



Breezy Brief

E-Newsletter

February 2024

City Administrator's Office

1. The City's new Planning & Zoning Administrator Peter Gansen began his employment with the City on January 2nd. Peter comes to the City with over 17 years of experience in land use at both the city and county level.
2. The Pequot Lakes Fire District Board met on Monday, January 8. Fire Chief Schwankl informed the Board that there are currently 4 firefighters going through the fire academy and two others are in the interview process. Additionally, firefighter Bill Rickard has decided to return after a short absence. The Board also approved the joint powers agreement between the City of Breezy Point, City of Pequot Lakes, and the Pequot Lakes Fire District for the purchase of a ladder truck. The ladder truck was delivered on January 17.
3. The City of Breezy Point is taking on the duties of fiscal agent for the Pequot Lakes Fire District in 2024. Breezy Point staff and Pequot Lakes staff have been working together as fiscal agent duties are transferred from the City of Pequot Lakes to the City of Breezy Point.
4. Staff have begun the implementation process for the City's new budget software with Questica. Implementation and training is expected to go through May.
5. Mr. Sheldon Cohen with Resource Management Associates presented his final report on the City's organizational assessment during a City Council workshop on January 16. Staff anticipates presenting recommendations for implementation of the assessment's findings at a workshop in March. The full organizational assessment document as well as an executive summary can be found on the [City Projects](#) page of the city website, and the video of the presentation can be found on the City's [YouTube](#) page.
6. The final design of the proposed new city hall building was presented at a City Council workshop on January 23. Following the presentation, the City Council took public comment and requested that a proposal for the design of a remodel and expansion of the existing city hall be presented at the February 5 City Council meeting. At that meeting, the City Council will decide whether to move forward with development of construction

documents and bidding of the proposed new city hall building or to first have a design for a remodeled and expanded city hall developed. All documentation pertaining to the city hall project can be found on the [City Projects](#) page of the city website.

7. The City of Breezy Point is running a contest for local kids to name our Disc Golf Course. The contest will run until Friday, March 1, and the Parks and Recreation Committee will select the winning name(s) in March with small prizes available. Further information can be found on the City's website at <https://www.breezypointmn.gov/parks-recreation/page/parks-recreation-disc-golf-course-name-contest>.
8. Seeing as 2024 is an election year, Assistant City Administrator Eick added a button to the home page of the City's website where election information can be stored. It is the final button on the home page, located to the far right, and links directly to the election information page at <https://www.breezypointmn.gov/city-council/page/election-information>.

Additionally, a social post was made to the City's social media channels on Monday, January 22, regarding early voting information for the Presidential Nominating Primary. For information regarding in-person early voting, absentee voting, or voter registration please contact the Crow Wing County Elections Office at 218-824-1051 or visit www.crowwing.gov/110/elections.

9. Assistant City Administrator Eick has been working to develop the City's transparency page ahead of the publication of the first edition of the Breezy Brief: E-Newsletter. For now, that transparency page is a part of the larger City Projects page and the monthly Breezy Brief: E-newsletter will be stored there at <https://www.breezypointmn.gov/city-projects/page/breezy-brief-e-newsletter>.
10. On Thursday, January 11, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed several items during their Regular Meeting. A recording of that meeting can be found on the City's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5CKnRA6oFM>. Those items included:
 - a. Initial discussions on the Council's directions for adjustments and/or improvements to the City of Breezy Point Disc Golf Course.
 - b. Discussion and review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This item will be brought back for further consideration during their next Regular Meeting.
 - c. Discussion on the currently underway community Disc Golf Course Naming Contest.
 - d. Discussion on the directional signage leading up to the City of Breezy Point Disc Golf Course and the associated street approach.

11. Finally, the City’s regular Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 8, at 5:00 PM has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused members of the community.

Planning and Zoning Department

1. Before his departure, the City’s previous Planning and Zoning contractor, Jerry Bohnsack, generated the below end of year report to include in January’s Breezy Brief.

	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
New Dwelling Units	21	10,999,000	29	15,239,000	58	19,067,000	38	9,376,000	26	9,002,000
Residential	61	1,544,000	52	1,648,000	88	1,385,000	46	1,191,800	36	1,031,200
Remodels & Additions)										
Commercial			3	540,000	5	1,443,000	0	-	3	481,000
Commercial Remodel	8	183,000	9	468,000	9	146,000	6	522,000	12	157,000
Commercial Roofing			1	10,000	0		1	20,000	4	125,000
Garages & Sheds	16	975,000	19	1,086,000	20	356,000	17	529,000	16	653,500
Campgrounds	14	140,000	13	119,000	6	29,000	10	122,000	9	71,800
Miscellaneous	34		40	4,000	13	13,000	40	133,500	26	71,900
(Furnace/Mechanical)										
Re-roofing	22		34		32		31		26	
Relocated Structures			1	10,000	2	297,000				
TOTALS	176	13,841,000	201	19,120,000	233	22,736,000	189	11,894,300	158	11,593,400

2. Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment met on 1-9-2024. Conditional Use Permit Application C-24-001 Scott Hemmer 9131 Ossawinnamakee Road Breezy Point. Lot 15 Block 1 First Addition to Sunset Strip. Parcel 10040831. Construct 1440 sq. ft. accessory structure 20 feet height. Zone R-2. Was unanimously approved. New Staff was introduced to the Planning Commission. Annual election of officers was held. Marcy Weaver was elected Chairperson and Lee Brisbin was elected Vice Chair.

3. 1-5-2024 met with Crow Wing County Staff on regional zoning development and permit patterns of 2023 and forecast for 2023.

