



Birch Run Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

February 14th, 2023

11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the February 14th, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees to order at 19:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Township Board of Trustees were Riley Kiessling, Clerk; Corey Trinklein, Treasurer; Fred Sheridan, Kurt Kiessling, Dale Trinklein Jr. & Chris Watts, Trustees.

Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; Jeanette Morrish, Library Director; Mike Marr, P.C. Vice-Chair.

Zero (0) people were in the audience.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Watts to approve the January 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended to add discussing hiring a back-up building inspector item under New Business.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by K. Kiessling to approve the January 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Letterman,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve the January 23rd, 2023, Special Budget Workshop Minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Invoice Approval:

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through February 5th, 2023, totaling \$100,312.62 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 19:05 to 19:06

Budget Review:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by K. Kiessling to approve the February 2023 Budget Amendments as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the Government Room TV Display project, at a cost not to exceed \$2000, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve setting the Budget Hearing date for March 14th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. (the March Regular Meeting) in the Government Room.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Letterman seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the Annual Meeting date for March 17th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Government Room.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Letterman,

Nays: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Motion FAILED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve setting the Annual Meeting date for March 17th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Government Room.

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

Nays: C. Trinklein,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve Ordinance #2023-01 (Amend Zoning Ordinance) – Site Plan Review Changes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2023-02 (Supervisor Salary) as amended to change the annual meeting date to March 17th.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2023-03 (Clerk Salary) as amended to change the annual meeting date to March 17th.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling

Nays: Letterman, Sheridan,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve Resolution #2023-04 (Treasurer Salary) as amended to change the annual meeting date to March 17th.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, Watts,

Nays: Letterman, Sheridan,

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to approve Resolution #2023-05 (Trustee Salary) as amended to change the annual meeting date to March 17th.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2023-06 (Resolution For Hardship Tax Reduction Rules and Regulations) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr to approve the 2023-2026 Water Rate Structure as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Watts seconded by K. Kiessling to accept applications for qualified building inspectors to be considered for the Back-up Building Inspector position.

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

Nays: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 20:32 to 20:33

Adjournment:

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by R. Kiessling to adjourn at 20:33.

Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Riley Kiessling, Clerk

Birch Run Township

To Be Approved: March 14th, 2022