

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2020



Ray Letterman, Supervisor called the ~~November 10~~ **December 8**, 2020 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; Fred Sheridan, Kurt Kiessling & Dale Trinklein Jr, Trustees. There were 3 people in the audience. Others present were Dave Matzke, Fire Chief and Jeanette Morrish, Library Director. Chris Watts, Trustee was absent.

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve the December 8, 2020 Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, C. Trinklein, Kiessling

Nays: None

Abstain: D. Trinklein Jr

PASSED: Motion by D. Trinklein Jr seconded by Sheridan to approve the November 25, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve Invoices through December 2, 2020 totaling \$103,300.73 as presented.

Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

No Public Comments

Jerry Preston of the Birch Run Bridgeport CVB gave a presentation regarding the possibility of a convention and exhibit center in Birch Run Township

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Kiessling to approve Resolution #2020-14 (Insurance Opting Out of Senate Bill 7) as presented.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve the Burnham & Flower Health Insurance Plan Simply Blue HSA Gold \$2800 – 0%; with the Township paying 80% of the health insurance premium.

Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the 2021 HSA employer contribution to \$2,015.00 for an individual and \$4,030.00 for family.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the “in lieu of” payment for employee health insurance opt-out to \$2,015.

Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg

Nays: None

FAILED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parlberg to approve Resolution #2020-15 (COVID-19 Employment Policy) as presented.

Yeas: None

Nays: D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve using election grant money towards \$50.00 in hazard pay for the November 2020 election workers that had contact with the public for a total cost of \$1,000.00.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Letterman to approve reappointing C.J. Norris and Riley Kiessling to the Planning Commission for 3-year terms.

Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

Abstain: Kiessling

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Letterman to approve reappointing Fred Sheridan as the Township Board Representative to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

Yeas: Parlberg, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: None

Abstain: Sheridan

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve reappointing Steve Schaar and appointing Brady Totten to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3-year terms.

Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Kiessling to approve appointing Dale Trinklein Jr as the Township Board Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-year term.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan

Nays: None

Abstain: D. Trinklein Jr

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve reappointing Ken Kern, Deland Pickelmann, Yvonne Cherry and alternate Heidi Martinus to the Board of Review for 2-year terms.

Yeas: Kiessling, Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve reappointing Ray Letterman as the Township Board Representative and appointing Kurt Kiessling to the Downtown Development Authority Board for 4-year terms.

Yeas: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein

Nays: None

Abstain: Kiessling

PASSED: Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve the Administrative Resolutions as amended.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:08 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

No Public Comments

PASSED: Motion by D. Trinklein Jr seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Kiessler, Letterman, Parlberg

Nays: None

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Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: January 12, 2021