

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Coron at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Attorney Mike Hahner

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Gaudette to appoint Trustee Wales to chair the meeting in Supervisor Olson's absence. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Citizen's Time: Start: 7:03 p.m.
Finish: 7:05 p.m.

Topics: Cooper Office Equipment gave a short overview of their business and copy machine that the township demoed recently.

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Erickson to approve the February 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Clerk Coron to approve the March 10, 2008 Agenda. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

A few questions were raised on the Waste Management Project Ordinance. Seeing as Superintendent Franzoi was not in attendance to answer the questions a **motion** was made by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to postpone the adoption of the Waste Management Ordinance until the March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

After some brief discussion and with Treasurer Cahee mentioning that both Superintendent Franzoi and Supervisor Olson had advised to postpone the Wilcox Engineering Proposals until further information is gathered, a **motion** was made by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Gaudette to postpone the Wilcox Engineering proposals until the March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent Franzoi had a written recommendation that was put on the board table at the beginning of the meeting recommending the Konica Minolta color copy machine from Cooper Office be purchased for the township. He felt that after demoing three copy machines from different office supply dealers, the Konica Minolta outperformed the others in quality and functionality.

There were several questions asked which the representatives from Cooper Office were able to answer most. There were no representatives from UP Office Equipment Systems or the Office Planning Group. With Superintendent Franzoi absent he was not able to offer, in more detail, as to why the Konica Minolta was chosen.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to postpone the purchase of the new copier until the March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. At that time Superintendent Franzoi should be able to offer more explanation for his choice. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Treasurer Cahee to pay \$4,447.50 for the 2008 K.I.N.D. contribution. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

After reviewing the request by Robert Luthhardt to tap the 2" water line on the front of his property on Superior Street, there were concerns raised as to how many taps he was looking to place on this small line. Therefore a **motion** was made by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Gaudette to postpone this decision until the March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting when Superintendent Franzoi can offer more explanation. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Dixon to pay \$3,000 toward the Iron Mountain/Kingsford Community Schools 2008 Summer Recreation Program.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Erickson to approve Superintendent Franzoi four weeks of vacation at his 2008 anniversary date. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve Scott Marshall from Lieutenant to Captain and Jim Nelson from firefighter to Lieutenant. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve Daniel Weber as a probationary firefighter to the East Kingsford station. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent's Report:

-Discussion took place regarding Superintendent Franzoi's request to allow he and Denny to meet with John Marquart and Mayor Vanlaanen for dinner, hoping to keep open dialog between the two communities. There were some uncomfortable feelings about spending tax payer money for meals of this nature.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by _____ to allow Superintendent Franzoi and Supervisor Olson to pursue informal meetings at personal expense.

Motion died due to lack of support.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Treasurer Cahee to deny the request for payment of meals for informal meetings with the City of Iron Mountain Officials. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Board Discretionary Time:

-Trustee Dixon mentioned that the Dickinson County Bike Path Committee, ~~which is now~~ is in the process of becoming an authority, and have appointed Mary to a public relations committee. She is wondering if and when she meets for this public relation committee (a sub-committee of the Bike Path Committee) would she get paid the \$30 committee fee? After much discussion a **motion** was made by Trustee Gaudette, second by Clerk Coron to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee for further review. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

-Trustee Gaudette made note that he and Trustee Dixon each qualified for a \$1,000 scholarship for the Township Governance Academy. This scholarship will help with registration fees for the classes. There are upcoming classes in Lansing on March 28th and 29th and they would like to request 2 days of per diem to go down for that training. Trustee Gaudette made mention that he would forgo the Spring District meeting in order to compensate for the money put forth toward the per diem for the TGA classes.

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Treasurer Cahee to pay two days of per diem for Trustees Gaudette and Dixon for the Township Governance Academy classes being held in Lansing, MI on March 28th and 29th. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to approve any board member to attend the Elected Officials Academy on March 27, 2008 in Marquette, MI with registration fee and mileage. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to pay the bills totaling \$54,210.03. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Clerk Coron to adjourn the meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Trustee Wales at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor