

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

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

Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Trustees: Gaudette, Erickson & Wales, Clerk Coron, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson.

Absent: Trustee Dixon(excused)

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi & Attorney Mike Hahner.

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

No citizens spoke during citizen's time.

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to approve the November 26, 2007 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Treasurer Cahee to approve the December 10, 2007 Agenda with the addition of 8i – approval of the 2008 meeting schedules for the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission and the Water and Sewer Board, and the addition of 8j – Dickinson Area Partnership 2008 Membership Directory ad. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

After a long discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Olson to approve our Agreement to Purchase Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Services according to the "Draft" from 12/05/07. We still support the 425 Agreement, that is in place waiting to be signed, pending the approval of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Services Agreement dated 12/05/07. **Ayes:** Trustee Gaudette, Treasurer Cahee, Clerk Coron, Supervisor Olson and Trustee Erickson. **Nay:** Trustee Wales. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Erickson to establish a restricted account for the Sheriff Department funds for operation of the rescue van. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Erickson to approve Superintendent Franzoi to attend the MSHDA's Revitalization Workshop in Marquette, MI at the Up Front & Company Restaurant on January 10, 2008. **Vote: Unanimous. motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to approve Superintendent Franzoi to attend the MLGMA Annual winter conference in Mt. Pleasant, January 29, 2008-February 1, 2008. With lodging, meals and registration for approximately \$900. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Mr. Bob Forgette was present representing the Spring Lake Animal Shelter. The shelter is looking to relocate its facility from the Spring Lake area to a location on the Breitung Cut Off Road or Hydraulic Falls Road. The area they are looking at on the Breitung Cut Off Road happens to fall within our Utility Service Area. Supervisor Olson and Superintendent Franzoi agreed to meet with Mr. Forgette to discuss other possible locations within the township.

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Erickson to postpone the Spring Lake Animal Shelter's request until further information can be gathered. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to allow Treasurer Cahee to look into using Creditcards and/or automatic bill pay for the collection of taxes, water bills or other payments, with hopes of having it in place for the 2008 summer tax collection. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Gaudette to appoint Treasurer Cahee, Supervisor Olson and Trustee Wales to a Summer Tax Collection Committee to meet with school representatives to renegotiate the fee for summer tax collection. The summer tax is now mandated by the State to collect the county tax and state education tax. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The Summer Tax Collection Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. on December 11, 2007 to be brought up to speed by Treasurer Cahee before there is a sit-down with the school representatives.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to bid out for a new copy machine for the township office. Bids due by January 14, 2008. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Franzoi would like to evaluate the cost of an outright purchase with a maintenance contract as well as a lease-purchase option with a maintenance contract.

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Treasurer Cahee to approve the 2008 meeting schedules for the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission and the Water and Sewer Board as presented.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Treasurer Cahee to approve the purchase of a ¼ page ad, in the amount of \$185, in the Dickinson Area Partnership 2008 Membership Directory. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report:

- We have 9 firefighters signed up for the Firefighter I class that will be starting in January at the EK Fire Hall.
- We also have 8 certified firefighters who will do their probationary instructing to gain their certification as State of Michigan fire instructors.
- Chief Iverson has applied for a matching grant which is administered through the Michigan DNR. The items noted on the application are: air bottle fill station, clothes washer-extractor, and hose nozzles and adapters. Awards were supposed to be issued on November 15, 2007. Still waiting to hear. Chief Iverson would like the board to recognize the unused balance in the 2007 equipment fund in anticipation that the matching grant will be received in 2008.
- Chief Iverson would like the board's approval to raise funds for a 5x8 trailer to carry the rope rescue equipment as there is no room on the rescue truck.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Clerk Coron to authorize the fire department to go ahead with their fund raising drive for an enclosed trailer for rope rescue equipment. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Report:

- Anderson Tackman & Company will conduct the 2007 audit for \$9,750.00.
- On Wednesday, December 5th, Guy met with a representative of Energenics, a company that designs telemetry equipment. They inspected the tank location and the two well sites along with the DPW garage. Energenics will be preparing a proposal for the installation of the new telemetry and scadda system, which is a computer program.
- We are currently investigating various web page services and will continue to investigate further.
- The issue of illegal dumping of refuse/garbage into the township has come up as well as the fact that we are currently picking up garbage from residents in neighboring communities that border our routes.

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Board Discretionary Time:

-Supervisor Olson and Superintendent Franzoi have a meeting set up with the Sheriff Department to discuss our Police Protection contract.

-Attorney Hahner brought to the board's attention that we will be receiving a \$130 credit toward our next bill due to a billing error.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve the bills totaling \$109,931.25.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Erickson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor