

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2011**

Supervisor Kurt Kiessling called the May 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, Bill Nelson, and Mike Marr, Trustees. Joanne Strahm was absent. Approximately three (3) people were in the audience. Brad Thomas was present for the Water Department and Dave Matzke was present for the Fire Department

**April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.
PASSED Motion by Trevino seconded by Magnus to approve the April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Nelson

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to approve May invoices of \$58,163.26.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:02-7:15pm

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus let the park committee proceed with spraying of the park path edges and removal of the dead grass on the edges. This will be funded by a dividend check received from the Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$9,842.00.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Cook to increase the park capital outlay budget by \$9,842.00. This will be funded by a dividend check received from the Michigan Municipal League.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Cook to approve Coucke Property Tax Services for assessing service commencing June 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 to coincide with the township fiscal year.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Nelson to approve \$3,300 estimate for cross tube replacement on Lange Road.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Nelson to approve the following water rate increases for 2011 (see Attachment A). The water consumption fee will be increased by 9 cents per thousand gallons to cover the rate increase from the City of Saginaw effective July 1, 2011.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Marr to increase the readiness to serve fee \$1.00 for residential customers per quarter and 10% for commercial customers per quarter (see Attachment A). This is to reflect the City of Saginaw readiness to serve increase effective July 1, 2011.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to remove administration fee on the water bills of commercial accounts effective July 1, 2011.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Marr seconded by Magnus to appoint John DiBerardino as Assistant Chief of the Birch Run Fire Department effective immediately.

Yeas: Trevino, Cook, Marr, Magnus, Nelson, and Kiessling

Nays: None

PASSED Motion by Magnus seconded by Nelson to approve the Village of Birch Run and Township of Birch Run Fourth Amended Agreement for Police Protection Services For the Birch Run Township Downtown Development Authority until March 31, 2011 to coincide with the fiscal year.

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

Nays: Kiessling

PASSED Motion by Cook seconded by Marr to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

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

Nays: None

Amy Cook

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: June 14, 2011 _____

