

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the May Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 10 people were in the audience. Others present were Dave Matzke for the Fire Department, Brad Thomas for the Water Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the May 13, 2014 Agenda as presented.

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

Nays:

~~May 13~~ **APRIL 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes** were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Moore to approve the April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 5/12/14 totaling \$368,083.41.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:02 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.

Garnet Lewis – Running for State Senate, stopped by to introduce herself.

Marianne Nelson – The Rotary next Wednesday, May 21st at the Gazebo Park, will be holding a dedication of the Little Free Library.

Mike Szukhent – Gave an update on upcoming community events.

Cheryl Hadsall – Class of '64 is celebrating 25 years of fundraising for scholarships on May 15th.

County Update – Four proposals will be on the ballot. Animal Control Shelter hearing will be upcoming.

Kurt Kiessling – Will be running for County Commissioner District 7.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve signing a Mutual Aid Agreement with Montrose.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Kheila Knight to hold the Birch Run Charity Race at the Birch Run Township Park on May 31st.

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

Nays:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – July 4th activities will be taking place at the Fire Department again this year. An employee put in a request to cancel health insurance because they cannot afford it.

Debbie Trevino – Gave report on account balances. Taxes are settled with the county.

Ray Letterman – MMWA did not receive quotes for curb carts; looking at possibly getting a 1 yr. extension with Waste Management. Ray and County Road went on ride on Township roads to see about fixing some of the roads. Burt Rd. project will probably not get chip & sealed, County Road will not do another mile of that process.

Brady Totten – At the DDA Meeting last month Police Services Contract were approved; the DDA budget was approved; the report to the state was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Brad Thomas – Spraying for weeds and forms at the cemetery are the two main projects that have not been completed.

Dave Matzke – 32 fire/medical calls this month and 13 calls were saved with Priority Dispatch.

Jeanette Morrish – Book Fair with Barnes & Noble went very well, the Library raised \$1,193.67; this Friday, Jeanette will be presenting at the school library. Next week the library book and bake sale will be going on.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the May Budget Amendments for FY 2013-14 as presented.

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

Nays: Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Totten to approve setting a workshop to review Administrative Resolutions on Thursday May 29th at 6:00pm.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Moore to approve using CrashPlan Pro for off-site data storage, not to exceed \$720.00 per year for 1 year trial.

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

Nays: Magnus

PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Moore to approve Debbie using PNC Remote Deposit Solutions starting for the next tax collection period.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve amendments to the Birch Run Community Park Rules and Regulations as presented.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the yearly carpet extraction at the Township Office, Library & Chapel at a cost not to exceed \$1,084.80.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cheryl Hadsall – Trolley Line Trail funds have been made; construction would be in 2015; the contract with Consumers Energy should be brought to the Township Board so it can be reviewed.

Ray Letterman – Stated that, not as supervisor, he thinks the Trolley Line Trail would be good for the community and a good idea, but that the Township cannot afford to offer financial support.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: June 10, 2014 _____