



Birch Run Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9th, 2024

11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the April 9th, 2024, 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, Trustees.

Others present were Brad Thomas, DPW/Water Supervisor; Dave Matzke, Fire Chief; Jeanette Morrish, Library Director; Mike Marr, PC Vice-Chair.

Eleven (11) people were in the audience.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by K. Kiessling seconded by Watts to approve the April 9th, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended to include New Business items "Closed Session – 1864 US-23, LLC v Township of Birch Run" as well as "Dan Armintrout – Saginaw County Road Commission."

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes Approval:

Motion by Watts seconded by Sheridan to approve the March 12th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Invoice Approval:

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through March 31st, 2024, totaling \$129,731.00 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: 19:03 to 19:04

Public Hearing(s): None

Budget Review:

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the March 2024 / End of FY2024 Budget Amendments as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

Kenneth Haubenstricker presented on his Request to Address the Township Board

Andrew Brady presented on his Request to Address the Township Board

Dan Armentrout – Saginaw County Road Commission, presented to the Township Board on the proposed County Road Millage.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve Resolution #2024-09 (PA 116 Approval Resolution) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve Ordinance #2024-01 (Amend Civil Infraction Ordinance) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan to approve the purchase of two ICP2 Kit with ICP2 330A Ballot Box Tabulators at a price not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by D. Trinklein Jr. to approve hiring Tim Lafferty and Andrea Notter as Seasonal DPW Laborers at \$14.00/hr. for the April 18th through October 11th, 2024, season.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by R. Kiessling seconded by Sheridan that, regarding the case of 1864 US-23, LLC v Township of Birch Run, now pending in Saginaw County Circuit Court Case NO. 23-000189-AS, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorneys 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: Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Watts seconded by Letterman to end the Closed Session and resume the open meeting at 20:53.

Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Watts went outside to inform the public of the end of the closed session.

Motion by Watts seconded by K. Kiessling to accept the recommendation of council as discussed during the closed session.

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

Nays: D. Trinklein Jr.,

Absent: None

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Miscellaneous:

Update from Township Attorneys

Public Comment (Right before Closed Session) 20:26 to 20:29

Mike Marr

Linda Haubenstricker

Public Comment: 21:20 to 21:21

Mark Meader

Adjournment:

Motion by D. Trinklein Jr. seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 21:21

Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.