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Iron Mountain in taking a proactive role in promoting quality economic development by the adoption of these agreements. This is a win/win for both communities.

James Steinbrecker, N3948 N Hwy US2, Iron Mountain, MI 49801-Steinbrecker Stone Corp. Has been in business in Dickinson County all his life and his family has been here since the start. His question was, If this is annexed, would his property be under the Iron Mountain property tax rate? Also, Would the Township still retain their 4 mills?

Bob Forgette, 1137 East E Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801. Congratulates the negotiating representatives for Breitung Township. This is a milestone agreement. This is an example of what can be accomplished with cooperation between different municipalities. The access to municipal utilities in the Utility Service District, alone, makes the agreements worth while. This agreement is a win/win for our "community". This agreement is going to bring more development, more tax base, more jobs, brings a viable future for our families and the coming generations.

Tony Sustarich, N4798-4 M-95, Iron Mountain, MI 49801. Moved to the area about 2 years ago from a small township on the outskirts of Green Bay, WI. This township formed a 25 year agreement with the City of Green Bay to meet their infrastructure needs. Would like to commend the township for working out these 425 agreements and offers his full support.

Don Quick, one of the land owners whose property is involved in both ends of the Area II 425. He has some mixed feelings, but the bottom line is that he supports the 425 agreements from a long range standpoint. Believes it will be for the benefit of the community. Is in support of the township.

Ed Olson, 3680 Lincoln Ave., Quinnesec, MI 49876. Hopes that we know what we are doing and that we don't lose the entire tax base. Who wants this agreement? The property owners? Iron Mountain? Does not understand this whole thing. Can't see giving away land. Hopes this is not being done hastily.

Vernell Gendron, 141 Campbell St., Kingsford, MI 49802. Why are we not working with the City of Kingsford? Our kids all go to the Kingsford Schools. Iron Mountain has no where to go, therefore they have to try to annex Breitung Township so they can spread out.

Mike Mainville, W8094 S US Hwy 2, Iron Mountain, MI 49801-Wally's Auto Salvage. He does support the 425 agreements. He does not plan to get on the sewer and water right away, but at least it gives him an option for his property if he wants to develop it down the road.

Questions and concerns addressed by Superintendent Franzoi:

***Sewer in the Quinnesec Area:*** The Township hired Wilcox Professionals to update our facilities plan. The facilities plan is basically an evaluation of where it would be most cost effective to get sewer from. The plan that we filed is nearly complete. We have an application in with Rural Development for funding to pay for that system. We've applied for 8.4 million dollars. This study also looked into the cost of putting sewers in East Kingsford, Quinnesec and along US2. The cost just to put sanitary sewer in Quinnesec, without treatment capacity, was about 8.5 million. That was to run the lines to all the alleys and hook up the houses. We did try to negotiate with Kingsford to get sewer capacity. Even though our talks with Kingsford were very positive, however, Kingsford sewer system is near capacity because of their infiltrate problems. So yes, we have talked with Kingsford. We are also talking with Norway about getting capacity for the East part of the township. We are pursuing a number of different options, not just with Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain is the logical choice because it abuts the properties we are talking about. We have even looked at doing it ourselves and it is simply

too cost prohibitive to provide the services ourselves without utilizing the plant in Iron Mountain. Also note worthy is the fact that when the Iron Mountain plant was upgraded in 1974, a portion of the capacity of that plant was allocated to the township. The original design standards included all of East Kingsford and a portion of the Pine Grove Subdivision up by Pine Mountain. The township at that time determined that they could not afford it and pulled out of the financing of that sewer plant. As a result of that the township ended up with no capacity, even though the plant was built to hold our capacity. So now we are back to the point that we were thirty some years ago.

***Why are we jumping in one month's time and putting sewers in Quinnesec?*** We are not going to start putting sewers in Quinnesec at this time. A lot of studying would have to be done and we would have to find a way to pay for it.

***Property Tax?*** If a land owner in Area II chooses to opt in for sewer and water, it comes into effect when the owner signs the paperwork or sells his property. At that point and only at that point will the City Tax rate come into effect. It takes action on the property owner's part; it will not be automatic once the agreements are signed.

***Giving Township Land away:*** Sewer and water does not come free. The township needs these services to grow and develop. In order for the township to get sewer in the proposed sewer/water district, we had to give something as well. Without these 425 agreements, 300 acres of Breitung Township (Area I) would have been lost to the City forever by the end of this year. With the Area I agreement we will now be able to secure our 4.2 mills for 12 more years.

