

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2015**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the June Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:07 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 4 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.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve the June 9, 2015 Agenda as amended.
Yeas: Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein
Nays:

May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Totten to approve the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.
Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 6/3/15 totaling \$105,378.02.
Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus
Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:11 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Sherry Gubbins – Was wondering if the Burt Rd. project was still getting worked on this year.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Presented Clerk's May Financial Reports. Employee contributions for insurance deductible will have to be done again in January. The Employee's keep the same insurance card they had before. We had our credit rating reviewed by Standard and Poor's and we maintained our AA-/Stable rating.

Debbie Trevino – Presented June Treasurers' Report. Finally settled with the County Treasurer for the taxes. Will be trying to put the deputy treasurer on the signature card for the bank accounts.

Ray Letterman – Burt Rd. complaints have been 50/50, some complain that it is too rough and can't be driven down and some are saying it is so smooth that people are driving too fast. Burt Rd. project is supposed to be started within the next 2 weeks they will put down the first layer of chip and seal.

Brady Totten – No Comments

Fred Sheridan – Presented quote for getting new trees and bushes for the park. When we demo the property on Dixie Hwy. are there any other projects that would need to be done. Has been researching on grant writing for different projects. Talked to Lisa Kiessling about her past as a grant writer. Would like to know if there is interest in the board hiring Lisa to write some grants for the Township. We would need to form a committee to find out how to pay Lisa for writing some grants. Debbie just signed the check to get the materials to replace the roof on the pavilion.

Pam Moore – No Comments

Ed Magnus – The new wording for the radio read meters that are being refused to be installed has not been received back from the attorney yet. We need to look at raising the rates for connection fees to a water line that is paid off. Brad has sent out surveys to see what residents would be interested in having water put down their roads to try and get rid of some dead ends. Would like to know who is getting the candy for the 4th of July Parade.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

DPW – Brad Thomas reported that he is looking at a Capital Outlay plan and that is why the surveys were sent out. Would like to start next spring start a project on Dehmel from Downing to Canada to close one of the dead ends. This would also make it possible to have a water main all the way down Dehmel Rd. The park trees are now gone, Jones went out and filled where the tiling was done.

Fire Dept. – Dave Matzke reported last month there were 40 calls. Last year in Saginaw County there were 22 full arrests that were brought back. There were three bids that were received for the demolition of the house on Dixie Hwy. The gas and electric needs to be shut off at the Dixie Hwy. property.

Library – Jeanette Morrish reported that the summer reading program has officially started and 85 children have already signed up. About a month ago the high school was contacted to help supplement any of the year books that were missing at the library. Then they were sent to a company to digitize all the yearbooks from Birch Run and are now available at the library. The Rotary helped to purchase an audio system for the Class of '64 and would like to store it at the library.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Rohde Brothers Excavating to do the demolition of the house at 11235 Dixie Hwy. at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00.

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

Nays: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the purchase and installation of three (3) new computers and a new server from Zimco at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve increasing the water rates from \$4.80 to \$4.88 per 1,000.00 gallons to cover the City of Saginaw rate increase effective July 1st.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:28 p.m. to 8:33 p.m.

Kurt Kiessling stated that the Township Board has had a lot of discussions regarding maintenance on the paths and he feels that the sidewalk from the Village leading to the park needs to have some attention paid to clean it.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

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

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: July14, 2015 _____