Tower Breitung Wastewater Board

Regular Meeting

November 15, 2023

Wednesday @ 1:00 P.M.

Tower City Hall

The Regular Meeting of the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman David Setterberg.

Present: Zika, Tomsich, Tekautz, Setterberg

Absent: None

Also Present: Terri S. Joki-Martin, Matt Tuchel, John (JPJ), Kevin Young (SEH – Phone), Dan (Union).

Motion made by Tekautz and supported by Tomsich to accept the agenda. All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Zika to accept the October 10, 2023 minutes. All yes, motion carried.

**Public Input** – None

**Correspondence** – None

**Treasurer’s Report –** Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Tekautz to cash out the CD we have at Frandsen Bank, (matures December 16, 2023). All yes, motion carried. Motion made by Tekautz and supported by Zika to accept the Treasurer’s Report (October 2023) as presented. All yes, motion carried.

**Maintenance Report –** The second discharge was completed; propane tanks were switched out by North Country; Breitung Water Meter was installed, vacuumed entire line; Mn Pump Works fixed the clogged Soudan lift station pump; went to the TEDA meeting & reminded them of permit (down to 30 room hotel); Lakehead, CC Winger, & MN Rural Water have done repairs in October/November; Compliance Summary was sent out, sample results were met. Matt has not utilized all of his vacation so will be looking into carrying over 1 week into 2024. Motion made by Zika and supported by Tomsich to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

**Water Plant Funding –** Kevin (SEH) was on the phone & discussed loan, grants, and amount of shortfall. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Zika to reject the Lakehead bid. All yes, motion carried. Setterberg presented information on hiring a Contract Manager. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Zika to look into the aspects of hiring a Contract Manager. All yes, motion carried. Zika, Setterberg, and Tuchel will take the lead on this. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Zika to proceed with going out for bids on the Water Plant. All yes, motion carried.

**Wastewater Force Main Project –** PFA will not close on loan until updated easement information is received.

**Solar Energy –** Erik Norberg will be contacting Tomsich with updates.

**PFA Loan –** Covered under Water Plant Funding and Treasurer’s Report.

**2024 Budget –** Will be approved at the December Meeting.

**Raise – Tom Poderzay -** Will be approved at the December Meeting.

Motion made by Tekautz and supported by Tomsich to pay all bills. All yes, motion carried.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Tower City Hall.

**Union Negotiations** – Negotiations were finalized.

Motion made by Tomsich to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri S. Joki-Martin, Secretary