



Birch Run Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2023

11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the August 8th, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees to order at 19:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Township Board of Trustees were Ray Letterman, Supervisor; Riley Kiessling, Clerk; Corey Trinklein, Treasurer; Fred Sheridan, Kurt Kiessling, Dale Trinklein Jr. & Chris Watts (Bearer of Ice Cream), Trustees.

Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; Gretchen Nielsen, Z.A & C.E.; Tom Meagher & Adam Flory, Attorneys.

Six (6) People were in the audience.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Watts seconded by Sheridan to approve the August 8th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yeas: D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes Approval:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve the July 11th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Invoice Approval:

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through July 31st, 2023, totaling \$77,888.28 as presented.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 19:03 to 19:04

Public Comment was held.

Budget Review:

No Budget Amendments

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. that regarding the case of 1864 US-23, LLC v Township of Birch Run, now pending in Saginaw County Court Case No. 23-000189-AS, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township.

Yeas: Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Letterman seconded by R. Kiessling to end the Closed Session and resume the open meeting at 19:29.

Yeas: Watts, D. Trinklein, K. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Sheridan, R. Kiessling, Letterman,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to adopt Resolution #2023-11 (License Ratification) as presented.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by K. Kiessling to go into closed session to discuss a written Attorney-Client Privilege document as per MCL 15.268(1)(h).

Yeas: D. Trinklein, Sheridan, Letterman, K. Kiessling, Watts, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by C. Trinklein to end the closed session and resume the open meeting at 19:53.

Yeas: Sheridan, Letterman, K. Kiessling, Watts, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, D. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by K. Kiessling to dismiss the proposed Ordinance #2023-07 (Amend Marijuana Ordinance – New Builds) as presented.

Yeas: Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to adopt Resolution #2023-12 (Letter of Support – Expo Center Project) as P/A.

Yeas: None

Nays: Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman,

Absent: None

Motion FAILED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Watts seconded by Letterman to appoint Riley Kiessling as the Primary Representative, and Corey Trinklein as the Alternate Representative, to the Saginaw Area GIS Authority.

Yeas: D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Letterman seconded by Sheridan to approve the bid for the New Fire Truck Box for the F-450 Wildland Fire / Rescue (Brush 6) to be built as per the bid, with the necessary funding that is not covered by monies received from the insurance claim coming from ARPA funds, as available.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Letterman seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to award the bid for the Township Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project to Mr. Asphalt, as per their presented bid.

Yeas: Letterman, K. Kiessling, Watts, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, D. Trinklein Jr., Sheridan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by C. Trinklein to award the bid for the Library Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project to Mr. Asphalt, as per their presented bid.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, Watts, C. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, D. Trinklein Jr., Sheridan, Letterman,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Watts to award the bid for the Fire Dept. Parking Lot Resealing Project to Smith Line Striping, as per their presented bid.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by C. Trinklein seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to award the bid for the Park Path Resealing Project to Smith Line Striping, as per their presented bid.

Yeas: C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., Letterman, R. Kiessling,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Watts seconded by Sheridan to award the Park Tennis & Basketball Court Rehabilitation Project to Rigda Sealcoating & Asphalt, as per their presented bid.

Yeas: R. Kiessling, Letterman, D. Trinklein Jr., Sheridan, K. Kiessling, Watts, C. Trinklein,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 20:33 to 20:39

Corey Trinklein

Adjournment:

Motion by Watts seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to adjourn at 20:39.

Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.