***TIF for a TIC Districts:*** The township will retain it's millage under a TIF situation. The main concern was regarding the tax increment captures, 4.3C on page 4 of the Area I agreement. Once looked at closely it was realized this question was being asked by a gentleman who had picked up an old agreement from the City of Iron Mountain. Since then it has been revised. The current language in the Area I agreement states that the township will retain it's millage in any TIF situation.

***Sewer and Water District Agreement:*** This agreement has not been finalized yet. We will have that agreement finalized by the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

***Has the township spoken to Verso Paper about tapping into their wastewater system?*** Five years ago we met with Verso Paper when it was IP and we have met with them since. Their treatment plant is not compatible to what we would have and they do not want to get involved because of the fact that they are so scrutinized with all the rules and regulations.

***School districts:*** The Kingsford School District will continue to get the school millage. School districts will not change.

***It was thought that being a Charter Township protected us against annexation:*** It turns out that becoming a Charter does not provide as much protection as we once thought. When the developers file for annexation because of the need for water and sewer the State Boundary Commission will side with the developer.

***What will the City charge for their water/sewer?*** Their policy is to charge double, however there is a state law that says they can not charge more than what the cost is to produce for their residents. We still have to negotiate that. The current policy for Wal-Mart is double and other properties it is 1 1/2 times.

***Police and Fire Service:*** Those details are still in the works. It is looking like the residential will be served by the township and the commercial properties will be served by the City. Ultimately central dispatch will be making that call depending on the person's address.

Supervisor Olson reassured everyone that there has been a lot of planning and a lot of negotiating going into this. This isn't something that we just dreamed up in the last two months. There has been a lot of time and money spent on this to come up with the best solution for the township.

**Motion** by Trustee Erickson, second by Clerk Coron to close the Public Hearing.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting was resumed into at 8:15 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to approve the Area I and Area II 425 Agreements between Breitung Township and the City of Iron Mountain. Also to approve Resolution No. 092407.

Ayes: Supervisor Olson, Trustees: Dixon, Erickson, Gaudette, Treasurer Cahee & Clerk Coron.

Nay: Trustee Wales. **Motion carried.**

Supervisor Olson called a short recess at 8:20 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:26 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Eriekson to receive and open the two bids for the fire hall door.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

1) Monosso & Sons, Inc. \$10,244.00

2) Superior Steel Systems \$ 8,476.00

**Motion** by Treasurer Cahee, second by Trustee Eriekson to accept the bid from Superior Steel Systems in the amount of \$8,476.00 contingent upon review and accuracy of the specs. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Gaudette, second by Trustee Dixon to deny the two street light requests. The first is located at the intersection of Breitung Avenue and Fisher Street and the second request for the corner of Fisher and Henford Street due to the high installation cost. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Trustee Gaudette to receive and place on file Clerk Coron's August 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 August 2007 Trial Balance. **Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Superintendent's Report:

-Paving Projects: Fayas & Sons began paving the industrial park road on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

-Included in the packet is a very rough draft of a utility agreement between the Township and the City. Please review and make your concerns known.

-Budget Process: Budget forms have been given to all departments and they are in the process of preparing those. A draft budget should be available in about two or three weeks.

-Schinderle Property: Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the property on Henford was inspected and it was found that the debris had not been removed. It is now tarped and stacked in vehicles. Attorney Hahner has been contacted and we will proceed with prosecuting under the prior court order.

-If the State does not come up with a balanced budget, which will force the shut down of their operations, we will not be receiving our revenue sharing payment scheduled for October.

Board Discretionary Time:

-Treasurer Cahee inquired about the Olga Seda property. They are currently trying to serve her papers.

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Board Discretionary Time, continued:

-Attorney Hahner informed the board that as of October 1st it will be one year since the Laborer's filed with the Tax Tribunal and there still has been no decision.

-Gaudette stated that a township resident approached him about the fact that he could not get flood insurance.

-Trustee Wales would like it stated that the reason he voted no on the 425 agreements is because he feels that we are giving away all the prime commercial land.

-Supervisor Olson informed the board that the DPW crew has finished siding and roofing the warehouse on Menominee Street. He would also like each board member to start thinking about the 2008 budget.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, second by Treasurer Cahee approve the bills totaling \$736.11.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Coron  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor