

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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

Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Gaudette, Wales, & Dixon, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson.
Absent: Trustee Erickson (arrived at 7:22 p.m.) & Clerk Coron, excused.

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi & Attorney Mike Hahner.

Those in attendance gave pledge to the flag.

No Public Comment

Motion by Trustee Dixon, second by Trustee Wales to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from August 27, 2007. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Supervisor Olson to approve the September 10, 2007 agenda with the following changes. Move 8b, the setting of the public hearing date for the proposed 425 agreement to 12a and add the letter regarding the appointment of a secretary for the Water/Sewer Board as 8d.
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Trustee Gaudette encouraged all board members to sign up and attend the Business After Hours, Tuesday September 25, 2007 from 5-7 p.m. at the Pine Grove County Club. He also suggested that Breitung Township set up a booth at the Second Annual Business to Business Showcase to advertise the township lots that are available for purchase and our new industrial park land. Trustee Dixon will call.

The Sons of The American Legion would like the township to appoint a liaison to sit in on their committee meetings as they try to get a small park and handicap rest rooms planned at the Veteran's Memorial at the top of Pine Mountain.

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Dixon to appoint Supervisor Olson as the liaison between the Sons of the American Legion and the Township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Attorney Hahner informed the board that there still has been no response from the Michigan Tax Tribunal regarding the Michigan Laborer Training.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to enter into the public hearing for the Zoning Amendment for the Scenic Preservation District. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Public Hearing Started at 7:09 p.m.

The Planning Commission has recommended a boundary zoning adjustment for the northern portion of the Scenic Preservation district. Keweenaw Land owns approximately 60 acres that is zoned Scenic Preservation and would like to change the zoning to RR-2 to facilitate a residential development on that property. The purpose of this public hearing is to hear comments on the proposed boundary adjustment.

Comments:

-Agrees. Brian Glodowski, representing Keweenaw Land, would like this to be rezoned like the other properties around them.

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-Disagrees. Marie Branz, from N3424 Bluff View Drive, questioned the accuracy of the survey that was done for Keweenaw. If Ms. Branz disagrees, she will have to get her own survey done. Would also like to know Keweenaw's intentions for the property. Does Keewanaw have legal access to the property? Is it still a 5 acre minimum in RR2?

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous, **motion carried.**

Public Hearing Closed at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve the zoning amendment change, for the land owned by the Keweenaw Land Association that is in the Scenic Preservation District [Section 23 of T40N R30W], to the classification of Rural Residential II, per the attached map. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Trustees: Gaudette, Wales, Dixon, Erickson, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to postpone the sewer and water connection request by Moyle Real Estate & Development for 4 weeks. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

No bids were received for the old police car.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to pave only Riverview Drive and Breen Avenue. After a lengthy discussion regarding the error in the contract and the fact that the corrected contracts will be in this week totaling \$51,789.50, Trustee Dixon pulled her support. Trustee Erickson then supported the motion. Ayes: Trustee Wales, Dixon & Erickson. Nays: Trustee Gaudette, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson. **Motion died due to tie vote.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Supervisor Olson to approve paving Riverview Drive, Pine Street & Breen Avenue per the June 13, 2007 spec sheets. Contract should not exceed \$51,789.50. Ayes: Trustees: Erickson, Dixon & Gaudette, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson. Nay: Trustee Wales. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve an amendment to the current contract by \$4,750.00 for Wilcox to perform the engineering study which will determine the Township's cost to upgrade Norway's plant for sewer service on the east portion of the township. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Dixon to set the 2007 Breitung Township operating millage rate at 4.2 mills, for the fiscal year of 2008. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Wales to allow Guy Forstrom and Superintendent Franzoi to proceed with the telemetry equipment research and present their findings at the first meeting in October. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Trustees Gaudette, Dixon & Wales expressed their concern regarding the letter that was received from Clerk Coron stating the fact that the Water/Sewer Board meeting minutes have not been typed up and turned in. Minutes need to be taken and given to the Clerk. It was also stated that the approved meeting schedule should be adhered to, even if it is only a 10 minute update. Should consider having a meeting in October due to all the meetings that have been canceled.

Fire Chief Report:

-The township's new fire truck is nearing completion at the Pierce plant in Florida. Chief Iverson, John Young, Rick Lindow and Russ Garrett plan to fly down for the construction inspection. Chief Iverson is requesting that the board approve him to attend on work time.

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Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to approve Chief Iverson to go to Florida for the construction inspection on our new fire truck, on DPW time/pay, per Guy Forstrom's approval.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Superintendent Report:

-Kerry Schinderle has agreed to clean up his property and to allow Superintendent Franzoi to do an inspection on September 24th to make sure that it is cleaned up.

-Bids are out for the North Breitung Fire Hall garage door.

Board Discretionary Time:

-Trustee Dixon questioned Officer Rutter about the EK and Quinnesec situation of vandalism.

-Supervisor Olson leaving on Thursday for a MTA meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Trustee Dixon to approve all board members and the Superintendent to go to the MTA Annual Conference January 7-11, 2007 with registration fee, mileage, meals & lodging.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Supervisor Olson to approve the bills totaling \$43,511.84.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to close the regular board meeting and enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation that is before the boundary commission. Ayes: Trustees: Dixon, Erickson, Wales & Gaudette, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson. **Motion carried.**

The regular board meeting was closed at 8:48 p.m.

The regular board meeting was entered back into at 10:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Gaudette, Wales, Erickson & Dixon, Treasurer Cahee & Supervisor Olson.

Absent: Clerk Coron, excused.

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi & Attorney Mike Flahner.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the 425 documents between the City of Iron Mountain and Breitung Township.

Ayes: Trustees: Gaudette & Dixon and Supervisor Olson. Nays: Treasurer Cahee and Trustees: Erickson & Wales.

Motion failed due to a tie vote.

Motion by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Wales to adjourn the meeting. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Anne Cahee

Denny Olson