

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the October 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, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 5 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. Trustee Pam Moore was absent.

PASSED: Motion by Trevino seconded by Totten to approve the October 13, 2015 Agenda as presented.

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

September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Magnus to approve the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Trevino to approve Invoices through 10/8/15 totaling \$233,614.86.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.
No Comments

AUDIT REPORT: 7:05 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.
Auditor Heather Thomas presented FY 2014-15 audit report.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Presented Clerk’s October Financial Reports. Presented miscellaneous reports.
Debbie Trevino – Presented October Treasurers’ Report. Has decided to employ a different deputy starting October 14, 2015.

Ray Letterman – No Comments

Brady Totten – Birch Run CVB held an open house, the Management Agreement is still an uphill battle. There will be no additional request for money from the Township DDA.

Fred Sheridan – New trees are now out at the park, they were recently planted by Abele. Planning Commission had questions regarding Medical Marihuana Dispensaries and what direction the Township would like to make.

Ed Magnus – No Comments

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

DPW – Brad Thomas reported Birch Run & Dixie guardrail next week will be planted with shrubs. Sewer fix has been completed at a cost of \$14,000.00. Sewer Fund Balance was looked at with Andy and as of a couple months ago the balance was \$82,000.00. At the end of this fiscal year the Sewer Fund will be its complete own budget. Water meter changes that have been sent letters now have 9 left in whole system, 6 are vacant; 2 are at Holiday Inn and are costly; 1 is at Pine Ridge RV park. Water Fund contractual services is over budget due to unexpected expenses. The extra connection fees will be used to offset the over budget costs. Cemetery has been very active, the chapel has been talked about being repainted and new carpet at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00. All the fire hydrants have been winterized.

Fire Dept. – Dave Matzke reported 34 calls last month. 375 people came to the pancake breakfast. The other day there was a pump test at the Township. The firefighter that got hurt had surgery last week on his torn ACL. Next year will be the 75th year for the fire department.
Library – Jeanette Morrish reported Elly Maxwell will be coming to present Halloween Bugs at the Library. Barnes & Noble book fair is going to take place Saturday, October 24th 2015 in Flint. Lee one of the assistant librarians had surgery recently and is off on leave and Carmen is on vacation making it long days for Jeanette. Jeanette will be going on vacation at the end of August to visit a soon-to-be grandchild.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the October Budget Amendments as presented.

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

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Resolution #2015-06 (Resolution Birch Run Township Proclamation for America Recycles Day).

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

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve making AFLAC payroll deductions for any employees that are interested in participating.

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

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Trevino to approve Republic Services to take over our dumpster services for the Township at \$43.30, Cemetery at \$76.00 & Park at \$76.00 for a combined cost of \$195.30 per month.

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

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the 7 year Curbside Collection Contract with MMWA.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: 9:14 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
No Comments

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

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

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: November 10, 2015 _____