

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 23, 2007

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

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

Absent: Trustee Erickson (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Also present: Superintendent, Perry Franzoi and Attorney, Mike Hahner (Mike arrived at 7:06 p.m.).

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

Public Comment: Start: 7:02 p.m.

Finish: 7:04 p.m.

Topics:

-Dave Soderbloom once again addressed the horrible conditions of 4075 River Street. His intentions are to continue to bring this up until something is done about the deplorable conditions.

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to have Attorney Hahner start the Zoning Violation proceedings against 4075 River Street, Quinnesec, MI 49876. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Erickson to approve the July 9, 2007 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve the July 23, 2007 Agenda with the addition of 8f, Superintendent Evaluation. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Wales to allow Superintendent Franzoi to start the Citizen Survey. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Gaudette to write off the delinquent water bill in the amount of \$293.20 from the property located at 1336 Riverview Drive, Kingsford, MI. Treasurer to notify Mr. Pesola of the Board's decision. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to have the Infrastructure Committee meet with the Norway Utility Authority to discuss the parameters for upgrading the Norway Waste Water Treatment Plant and to report back to the Township Board. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to contract with the Dickinson County Road Commission for the paving of the cemetery road for the amount of \$4,954.80 and Boyle Drive for the amount of \$6,623.50. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Treasurer Cahee to pay Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. invoice number 494720 in the amount of \$4,128.10. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to pay the CUPPAD membership dues for 2008 in the amount of \$1,186.00. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Clerk Coron to pay the Visa Bill in the amount of \$3,081.44.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Dixon to allow Superintendent Franzoi to negotiate with Mr. & Mrs. Chris Richtig on lots 5 & 6, Block 2 of the Kingsford Realty Subdivision. No lower than \$4,000 per lot. To report the outcome to the board by the August 13, 2007 meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to approve Clerk Coron & Superintendent Franzoi to attend THE HOT BUTTON EMPLOYMENT ISSUES: A GUIDE TO WHAT'S AHEAD seminar on August 16, 2007 at the Lakeview Arena in Marquette, MI with registration fee and mileage. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Dixon, second by Clerk Coron to accept the July 2007 evaluation of Perry Franzoi and place it in his personnel file without any additional written comments by Superintendent Franzoi.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to receive and place on file Clerk Coron's June 2007 Revenue/Expenditure Report. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Clerk Coron, second by Trustee Wales to receive and place on file Treasurer Cahee's June 2007 Trial Balance and the Interest Report on Savings, Money Markets & Cd's for 2007. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Fire Report:

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Treasurer Cahee to approve Christopher Larson as a probationary fire fighter for the Quinnesec station. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Dixon, second by Clerk Coron to approve the mutual aid agreement between the DNR and Breitung Township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to approve John Young as the North Breitung Station Chief and Rick Lindow as the Captain, effective August 1, 2007. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Chief Iverson also raised concern about the dilapidated buildings in our township. There is a home at the corner of Withworth and McKinley Ave. that is literally falling down. Also the Kaminski house over on Quinnesec Street that was damaged by a fire and the house on the corner of Merriman West Road and Hwy M-95. The township board feels that our Ordinance Enforcement Officer needs to be more aggressive in handling these issues.

Superintendent Report:

-The board was asked to review the information provided by Superintendent Franzoi on the Economic Opportunity Zone. The purpose of the EOZ is to stimulate development through a process of tax capture similar to TIFA.

-The plans and specifications for the garage door installation at the North Breitung Fire Hall are complete. We now need to place advertisements in the newspaper and schedule a walk through with the contractors.

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Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to bid out the North Breitung Fire Hall garage door installation. Bids due by August 13, 2007. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

-On Thursday, July 19th, we received the survey for the KSR lot in the industrial park. The lot is 12 acres excluding the road and cul-de-sac. Attorney Hahner has the survey and legal description and will complete the deed and the buy-sell agreement for the property.

Board Discretionary Time:

-A township resident complained about the noise coming from the gravel pit on M-95.

-Plat books for township boards: **Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to purchase plat books for the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

-Will the Planning Commission be taking back the responsibility of recommending what roads should be paved each year? NO-the township board will do the road tour and decide on what roads will be recommended to the DCRC.

-What is the value of the house located at 4075 River Street?

-What is the process for landowners to donate their property to the twp?

-DPW Superintendent, Guy Forstrom has raised the concern that the township has no formal policy for the naming of roads. Currently our township has three Lake View Roads. If a developer wants to name a private road, let them bring it up to County standards and turn it over as a public road, with final approval of the name by the township. Guy recommends the following: 1) Not to allow the naming of private roads or easements. 2) Only allowing the naming of new public roads, whether platted or un-platted, upon approval by Breitung Township.

Motion by Trustee Erickson, second by Trustee Wales to adjourn the board meeting.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor