

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

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 Clerk Corey Trinklein; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 4 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas for the Department of Public Works, David Matzke for the Fire Department and Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Magnus to approve the August 11, 2015 Agenda as amended.

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

Nays:

July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 8/5/15 totaling \$97,635.73.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:14 p.m. to 7:14 p.m.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Presented Clerk’s August Financial Reports. Gave an update regarding new voting equipment. Gave an update regarding the 2015 audit. Section 125 regarding the health insurance opt out payments application is being worked on, the \$95.00 processing fee will be absorbed by the Ascend Group.

Debbie Trevino – Presented August Treasurers’ Report. Would like approval to keep DDA tax capture money in the Community State Bank account *to avoid cancelation of the account due to inactivity.* ~~but they cancel the account due to inactivity.~~

Ray Letterman – There are many items at the cemetery that need to be removed that are against the cemetery regulations. Wanted direction regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the Schoolhouse at the park. Commented that the County Road crews have been in the area working on the roads.

Brady Totten – Mike Szukhent of the Birch Run Area CVB had a meeting on July 31st with the Saginaw County CVB and overall people thought it went well. Then there was a meeting at the County Commissioner sub-committee and the issue was taken off the holding agenda.

Fred Sheridan – No Comments

Pam Moore – No Comments

Ed Magnus – No Comments

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

DPW – Brad Thomas reported the company doing the maintenance for the tower and the new mixer should be installed soon. August 18th Fred & Brad are going to the Rotary to talk about the potential for some projects being done at the park. The pavilion needs to get updated soon so they would like some suggestions of what people would like to see.

Cemetery chapel needs to have the inside repainted and get some new carpet installed.

Fire Dept. – Dave Matzke reported 53 calls last month. There was a fire fighter that got injured on one of the calls and is currently off work.

Library – Jeanette Morrish reported story hours begin again on Monday’s starting in September. Would like to put it on everyone’s radar that we might want to look into getting a millage for the Library.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve holding the DDA captured tax money in the existing Community State Bank account until it needs to be disbursed out.

Yeas: Magnus, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Moore

Nays: Letterman, Trinklein

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the removal of trees and stump removal on the Dixie Hwy. property by Duane Jones Excavation at a cost of \$4,600.00 with an ending date by the 30th of September.

Yeas: Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Magnus

Nays: Letterman, Moore

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Ordinance #2015-01 (Outdoor Restaurants) as amended.

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

Nays:

TABLED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Totten to ~~table~~ ~~approve~~ ~~tabling~~ the Planning Commission’s *plan* to hire someone to have work done on the Birch Run Township Master Plan until the regular September meeting.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve lowering the minimum sewer usage cost for residential customers from a minimum of 15,000 gallons to a minimum usage of 12,000 gallons.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve the amendments to the Water Rules and Regulations of Water Meters as amended.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Axiom Engineering to do a survey and design plans for a proposed Water Main Extension project on Dehmel & Downing at a cost of approximately \$7,500.00.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve purchasing a new Shark vacuum cleaner for the Township Office at a cost of \$250.00.

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

Nays: Trevino

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve purchasing DPW uniform shirts at a cost of \$300.00.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve *having* the Clerk to attempt to get bids for trash collection starting in 2016.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:51 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

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

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: September 8, 2015 _____