

# **Brevort Township Board Meeting**

## **January 9, 2017 Minutes**

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The January 9, 2017 board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ed Serwach at 6:00 PM.

Board members present: Supervisor Ed Serwach, Treasurer Brian Olsen, Clerk Heather Stelzer Bird, Trustee Bill Orr, and Trustee Jon Litzner. Additional attendees: Mike Sabo, Daryl Orr, Fire Chief Mark Peterson, Steve Bird, Ron Peterka, Judi Butkovich, Ray Lowetz, and Brian Peterson

Minutes were provided and read by Clerk Stelzer Bird. Supervisor Serwach shared a correction to be made to the minutes as follows: the words "Main pump" should read "lift station" in the sewer report. A Motion to accept the minutes with the stated correction was made by Trustee Orr, Second by Treasurer Olsen. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

The Treasurer's Report was provided and read by Treasurer Olsen. A Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Trustee Litzner, Second by Trustee Orr. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

Bills were read by Clerk Stelzer Bird. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Trustee Orr. Second by Treasurer Olsen. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

A Fire Dept Report was provided by Fire Chief Peterson. The department was called out to a fire last night, everything went good.

A Nodin Wi-Fi Update was provided by Ron Peterka- Wally is unavailable for tonight's meeting. Treasurer Olsen suggested that there should be a certificate of insurance as well as a letter between Wally and the Peninsula Cable Company on file. Clerk Stelzer Bird shared some information regarding the current contract between Nodin Wi-Fi and Brevort Township. Fire Chief Peterson's Wi-Fi service should be added to the contract. Concerns regarding the current contract include consistent, quality service. Supervisor Serwach will contact Wally to request a special meeting between Nodin Wi-Fi and the Brevort Township Board to discuss partnership. Trustee Litzner suggested that one exede account be transferred to Olsen's residence since he is out of range of Nodin Wi-Fi.

A motion to adopt the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines as follows was made by Trustee Orr, Second by Treasurer Olsen. No discussion. Motion passed.

2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.	
1	\$12,060
2	\$16,240
3	\$20,420
4	\$24,600
5	\$28,780
6	\$32,960
7	\$37,140
8	\$41,320

A motion to approve the suggested Board of Review members for the 2017-2019 terms was motioned by Clerk Stelzer Bird. Second by Trustee Litzner. No Discussion. Motion passed. Board members approved as follows: Judi Butkovich, Tabatha Orr, Rosemary Irwin, and Alternate Mark Butkovich.

Board of Review members have requested to attend the upcoming MTA Board of Review Member training in St. Ignace during the month of February. A motion to approve their attendance was made by Clerk Stelzer Bird. Second by Trustee Litzner. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sewer update provided by Supervisor Serwach. The Lift station is still not yet fixed. Crane Engineering has been contacted. Serwach shared that the estimate has come in. It is much higher than expected (around \$23,000). His plan is to purchase parts and have another maintenance professional fix it.

Public Comment: Resident Ray Lowetz shared his concern regarding Exede internet services in the area. His concerns include inaccurately quoted prices. He did make a complaint to exede directly.

An Ambulance Board Meeting update provided by Ron Peterka. Each station received a 2% raise. The bus station will be owned by the city soon. The ambulance core may be moved to the bus station. The city may build a garage there to accommodate trucks. They would like a township representative to sit on the board. Hendricks took that position for this term. The next meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Trustee Bill Orr shared that community members have asked about the dumpsters being available again in the spring for a community wide clean up. Supervisor Serwach shared that historically the cost has prohibited it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM with a motion from Trustee Orr, Second by Treasurer Olsen. No discussion. Motion passed.