

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008**

Supervisor Earl Schlegel called the March Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 P.M. Also present for the board were Amy Cook, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Jeff Putnam, and Mike Marr, Trustees. Joanne Strahm was absent. Approximately (4) four people were in the audience.

Supervisor Schlegel recessed the Regular Meeting and called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:01 pm. The Budget Hearing adjourned and was reopened at 7:05 pm.

February 12, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to approve the February 12, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Putnam to approve March invoices of \$70,845.09.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:05pm

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to approve the concept of loaning the Water Department, General Fund money from the General Fund Savings account to possibly finance a ½ mile water line extension on Busch Road, pending legality and residence participation.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to amend the Birch Run Township Water Policy to allow a ¾ inch connection to the water system.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to approve Resolution 08-04, Attachment A (Resolution Approving the Budget and Adopting the Appropriation Act for the Fiscal Year 2009).

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Trevino seconded by Putnam to accept the Wage Committee's recommendation to increase Paula Count's wages one dollar per hour.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield community Blue PPO #2 insurance proposal for Birch Run Township fulltime employees from Burnham and Flower. It will be effective April 1, 2008.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to set the employees contribution for the first year of insurance at ten percent. This will be based on the employees' individual plan and will be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, and Schlegel

Nays: Putnam

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to offer an option of carrying insurance titled "family continuation" to be paid for by the employee.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Putnam to approve the DPW floating holidays as follows:

If required to work on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, or Columbus day due to specific project work (such as sewer improvements) where on site presence is required, the employee may work and take the holiday at another time with prior approval of the DPW Supervisor. The alternate date must be approved by the DPW Supervisor prior to taking the day off to ensure proper coverage.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED motion by Magnus seconded by Cook to take \$17,633 from the General Fund Savings to purchase the DocStar hardware, software, and training from the Polack Corporation.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Putnam to accept ownership of the sewer line constructed by Meijer's Inc.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to approve the Village of Birch Run and Township of Birch Run Fourth Amended Agreement for Police Protection Services.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to allot \$3,500 for the Birch Run Township GIS/GPS project.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Cook seconded by Marr to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Magnus, Marr, Putnam, and Schlegel

Nays: None

Amy Cook

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: April 8, 2008 _____