

BREITUNG TOWNSHP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2007

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

**Roll Call; Present:** Trustees; Wales, Gaudette & Dixon, Clerk Coron and Supervisor Olson.  
**Absent:** Trustee Erickson (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) & Treasurer Cahee (excused)

Also Present: Superintendent Franzoi and Attorney Hahner.

Those in attendance gave pledge to the Flag.

No Public Comment

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Supervisor Olson to approve the February 26, 2007 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the March 5, 2007 Special Meeting minutes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Wales to approve the March 12, 2007 agenda with 7c (Personnel Committee Recommendation) being moved to 12a. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Two bids were received for the Boyle Drive Materials. One from Waterworks in the amount of \$6,347.68 and one from Davies in the amount of \$6,273.00. Superintendent Franzoi and DPW Superintendent Forstrom reviewed both bids and recommend accepting the bid from Davies.

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to award the Boyle Drive Material bid to Davies in the amount of \$6,273.00. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to receive and open the 3 bids for the Boyle Drive Contractor. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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| 1) OSX Excavating, Marquette, MI       | \$38,779.75 |
| 2) Ed Gauthier & Sons, Iron Mt, MI     | \$24,950.00 |
| 3) Chernick Construction, Escanaba, MI | \$12,913.00 |

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to postpone the bids for review by Superintendent Franzoi and UP Engineers, choosing the most advantageous for the township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Dixon, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve the payment of \$3,000.00 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools Summer Recreation Program for the 2007 program.  
**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Erickson to approve Bill Bailey to attend the water operator training on Coliforms and Other Drinking Water Microorganisms, March 27, 2007 in Marquette, Michigan with mileage or the use of a township vehicle. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve Jeff Iverson to attend the International Fire Chiefs meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with one night's lodging for April 10, 2007 and mileage.  
**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to approve Budget Amendment 1-2007 to increase revenue in the fire department-FEMA grant.

DR \$2,885.00 FIRE DEPT FED FEMA GRANT/EQUIP OUTLAY

CR \$2,885.00 FED GRANT REVENUE

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The Industrial Park Committee met Friday, March 9, 2007 with the owner of KSR Trucking and representatives from the Dickinson County Road Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of property in the park, construction of a road, and to review preliminary plans for the buildings. KSR would like to purchase approximately 9 acres of land to put up a 100' x 120' shop building and a 42' x 54' office building.

The tentative proposal includes the construction of approximately 740 lineal feet of roadway which will be built to Road Commission specifications. KSR would pay for the cost of the road to a maximum of \$66,000.00, which in turn would be the purchase price of the property. The committee is recommending that the Board request the Road Commission to prepare a formal estimate for the construction of a class A road.

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to request the Road Commission to prepare a formal estimate for the construction of approximately 740 lineal feet of class A road in the Township's Industrial Park location. **Vote:** Ayes; Trustees; Gaudette, Wales, Erickson and Supervisor Olson. Nays; Trustee Dixon and Clerk Coron. **Motion carried.**

#### Superintendent's Report

- The street light request for Pine Street and US-2 is not on the agenda for this meeting as we have not yet rec'd a quote from We Energies.
- Code Enforcement officer: Superintendent Franzoi recommends that we stay with the current officer and that he starts the enforcement in April. The board agreed.
- The advertisement for the Assessor has been placed in the Michigan Assessor, MTA and MML websites. The application deadline is April 2, 2007. The salary schedule was posted at \$32,000-\$38,000 DOQ and a minimum of five years experience.
- We have received our projected premium increase from BC/BS which is approximately 24% across the board. We have been looking into various Blues programs which include higher deductibles, co-pays and prescription coverage. In addition we have contacted MERS and are in the process of getting a firm quote for similar coverage in which we currently have.
- A previous prospect for the industrial park has decided not to pursue the property. After a discussion, it was concluded the park and their operation were not compatible for operation.

#### Board Discretionary Time:

- Trustee Gaudette would like to see the bidding process looked at.
- Trustee Wales inquired about the old police car's light bar, etc. that was taken out without permission.
- Trustee Dixon would like to see some benches placed at the parks.
- Superintendent Olson will be meeting with local law enforcement regarding the enforcement of the noise ordinance. He would also like to form a Breitung Township Celebration Day Committee to look into putting on a community celebration day.

**Motion** by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Wales to form a Breitung Township Celebration Day Committee consisting of Trustees Dixon & Gaudette and Treasurer Cahee with Clerk Coron as the alternate.

**Vote:** Ayes; Trustees; Gaudette, Wales, Dixon, Erickson and Supervisor Olson. Nay: Clerk Coron.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Erickson to approve the bills totaling \$65,537.74.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Wales to close the regular board meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Ayes; Trustees; Erickson, Dixon, Wales & Gaudette, Clerk Coron and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

The regular board meeting was closed at 8:07 p.m.

The regular board meeting was entered back into at 9:29 p.m.

Personnel Committee Recommendation:

The Assessing Clerk, Rhea Menza has submitted a request for severance pay in the amount of six weeks. Attorney Hahner has prepared a separation agreement which is designed to minimize the possibility of future litigation. Superintendent Franzoi recommends serious consideration to the 6 weeks severance. If the separation agreement is rejected then the amount of severance can be reduced.

After much discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to offer Rhea Menza a severance package for 4 weeks. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and approved by,

Samantha Coron  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor