

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING  
BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2003**

Supervisor Earl Schlegel called the Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearing of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 6:30 P.M. Also present for the board were Amy Cook, Clerk; Debbie Trevino; Treasurer, Dave Stewart, Ed Magnus, and Jeff Putnam, Trustees. Joanne Strahm was absent. Approximately twenty (20) people were in the audience.

The board reviewed the taxation at .93440 of a mill to support the budget. After reviewing the pending budget the Hearing was closed at 7:09 pm and the Regular Meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:10 pm.

February Regular Minutes were discussed and approved.

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Jeff Putnam to approve February Meeting Minutes.  
Motion carried 5-0. Ed Magnus abstained

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Jeff Putnam to approve March invoices of \$33,533.99  
Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Jeff Putnam to accept the 2004 Annual Budget supported by .93440 of a mil. The budget consists of \$911,250 in expenditures and revenue of \$950,320.

Public Comments: NONE

Motion by Jeff Putnam supported by Dave Stewart to authorize Supervisor Schlegel to explore and research financial sources for the implementation of a Fire Marshall within the Township.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Dave Stewart to authorize a ten percent match of \$2,500.60 for a Fire Department grant.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Ed Magnus to allocate \$4,200 to the Fire Department for the purchase of five sets of turnout gears.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Dave Stewart to accept Brutons Snow Removal's bid for the Birch Run Township Lawn Maintenance contract. The three year contract was awarded for the following prices: 1<sup>st</sup> year- \$12,000 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$12,500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$12,500.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Amy Cook to accept the Planning Commission's changes and corrections to the Zoning Ordinance Book.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Amy Cook supported by Jeff Putnam to adjourn at 9:10 PM

Motion carried 6-0

Amy Cook

Township Clerk