

Regular Meeting Minutes

Held at the Brampton Township Kipling Hall
February 17, 2025

Supervisor Maufort called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge was cited by all. Roll call confirmed all board members present. Pat Young was the only outside attendee.

M/Edwardsen S/Thull to add items 6a (Playground update) and 6b (Review Expense/Revenue report) to the agenda. M/C

M/Thull S/Elegeert approving the January regular and rec plan public hearing meeting minutes. M/C

There were no public comments.

Supervisor Maufort provided an update on the playground planning progress.

M/Thull S/Edwardsen confirming review of the January Expense/Revenue report. M/C

The board discussed a donation letter that was received from UPSET. Before deciding, the board would like UPSET to appear at a meeting and inform the group of the Township's value.

M/Thull S/Elegeert to pay the Delta County Township Association Invoice of \$153.45 for annual dues. M/C

M/Elegeert S/Thull to pay the \$615.00 invoice from Election Source for annual maintenance of the election equipment. M/C

M/Edwardsen S/Elegeert to extend the winter tax deadline from 2/14/25 to 2/28/25. M/C

M/Edwardsen S/Elegeert approving wage increases effective April 1, 2025 as follows:

- Supervisor increase to \$9,723.00
- Clerk increase to \$9,723.00
- Treasurer increase to \$9,723.00
- Deputy Clerk increase to \$1,323.00
- Trustees increase to \$1,440.00
- Fire Chief increase to \$3,150.00
- Assistant Fire Chief increase to \$1,890.00

Roll call vote yielded 5 ayes and 0 nays. Resolutions were adopted and M/C.

M/Edwardsen S/Elegeert to begin paying volunteer firefighters gas reimbursements. Each meeting will yield them \$10.00 and each call out \$20.00. Fire Chief and Assistant Chief are not included in these reimbursements since they do receive a monthly paycheck. M/C

Supervisor Maufort updated the board on progress with the Lions Club Building.

Fire Chief report:

- One call out for Mutual Aid with Masonville Township. Brampton was called off once they arrived on scene.
- Effective January 1, 2026, the response system will be changing to the National Emergency Response System. All old system reports will need to be backed up on some sort of media.
- One of the new recruits will be released due to not following policies. The department currently has 9 active volunteers, which includes the Chief and Assistant Chief.

Supervisor report:

- Is there an amount of Township funds the board is comfortable with for the playground project? A total will be necessary when completing the DNR grant application.

M/Edwardsen S/Elegeert committing up to \$100,000 of Township funds with a total project cost of \$460,000.00. M/C

Clerk report:

- Brampton Township had 2 audits (Arlo and Early Voting) from the November election.
- Par Plan Grant was completed and sent in for the camera system. We should hear something by May 16th.
- Election Source will give us a \$1,000 trade in on new election tabulator. Cost would be \$5,593.00 and equipment would still have to be replaced in 2029-2030. It was decided not to utilize the trade in and use the current equipment.
- Escanaba and Nahma Township currently donate funding to the UPSET team.
- No word yet if the Township will be approved for cybersecurity grant money to help with implementing Microsoft 365 Township Email.
- Gathering research from Mission Square in hopes to move Township 401a plan from current Vendor.

Treasurer report:

- A 15-month CD at Peninsula Federal Credit Union is coming due 3/10/25. Rates were provided and it was decided to renew for the 9-month special at 4.25%.
- Winter taxes are winding down.

There were no trustee member comments/report.

M/Thull S/Elegeert to pay the General Fund bills of \$11,061.19 and the Fire Fund bills of \$1,175.58. M/C

M/Elegeert S/Thull to adjourn at 8:23 pm. M/C

I, _____, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Brampton Township held on the 17th day of February, 2025.

Debbie Edwardsen, Clerk