



**Birch Run Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 14th, 2023

11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Clerk Riley Kiessling called the November 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.

Momentarily absent from the beginning of the meeting was Ray Letterman, Supervisor.

Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; Gretchen Nielsen, Z.A & C.E.; Jeanette Morrish, Library Director.

Sixteen (16) people were in the audience.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to appoint Kurt Kiessling to run the meeting in the Supervisor's stead.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Letterman

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Watts to approve the November 14th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended to include Item 13I (Resolution #2023-18) and to include Item 13J (Closed Session w/ Tom Meagher, Council), under New Business.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Letterman

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Minutes Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve the October 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Letterman

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Invoice Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve Invoices through October 31st, 2023, totaling \$102,855.66 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Letterman

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Public Comment: 19:03 to 19:04

None

Budget Review:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve the November 2023 Budget Amendments as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Letterman

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

New Business:

Motion by Letterman seconded by K. Kiessling to approve the Property & Casualty Insurance renewal from Burnham & Flower as presented at an annual cost not to exceed \$34,000.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Watts seconded by Letterman to approve Resolution #2023-16 (Resolution Against Renewable Energy Restrictions) as presented.

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

Nays: D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by K. Kiessling to approve Resolution #2023-18 (Resolution to Combine Precincts 1 and 3) as presented.

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

Nays: Letterman, D. Trinklein Jr., Watts,

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Letterman that regarding the case of 1864 US-23 LLC v Township of Birch Run, now pending in Saginaw County Court Case No. 23-000189-AS, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to end the closed session and resume the regular meeting at 21:28.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 21:36 to 21:37

Adjournment:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by K. Kiessling to adjourn at 21:37.

Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.