

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2013**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the July Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 13 people were in the audience. Dave Matzke was present for the Fire Department, Brad Thomas was present for the Water Department & Jeanette Morrish was present for the Library.

June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein

Nays: Moore

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Invoices through 7/08/13 totaling \$89,067.97.

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:05 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.

Kevin Lincoln questioned how the Burt Rd. project is progressing

Lee Simms commented on the letter in the Birch Run Herald regarding the sewer connection at the golf course

Leo Oberski asked about status of the chicken farm on Willard Rd.

Mark Major stated he will try and come into compliance with the sign ordinance. Will remove signs closest to the road. Would like to keep banners out in front of building if possible.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Brady Totten asked about status of extra ditching that was previously approved on Burt Rd.

Supervisor was not pleased with the work that was done so the payment is currently being withheld until job is completed satisfactorily.

Ray Letterman commented that there have been some issues with the grass mowing at the cemetery and has been addressed with the company. He also advised that the contract is expiring shortly.

Brady Totten commented that the DDA advisory committee met and agreed that it was worth looking into expanding the DDA boundaries and will be addressed at the next DDA meeting.

Fred Sheridan commented that he would like to keep the park advisory panel as it currently stands. He feels that the Board Rep. for the park should have a discretionary spending limit available to spend on any projects. From the Planning Commission the discussion about the definition of a garage have been tabled pending further investigation. The caretaker issue has been placed on permanent table until such time as more people show an interest in it.

Pam Moore commented on the sign ordinance issues, she wanted to confirm that all enforcement is to begin immediately.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Water Department: Brad Thomas reported on the progress of the water tower and submitted preliminary quotes for a maintenance building at the water tower site.

Fire Department: Dave Matzke reported on the number and type of calls for June, the I.S.O.

Rating for Birch Run Township, calls received during the June 17th bad weather, and how they served over 400 people after the 4th of July Parade.

Library: Jeanette Morrish reported on the success of the ice cream social after the 4th of July Parade and the status of the summer reading program.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the grinding and prep work not to exceed \$55,000 and the double chip seal not to exceed \$33,000 for Burt Rd. from Block to Reese.

Yeas: Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Letterman to approve the Board Representative on the Townships Park Committee to have up to \$1,000 discretionary spending for emergency situations.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino

Nays:

FAILED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the adoption of the MTA Principles of Governance.

Yeas:

Nays: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Magnus to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Yeas: Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: August 13, 2013 _____