



Birch Run Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2022
11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Letterman called the October 11th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Township Board of Trustees were Ray Letterman, Supervisor; Riley Kiessling, Clerk; Corey Trinklein, Treasurer; Fred Sheridan, Kurt Kiessling & Dale Trinklein Jr., Trustees.

Absent at the meeting was Chris Watts, Trustee.

Others present were Jeanette Morrish, Library Director; C.J. Norris, P.C. Chair; Mike Musial, P.C. Secretary; Mike Marr, P.C. Vice-Chair; Gretchen Nielsen, Z.A. & C.E. Officer; Adam Flory, Township Attorney
Approximately fifteen (15) people were in the audience.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the October 11th, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended to include the Closed Session (I) and the November Meeting Date (J) agenda items.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Watts; D. Trinklein Jr.

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Minutes Approval:

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the September 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended for typographical errors.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Watts, D. Trinklein Jr.,

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Invoice Approval:

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through September 30th, 2022, totaling \$156,431.88 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Watts, D. Trinklein Jr.,

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Public Comment: 19:05 to 19:11

Andy Andre; Scott Dianda;

Closed Session: From 20:07 to 20:56

Budget Review:

No Budget Amendments

New Business:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to enter into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268, in order to consult with the Townships Attorney's regarding pending litigation, due to an open discussion having a detrimental financial effect to the Township.

Yeas: Letterman, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: Watts

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to end the Closed Session and resume the normal meeting
Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman,
Nays: None
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve Resolution #2022-13 (*Appoint Local Point of Contact for National Incident Management System*) as presented.
Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman, C. Trinklein,
Nays: None
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve the contract between Priority Waste and the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority as presented (B-1)
Yeas: D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman,
Nays: C. Trinklein, Sheridan,
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to Approve Resolution #2022-14 (*Approve MMWA 2023 Member Agreement*) (B-2) as presented.
Yeas: R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman, C. Trinklein,
Nays: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr.,
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2022-15 (*Appoint MMWA Trustee & Alternate for Term Ending 12.31.2022*) with Ray Letterman as Trustee & Riley Kiessling as Alternate.
Yeas: K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling,
Nays: C. Trinklein,
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve setting the 2023 MMWA Trash Collection rate at \$150.00 and place it on the 2022 Winter Tax Bills.
Yeas: Letterman, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling,
Nays: None
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the 2023 Fire Hall Millage rate amount to 0.7500 and adding it to the 2022 Winter Tax Roll.
Yeas: C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman,
Nays: None
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve setting the 2023 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 2022 Winter Tax Roll.
Yeas: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman, C. Trinklein,
Nays: None
Absent: Watts
Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve setting the Pine Island Drive Street Light Special Assessment for the 2022 Winter Tax Roll amount to \$61.82 per parcel.

Yeas: D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman, C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Nays:

Absent: Watts

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by R. Kiessling to amend Ordinance #2022-02 Recreational Marihuana Police Powers Ordinance to increase the number of Recreational Marihuana Retail Licenses from 2 to 8.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling, Letterman, D. Trinklein Jr.,

Nays: C. Trinklein, Sheridan,

Absent: Watts

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by Letterman seconded by Sheridan to approve acquiring new cemetery property at \$128,725.00 for a 15.83 expansion.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, Letterman, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: Watts

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by R. Kiessling to approve changing the November Regular Board Meeting date from the second to the third Tuesday of the month.

Yeas: Letterman, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: Watts

Motion passed by majority roll call vote

Public Comment: 20:58 to 21:00

None

Adjournment:

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 21:03.

Dissent by Riley Kiessling. Supervisor Letterman entertained additional time for the meeting.

Clarification was obtained from the Township Attorney that a Police Powers Ordinance does not require an “ordinance to amend an ordinance”

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 21:05.

Motion passed by majority voice vote

Riley Kiessling, Clerk

Birch Run Township

To Be Approved: November 15th, 2022