

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
WATER/SEWER BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Sewer Rate Discussion, Moyle Project, USDA Funding
March 17, 2008**

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

Roll Call: Twp Board: Present: Clerk Coron, Supervisor Olson, Trustees: Dixon, Erickson, Wales and Gaudette. **Absent:** Treasurer Cahee, excused.

Planning Commission: Present: Oliver, Peterson, Carol Erickson, Zeeb and Pedo.
Absent: Ramels, excused.

Water/Sewer Board: Present: Powell (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Steve Coron (arrived 7:50 p.m.)
Absent: Holmberg, excused

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi, Attorney Mike Hahner & Randy Scott from Wilcox Professionals.

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

Wilcox Inspection Services:

Superintendent Franzoi presented a proposal from Wilcox Professionals for inspection services associated with the water and sewer extensions to the Moyle Development between Home Depot and Wal-Mart. The cost is based on an hourly rate of \$64 per hour. The inspector, Mr. Migazzi has worked on other township projects such as the East Kingsford water project in 1996.

Moyle has not yet started construction but should be doing so in the next few days. We have secured an easement from the First National Bank for the west 33' of their property from US-2 to Moyle's property.

Superintendent Franzoi recommends that we assume the cost of the inspection services. By directly paying for the inspections, there will be no conflict on who the inspector is working for, therefore ensuring the township that everything is done correctly.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve the Wilcox Professional Services Project# 10100.00002.##, dated March 6, 2008, which entails construction inspection for the Moyle development (south side US-2 between Wal-Mart & Home Depot) water and wastewater lines designed. Services will be provided on an as-needed basis, with the intent of providing full time inspection & testing services. Testing will be limited to areas designed by the owner for density and witnessing of contractor testing of the installed mains. The inspection services will be at \$65 per hour.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

USDA:

On March 13, 2008, Denny and Randy Scott of Wilcox met in Lansing with the head of the Michigan Rural Development Agency, Frank Tuma. The main point to come out of the meeting was for the township to qualify for funding, the sewer rates would have to be 1.5% of the median household income. This would amount to \$50 per month, which is the minimum estimated bill as required by Rural Development. Also for review are comparisons of water and sewer rates for communities in the UP.

Randy Scott mentioned that this project is so big that it would have to be broke up into phases. Phase 1 would be the corridor by the Home Depot area. This would cost 3 million dollars with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million grant. Phase 2 would be Quinnesec, but may not happen for several years down the road.

Planning Commission Oliver left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Dixon, second by Trustee Gaudette to direct the Water/Sewer Board to begin looking at the sewer service rate scale with an EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Units) of at least \$50 per month.

Ayes: Supervisor Olson, Trustees: Wales, Erickson, Dixon & Gaudette and Clerk Coron.

Motion carried.

Trustee Wales left the meeting at 8:57 p.m. for work.

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Dixon to set the Public Hearing for the Waste Management Ordinance for March 24, 2008. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Clerk Coron to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The joint meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor