

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2008

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

**Roll Call; Present:** Trustees; Wales, Gaudette, Dixon & Erickson, Clerk Coron and Supervisor Olson.

**Absent:** Treasurer Cahee, excused.

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi and Attorney Mike Hahner.

Those in attendance gave pledge to the Flag.

No Public Comment

Supervisor Olson welcomed Lisa Reed from the Daily News who will be covering the Township's board meetings.

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Erickson to approve the April 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Wales to approve the April 28, 2008 agenda as presented. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to approve Resolution No. 042808 to ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION MONTHLY FEE, as amended with the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the last paragraph removed. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees: Gaudette, Wales, Dixon & Erickson, Clerk Coron & Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to adopt THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG ORDINANCE FOR SANITARY SEWER USE, ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2008, per the revised copy dated April 28, 2008. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Trustees: Erickson, Dixon, Wales, Gaudette, Clerk Coron and Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

After a lengthy discussion regarding the 2008 road projects coming to a grand total of \$253,803 with only \$70,000 budgeted, a **motion** was made by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Wales to approve the paving of Lynch Road in the amount of \$41,737.26, with the remainder to possibly be used for the improvements of alleys or other small road projects. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The Dickinson County Road Commission will be contacted to perform an evaluation on the alleys, presenting to the board which ones are in the worst condition.

Supervisor Olson also addressed the fact that if the First National Bank road were to be handed over to the County, it would have to meet the county specs. The township may end up paying for another layer of asphalt in order to bring it up to those specs.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve Superintendent Franzoi to attend the NMPSA 2008 annual meeting held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in Ishpeming and also approve attendance to the *Perspective on Water and Sewer Rates in Your Community* Seminar held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008

in Marquette, Michigan with the registration fee paid. Robin Hamm approved to attend the *Microsoft Publisher* on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in Marquette, Michigan with mileage and registration fee paid.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to approve Superintendent Franzoi to attend the UP Manager's meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Calumet, Michigan, with lodging expenses paid in the amount of \$75. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

In order to update the 20+ year old microprocessor for our Centrex phone system (which is already passed its expected life) and to enhance the limited capabilities of our current voicemail and transferring of calls, a **motion** was made by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Dixon to approve the new microprocessing unit from Solutions Telecommunications of Escanaba, Michigan in the amount of \$2,615.00. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The Board was presented with information on having CUPPAD digitalize our parcel plats/mapping. Superintendent Franzoi would like the Board to consider including the expense in the 2009 budget.

After reviewing the Industrial Park Committee Report, a **motion** was made by Supervisor Olson, second by Clerk Coron to update the lot map on the Industrial Park sign and move the sign to the Oelke Road entrance. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Erickson to receive and place on file Clerk Coron's March 2008 Revenue/Expenditure Report. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Erickson to receive and place on file Treasurer Cahee's March 2008 Trial Balance and the Interest Report on savings, money markets and CD's.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

#### Superintendent Report:

-There is a very large leak in the East Kingsford area, possibly located on Elizabeth Street, that is leaking around 200,000 gallons per day.

-Please turn in web site surveys.

-The township survey still needs to be completed. Matt was able to complete approximately 4 survey's per hour. There are 360 surveys left to complete, which would take approximately 90 hours of straight time. (Comp time at 1 ½ times would come to 135 hours). Superintendent Franzoi would like to see his Administrative Assistant, Robin Hamm perform the surveys after hours, with the accumulation of comp time rather than being paid overtime.

**Motion** by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Erickson to move ahead with approving the comp hours for Robin Hamm to conduct the survey, with total hours not to exceed 70 hours. All comp hours earned need to be used up by December 31, 2008. **Vote: Ayes:** Trustees: Erickson & Gaudette and Supervisor Olson. **Nays:** Trustees: Wales & Dixon and Clerk Coron. **Motion dies due to tie vote.**

There was board discussion about having the Township Board members create a workshop meeting where each official would try to complete a certain number of surveys. It was also suggested that Superintendent Franzoi contact Issues and Answers to see what it would cost to have them conduct our survey. Superintendent Franzoi to look into Issues and Answers and will bring back to the next board meeting.

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Sheriff Report:

- Earlier in the meeting, Trustee Wales requested that we consider setting up a “winter parking ban” in order to assist the road commission with their plowing. Officer Rutter suggested that we look into how the other municipalities in the area are handling their winter parking issues. The Sheriff’s Department would need to have an ordinance in place in order to write citations.
- Both Township Officers, Dixon and Rochon, completed 80 hours of evidence school.
- The Township will have a new Deputy, Matt Linsenbigler, starting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Supervisor Olson asked that the County, and our township officers, step up on the after dark coverage at the East Kingsford Park as we are noticing the vandalism starting up already.

Board Discretionary Time:

- Trustee Dixon announced that the Dickinson County Bike Path group will be coming to our community picnic in June.
- Trustee Gaudette questioned that if we had to do anything with the road right-of-way by the First National Bank road, wouldn’t that be a water expense rather than come out of our road improvement budget? Supervisor Olson clarified the misunderstanding; that in order for the road commission to take over a road it has to be built to county specs. When Supervisor Olson and Tim Hammill (DCRC) were down there looking at it, Tim thought that the road looked fine, but Tim will have his engineers check it out to make sure; Has the First National Bank easement agreement been updated yet? Attorney Hahner is in the process of working on it; Have we got a response from Cooper Office on whether we would receive a credit if we stayed under the allotted number of copies specified in the contract? Superintendent Franzoi said the answer is “no”; Offered an apology for missing the last two ZBA meetings.
- Trustee Wales feels that if the township were to pay to bring the First National Bank road up to county specifications, it would set a precedence in which he is not comfortable with.
- Clerk Coron questioned where we are with the Wisconsin Electric Power Company Franchise Agreement/Ordinance? Superintendent Franzoi received an email stating that, yes they will reimburse the township for all expenses for advertising the ordinance; therefore it was suggested to hold the public hearing at the regular board meeting on May 12, 2008.
- Supervisor Olson met with some of the skateboarders and encouraged them to come to a board meeting with any equipment requests they may have for 2009; Encouraged the officials that have not turned in their filing papers to make sure to get this done by May 13 by 4:00 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to set the public hearing for the Wisconsin Public Electric Company’s Franchise Agreement/Ordinance for May 12, 2008. **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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor