

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the July Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 8 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas for the Department of Public Works, Dave Matzke for the Fire Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the July8, 2014 Agenda as amended.
Yeas: Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman
Nays:

June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Trevino to approve the June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

PASSED: Motion by Trevino seconded by Totten to approve Invoices through 7/7/14 totaling \$97,299.04.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:03 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Sherry Gubbins – Asked for an update regarding Burt Road being re-done.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Debbie Trevino – Bank statements aren't in because it is too early in the month. Tax collection is going very well so far. Auditors are coming soon and everything is getting accumulated and ready for them. New Fire Fund account will be created soon.

Ray Letterman – Reception windows are installed. Trying to contact different garbage companies for quotes. Thanks to the Library, Fire Dept. and DPW for helping make the 4th a success.

Ed Magnus – Had a resident comment about trees being planted to close to farms or property lines. Did anyone check into property on the Dixie Hwy for a new Fire Dept.

Brady Totten – Is thinking about trying to have a DDA meeting some time soon. Wanted to thank everyone again for the 4th festivities, especially Annette for helping with the float.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Brad Thomas – Lightning strike to the Water Tower having \$17,074.33 in loses. We have to pay the \$1,000 deductable and the insurance will cover the remaining balance. Surge protectors were added everywhere to help prevent this from happening again. DPW truck quotes have been received by Signature Ford for \$22,093.00 and adding a “V” snow plow would be \$28,332.00; Delehany for \$23,923.78 and Suski Chevrolet for \$27,013.14. Requirements and qualifications of the DPW Worker/Water Operator.

Dave Matzke – There were 38 calls last month. Focused Response knocked off 31 calls from that number. Wanted to thank everyone for participating in the 4th of July festivities and they served just under 600 people that day.

Jeanette Morrish – Summer reading is drawing to an end, there are about 150 kids participating. Thursday will be Magic in the Park at the Taymouth Township Park. Friends of the Library received a donation from Meijer's for little cups of ice cream.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve a noise variance to extend the allowable time from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. for the Moose Lodge's outdoor entertainment for the dates of July 12th, August 9th & August 23rd.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2014-07 (Birch Run Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau Resolution)

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve purchasing a new F-250 truck for the DPW at a cost of \$28,332.00 including the plow.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Trevino seconded by Sheridan to approve the new Full-Time DPW Worker/Water Operator requirements and qualifications language at \$13.00 per hour and to be advertised in the newspaper.

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

Nays: Moore

PUBLIC COMMENT: 9:04 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

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

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: August 12, 2014 _____