4. Contacted CWC Director of Land Services, GIS department and discussed possibility of updating the County GIS portal to represent Breezy Points Zoning map in a digital format that could be more accessible to the citizens of Breezy Point. Concerns were other city's such as Nisswa and Crosslake have zoning layers. CWC will get back they may choose to remove all zoning layers for City's in the County so the County is not contacted for zoning related requests or look into adding all Cities in the County.
5. Short Term Rental (STRs) licensure renewal notices have been sent out. The City Caps STR licenses at 60. We expect to see around 40 STR licenses issued.
6. 1-11-2024 safety training attended.

Public Works Department

Week of 1/5/2024

1. Gravel roads became ice covered and traction was improved with a combination of scarification and waste chip seal rock applications.
2. The sewer plant study calculations are completed and leaving the report write up to be completed. First priority would be addressing winter storage capacity/structures the details/costs will be included in the upcoming report.
3. Annual vehicle/equipment servicing is being performed.
4. The DMR for December was completed.
5. The feasibility study for sewer extension to Terminal and Red Oak intersections should be completed before the end of this month.
6. The chip seal quote was signed and returned to the contractor. Dave Peterson was also informed of the progress.
7. A cemetery planning session with John Landsburg is planned for 1/10 @ 10:00.
8. A fair chance of snow plowing will be required on 1/6 afternoon or 1/7 early morning. Between 1 to 3 inches are expected with moderate temps.
9. Morning of 1/5 sleet turned to freezing rain causing icy conditions on paved roads. Salt was applied before noon and conditions improved shortly after.
10. A custom designed sign proof depicting disc golf, sledding, snowshoeing and hiking was received for consideration/discussion during the next park meeting.

11. A complaint concerning house debris on Eagle Lane/County Road 4 intersection was received and the PSB was contacted as it appeared to be massive littering.

Week of 1/19/2024

1. A custom designed sign proof depicting disc golf, sledding, snowshoeing and hiking was received for consideration/discussion during the next park meeting.
2. A complaint concerning house debris on Eagle Lane/County Road 4 intersection was received and the PSB was contacted as it appeared to be massive littering.
3. Snow fell earlier on 1/6 than expected and plowing start times was adjusted to noon and plowing wrapped up around 5:30.
4. Recent cold temps necessitated a switch from salt to salt/sand to maintain adequate traction.
5. Salt/sanding is occurring as needed as slippery spots pop up.
6. The disc golf course sign proof is being modified and a route from county road 11 was identified that utilizes Rainer Dr/Shady Trail/White Overlook to get to the parking lot per the park/rec board's direction.
7. Planning/budgeting session with John Landsburg was held at the cemetery on 1/10/24. Shrub pruning and removal is being planned for spring along the entryway.
8. The majority of stumps and debris created from adjusting hole 5 was moved closer to the parking lot by hole 17 to be hauled out in spring, as slick traction up steep hills prevented complete removal.
9. A resident had questions about being charged 1.5 ERU's for a primary structure and smaller seasonal bunkhouse with toilet/shower. The extra charge was based on possible extra use.
10. The new dump truck should arrive next week.
11. It appears more and more likely that MN DOT state bid will not be able to secure a new 1 ton to replace the 2008 1 ton, as multiple calls to the contract holder has not yielded even an estimated delivery date.
12. Jeff Smith of the Airport Commission was contacted to firm up locations on a few trees to remove in the cemetery that are impacting the airplane approach path. Once that is cleared up tree removal will take place. Lakeview Tree Service was contacted to discuss topping vs complete removal. Topping is more expensive, may need to be repeated and

may kill the tree requiring complete removal anyway. Complete removal was recommended.

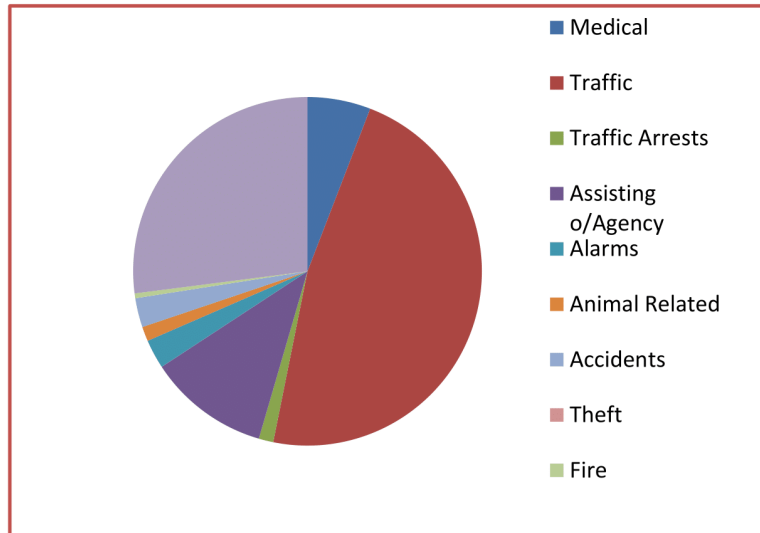
- The rainy weather a few weeks ago led to potholes popping up on older roads and cold patch was used to address the potholes for now.

Breezy Point Police Department

- The below report was produced by the Breezy Point Police Department for the January 2024 edition of the Breezy Brief and approved by Chief of Police Brian Sandell.

Breezy Point Police Department Offense Summary

January 1-31, 2024		2023
Medical	13	16
Traffic	105	106
Traffic Arrests	3	1
Assisting o/Agency	25	35
Alarms	6	4
Animal Related	3	7
Accidents	6	1
Theft	0	1
Fire	1	1
Miscellaneous	60	46
Total	222	218



Miscellaneous:

- (2) Burglary
- (5) Child Maltreatment
- (1) Domestic
- (3) Intoxicated Person
- (3) Suicidal Person
- (7) Suspicious Activity/Vehcile

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