcement complaints and 1 arrest.

Department of Public Works Report: Ongoing tasks, completed tasks, requests/reports.

Board Discretionary Time: A tentative budget meeting will be scheduled for Monday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.; Clerk Neuens will confirm by sending out a special meeting notice. Reminder to get any roads to Supervisor Olson that you would like to see improved. Happy birthday to Treasurer Taylor on September 25th and to Trustee Taff on September 30th!

Payment of Bills: **Motion** by Trustee Rochon, **second** by Trustee Wales to approve the bill list in the amount of \$52,758.71. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Comment: No comments.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor