

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES/VILLAGE OF BIRCH RUN  
WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 18, 2004**

Cheryl Hadsall County Commissioner called to order the Birch Run Township/Village Workshop at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Birch Run Township Board was Supervisor Earl Schlegel, Amy Cook, Clerk; Dave Stewart, Joanne Strahm, and Ed Magnus, Trustees. Debbie Trevino and Jeff Putnam were absent.

Present for the Village of Birch Run was Marianne Nelson, Village Council President; Council members, Jeanette Morrish, Jack Kramer, and Jeanette Buthker, Ed McNamara; Paul Moore, Village Manager; Bob Mowatt, Police Chief; Tina Harcourt, Police Department Clerk; Jodie Gibson, Treasurer. There was one (1) member in the audience.

**Discussion Items:**

**Birch Run Township/Village Grant:** Paul Moore presented for review by the two boards a grant that is available from the Partnerships for Change that would foster new and expanded cooperation between the Township and Village. This grant would help us develop and carry out local land use policies that contribute to the preservation of cultural and natural resources. The two boards agreed to schedule this item for next month's board meeting.

**Water Authority:** Supervisor Schlegel proposed the idea of Birch Run Township and the Village of Birch Run reconvening a Water Authority for the Birch Run water system. The members present discussed this and issues about having one DPW for Birch Run. It was recommended that Terry/DPW be present at the next meeting.

**Contract for Water:** Village President Marianne Nelson, Township Supervisor Schlegel, and Trustee Ed Magnus updated the workshop members on the water contract talks.

- Weekly meetings have been set up with the City of Saginaw to discuss the water rates. This meeting includes both the Village and Township. Also present for the meetings is Taymouth Township and Frankenmuth City/Township. The meetings will continue to take place until the water situation is resolved.
- The City of Saginaw has agreed to negotiate with Birch Run Township and Village of Birch Run.
- The City of Saginaw has expressed interest in revenue sharing in the form of a City of Saginaw income tax on all new commercial property established in the Village/Township.

**Beautification Committee:** Price estimates will be gathered for a community sign. It was proposed that the sign be placed in front of the Birch Run Township Center where traffic can see the sign while going through town.

The Township will host the next meeting scheduled for Monday January 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**Topics for next agenda:**

1. Water authority

2. **Village/Township Grant**
3. **Community Sign update**
4. **Sign Contract for water**

**PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Stewart to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.**

**Amy Cook  
Township Clerk**