

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019



Supervisor Ray Letterman called the August 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 19 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; and Jeanette Morrish, Library Director.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Kiessling to approve the August 13, 2019 Agenda as presented.  
Yeas: Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Moore to approve the July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.  
Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Totten to approve Invoices through August 8, 2019 totaling \$218,345.78 as presented.  
Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling  
Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:06 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

County Commissioner Cheryl Hadsall gave update from County.

Resident Keith Jewel asked about an update regarding racetrack.

Resident Lee Sims commented on cemetery work and Burt Rd. east of Beyer Rd.

Resident Deann Cummins asked if the County Road Commission has provided any thoughts on what to do about Willard Rd. and asked if the County Road Commission director can be invited back again.

Resident Sharon Rivard commented about chloride/brine on Willard Rd. and the dust being bad again.

Resident James Hornfeld asked about comments made at the previous meeting about the ditching on Willard Rd.

Rosemary Hayes addressed the Township Board regarding issues with the Village of Birch Run Police Department.

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the 2020 fire protection special assessment millage rate amount to 1 mill., pursuant to Act 33 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1951 and adding it to the 2019 winter tax roll.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the 2020 fire hall mileage rate amount to 0.8678 and adding it to the 2019 winter tax roll.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the Pine Island Drive Street Light Special Assessment District for 2019 winter tax roll amount to \$52.97 per parcel.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Moore to approve spending approximately \$60,000 on new upgraded water meters with remote read capabilities to be paid from the Water Department fund balance.

Yeas: Moore, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Kiessling to approve hiring Calvin Keilitz as a new Birch Run Township firefighter.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore  
Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Sheridan to approve hiring Gavin Rose as a new Birch Run Township firefighter.

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

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Kiessling to approve continuing the Burt Rd. paving project as previously approved as a two-year program and send a letter to them informing them of the project.

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

Nays: Trinklein

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve increasing the 2020 Business License Fee to \$40 for a renewal and \$60 for a new license.

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

Nays: Kiessling

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:22 p.m. to 8:31 p.m.

Resident Lee Sims commented that you can get to the Saginaw County Road Commission's project schedule on their website.

Resident Mike Marr asked if there was a fee to use the online payment option.

Township Board Member Pam Moore commented about office phone logs.

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Totten to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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

Nays: None

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Corey Trinklein, Clerk  
Birch Run Township

Approved: September 10, 2019