

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 08, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Gaudette (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Also Present: Superintendent, Steve Soltis

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

No public comment

Discussion of Regional Collaboration grant:

As everyone is now aware, Governor Grandholm made her grant announcements on Friday, March 3, 2006 as follows:

Governor Announces "Centers for Excellence" to Streamline Government Resources and Save Taxpayers Money

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced seven community partnerships have been selected to receive a "Center for Excellence" pilot designation and grants up to \$25,000 over two years to fund their projects. The designation is awarded through the Centers for Regional Excellence (CRE) program, which was created by Granholm to encourage resource sharing and savings among local governments. The state received 35 applications with various proposals outlining such programs as combining public safety dispatch, transportation authorities, and payroll systems to better serve Michigan citizens.

Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway and Breitung Township: Will focus on regional public safety and shared education information and facilities among departments, combining service coverage and joint code enforcement.

Breitung Township was surprised they were named as a recipient as it was made very clear that we had no desire to regionalize our police, fire or code enforcement.

Supervisor Olson would like for Breitung Township to meet with the other municipalities that were included on this grant to get their feeling on it. Trustee Gaudette feels that if we cannot meet up with the other municipalities with one week we should write a letter to the Governor's office stating our position because we do not want to look bad in the State's eyes for further grants that we may want to apply for.

Supervisor Olson has a call into the Governor's office regarding this situation.

The Board instructed Superintendent Soltis to secure a copy of that grant that was sent down to Lansing as we were only supplied with a "draft" copy.

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Discussion on the township 's industrial park:

Supervisor Olson informed the board that at this time we have some sensitive material with business names and prices that we have to be careful with due to certain grants that are being applied for; the grant money, if obtained, could help out with water and/or roads for the park. Superintendent Soltis has some estimated prices of what it would cost to put in an independent water system at the industrial park.

The industrial park committee to set up appointments with prospective buyers.

Discussion on personnel issue:

Superintendent Soltis announced his retirement. His last day will be April 6, 2006.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Erickson to accept Superintendent Soltis' letter of retirement/resignation, with regret, effective April 6, 2006.

Unanimous

Motion carried.

The township will start immediately to put out a search for a new superintendent, by placing ads in the area papers, township website, MML website, MTA website, etc.

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

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Samantha Coron
Breitung Township Clerk