

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the September 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 7 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. *BRAD THOMAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS ABSENT.*

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Magnus to approve the September 8, 2015 Agenda as presented.

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

August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 9/3/15 totaling \$95,561.25.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 7:03 p.m. to 7:04 p.m.

Lee Simms – Has seen pictures of the proposed assisted living facility development plan and believes that it is a good idea for the area, but would like to see it stay within the parameters and zoning that we already have in the Township.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Corey Trinklein – Presented Clerk's September Financial Reports. Gave an update regarding the due to/due from questions and the Section 125 "Cafeteria Plan" for insurance.

Debbie Trevino – Presented September Treasurers' Report. There was an issue recently regarding an NSF check from the deposit account, but there was no money left in that account. So there was a fee that was incurred by the Township.

Ray Letterman – No Comments

Brady Totten – Attended a CVB meeting a couple weeks ago, Mike and Jerry from the Birch Run CVB are still trying to work out issues with the Saginaw CVB agreement.

Fred Sheridan – No Comments

Pam Moore – No Comments

Ed Magnus – No Comments

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

DPW – Dave Matzke reported that a third of the valves have been exercised. There were a couple of pits that needed to be cleaned out.

Fire Dept. – Dave Matzke reported that there were 37 calls last month. The ladders were tested in August and one failed so it had to be replaced. The pancake breakfast will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 1:00pm and he encourages all board members to please attend.

Library – Jeanette Morrish reported that they are getting ready for story hour to start. She has also checked with Debbie on how much 1 mil millage would bring in, which would be just over \$174,504.62 so they feel 1 to 1½ mils would be sufficient to fund the Library.

**PASSED: Motion by Trevino seconded by Totten to approve having Trustee Fred Sheridan hire someone to purchase and plant trees at the Township Park not to exceed \$3,500.00.**

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

**Nays: Magnus**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the new MMWA refuse collection rate of \$127.00 to be added to the 2016 taxes.**

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

**Nays:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:53 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.**

**Cheryl Hadsall – Commented that the County Commissioners are working on finishing their budget which has been in the works since May. The county will be losing 8 to 10 jobs, all in the health department. The health department has three satellite offices throughout Saginaw County and the number of how many people use the services has been going down over recent years. They are also looking at their animal control department and changes that need to be made. The jail is another area that has some issues that need to be looked at as it is very old and beginning to have more problems. The Saginaw CVB and County Commissioners had a couple more items that the Birch Run CVB needed to check off and then hopefully will be brought back onto the sub-committee agenda.**

**PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.**

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

**Nays:**

**Corey Trinklein**

**Birch Run Township Clerk**

**Approved: October 13, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_**