

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the October Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Karen Parlberg, Treasurer; Pam Moore, Kurt Kiessling, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 23 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor and Dave Matzke, Fire Chief.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve the October 9, 2018 Agenda as amended.
Yeas: Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein
Nays:

September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.
PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Moore to approve the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through October 4, 2018 totaling \$355,608.21.
Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Moore, Kiessling
Nays: Trinklein

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:05 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.
Many residents had questions and comments regarding Willard Rd. being turned into a gravel road.
Many residents had questions and comments regarding the proposed Narconon facility on Birch Run Rd. and would like to know what the processes are to move forward.
Lori Hetzer – The homeowner on Birch Run Rd. who is looking to sell to Narconon facility, gave comment's regarding proposed use.
Mr. Hetzer – Gave comment's as someone who had completed a program associated with Narconon.
Greg Hetzer – Provided information regarding the process that he would like to utilize at his property.

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve the October 2018 Budget Amendments as amended.
Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Parlberg to approve hiring Kimberly Bennett for the part-time administrative assistant position at the pay rate of \$11.50 per hour for those duties.
Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Parlberg
Nays: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Totten to approve setting the 2019 MMWA trash collection rate at \$152.00 and putting it on the 2018 winter taxes.
Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Letterman, Parlberg
Nays: Kiessling, Sheridan

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Moore to approve having the attorney assist with amending the cemetery ordinance with regards to disallowing mausoleums.
Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the Blue Cross / Blue Shield Simply Blue PPO HSA Gold \$2,700; with all employees paying 20% of the health insurance premium through Burnham & Flower at the cost of \$41,001.12 for the yearly premium.

Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Parlberg seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the 2019 HSA contribution to \$2,015.00 for an individual and \$4,030.00 for family and \$2,015.00 for the “in lieu of” payment for employee insurance opt-out.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: Trinklein, Moore

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve going out for proposals for quarterly cleaning services at the Township Office and Library.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the clerk and treasurer taking accounting classes at Delta College at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 each for tuition and books.

Yeas: Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein

Nays: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve naming the “Best Of” award for Birch Run Township as “Birch Run Township Person of the Year”.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Totten to approve purchasing a Sure-Trac 18’ C-Channel Car hauler with 2nd Brake Axle and Removable Fenders trailer to replace the stolen fire department trailer from Turf Tech at a cost of \$3,075.00 with the cost split in half between fire fund and water fund.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling

Nays: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Moore to approve Resolution #2018-07 (Resolution Appointing Trustee and Alternate to the Mid Michigan Waste Authority) as presented.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: Trinklein

PUBLIC COMMENT: 9:14 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.

Mike Marr – Had questions regarding MMWA meeting on Monday.

Resident – Had questions regarding new administrative assistant position.

Lori Hetzer – Had response’s to questions and comments regarding other peoples’ previous comments.

Greg Hetzer – Gave information on what they are looking at applying for at their residence.

Lee Sims – Had question regarding Narconon facility.

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Moore to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg

Nays:

Corey Trinklein, Clerk
Birch Run Township

Approved: November 13, 2018