



Birch Run Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2022

11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Clerk R. Kiessling called the December 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Kurt Kiessling was designated to run the meeting. Present for the Township Board of Trustees were Riley Kiessling, Clerk; Corey Trinklein, Treasurer; Fred Sheridan, Kurt Kiessling & Chris Watts, Trustees.

Absent to the meeting were Ray Letterman, Supervisor; Dale Trinklein Jr., Trustee.

Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; Gretchen Nielsen, Z.A & C.E.; Jeanette Morrish, Library Director; Adam Flory, Attorney; Mike Murphy, Auditor.

Five (5) people were in the audience.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Watts to approve the December 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote

Minutes Approval:

Motion by Watts seconded by Sheridan to approve the November 15th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, Watts,

Nays: None

Abstain: Sheridan,

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote

Invoice Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Watts to approve Invoices through November 30th, 2022, totaling \$114,945.34 as presented.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

Public Comment: 19:10 to 19:12

Andy Andre

Budget Review:

No Budget Amendments

New Business:

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Audit Presentation was given by Mike Murphy, auditor.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue H S A PPO Gold 3000 Health Insurance Renewal with the Township paying 80% of the premium, and the employee paying 20% of the premium, for a total annual cost of \$49,050.84 as presented.

Yeas: Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

Nays:

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve Resolution #2022-18 (*Insurance Opt-Out per Senate Bill 7*) as presented.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve setting the 2023 H S A employer contribution amount at \$3,000 per individual plan and \$6,000 per family plan.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to set the 2023 Employee Insurance Opt-Out at \$3000. *

Yeas: K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

* Look at other options in future for increased incentives to employees for opting out

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the Property & Casualty Insurance renewal from Burnham & Flower as presented at an annual cost of \$32,254.25 as presented.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by K. Kiessling to approve Ordinance #2022-07 (*Amend Ordinance #2022-02 – Recreational Marijuana Police Powers Ordinance*) as presented.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling

Nays: Sheridan, Watts, C. Trinklein

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion FAILED by majority roll call vote

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve Ordinance #2022-07 (*Amend Ordinance #2022-02 – Recreational Marijuana Police Powers Ordinance*) as amended to strike Section 1 § b from the proposed Ordinance.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by R. Kiessling to approve the updated FOIA Request Detailed Cost Sheet as presented.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Watts to appoint Keith Jewel to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, Watts,

Nays: Sheridan,

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to appoint Mike Musial to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to appoint Brett Polley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term.

Yeas: Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to appoint Ken Kern to the Board of Review for a 2-year term.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by K. Kiessling to appoint Deland Pickelmann to the Board of Review for a 2-year term.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Watts to appoint Yvonne Cherry to the Board of Review for a 2-year term.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to appoint Heidi Martinus as an Alternate to the Board of Review for a 2-year term.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to appoint Jim Garno to the Birch Run Township DDA Board for a 4-year term.

Yeas: Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to appoint Robby Johnson to the Birch Run Township DDA Board for a 4-year term.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Public Comment: 20:41 to 20:45

Andy Andre

Mike Marr

Miscellaneous:

Discussion to look at another MERS Employer Contribution based on the 2022-23 Fiscal Year as an item on the January Agenda.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by K. Kiessling to adjourn at 20:52

Motion passed by majority voice vote

Riley Kiessling, Clerk

Birch Run Township

To Be Approved: January 10th, 2022