

REGULAR MEETING      AUGUST 13, 1996

The August 13 Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Edward Magnus. Also present for the township board were Sheila DiBerardino, Clerk; Nancy Henige, Treasurer; David Stewart, Larry Russell, and Joanne Strahm, Trustees. James Totten, Manager, was also present. Trustee Gary St. Charles was absent.

Twenty (20) people were in the audience.

Motion by Russell, supported by Henige to approve the minutes of the July 9, 1996 regular meeting as read. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Stewart, supported by Russell to pay current invoices totaling \$38,699.89. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Strahm to approve the final preliminary plat for the Rausch commercial subdivision. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Stewart to approve the appointment of Ruth Morse and Ken Gray to the Township DDA Resident's Council. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed the revised DDA plan. Motion by Russell, supported by Strahm to approve Resolution #96-5 receiving a revised downtown plan and setting the public hearing for September 10, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. at the Birch Run Township Center, 8411 Main Street, Birch Run, Michigan. Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor announced special meeting for September 4, 1996, at 7 p.m. A connection fee ordinance for future sewer customers will be discussed.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Henige to set up a committee consisting of Librarian Carol Rybak, David Stewart, and Sheila DiBerardino to serve as the Library Building Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Stewart to hire Gary Bartow of Bartow and King Engineering to do engineering, preliminary building plans, bid documents to go out to contractors, and for consulting work on the new library. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Russell, supported by Henige to request Library Building Committee bring site plan, elevations, site option report, preliminary exterior design and floor plan to September meeting, if possible. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Strahm to set pay rate for election inspectors at \$6.50 per hour beginning with the November 1996 election. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager Totten reported on Jaws of Life and turnout gear for Fire Dept have been ordered and should arrive in time for Firemen's Pancake Breakfast on September 22. Park report emphasized need to get dirt to finish the ball diamond. Other projects are done.

Motion by Russell, supported by Strahm to authorize the supervisor to spend up to \$10,000 for sand, top soil, leveling, and seeding to complete the outfield of the park ball diamond. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Stewart to authorize the supervisor to use the balance of the forementioned \$10,000 and the balance in the Park Fund to fence in the outfield of the park ball diamond, 4 to 6 foot fence with protective tile at top of fence. Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor read letter from Manager James Totten announcing Totten's resignation from the township manager/assessor position. His last day will be September 3, 1996.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported Henige to authorize the clerk and treasurer to hire office help as needed, and advertise the assessor position. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Stewart, supported by Henige to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheila DiBerardino, Clerk  
Birch Run Township