

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the August 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, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 5 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas for the Department of Public Works, Dave Matzke for the Fire Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library. Trustee Pam Moore was absent.

**PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Magnus to approve the August 12, 2014 Agenda as amended.**

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

**Nays:**

**July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 8/11/14 totaling \$122,858.48.**

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

**Nays:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:03 p.m. to 7:09 p.m.**

**Mike Szukhent – Busy month in Birch Run: Thursday starts the hog rally with fireworks on Saturday night. Next Friday & Saturday the Blues, Brews & BBQ starts. Chamber of Commerce presented a topic regarding receiving 75% of the hotel room tax to the County Services Committee of the Saginaw County Commissioners.**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the Application for Farmland Agreement (P.A. 116) for John Walden.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve going into recess to review a video from the Chamber of Commerce at 7:11pm.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve reconvening from the review of a video from the Chamber of Commerce at 7:21pm.**

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

**Nays:**

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

**Corey Trinklein – Presented August Revenue & Expenditure Report. Thanked everyone who helped with the election. Presented the notices of day of review for the drain systems.**

**Debbie Trevino – Presented treasurer's report. The delinquent personal property taxes are being looked into, the auditor has been asking questions regarding when they will be distributed. Has decided to not use the remote deposit system for depositing checks.**

Ray Letterman – MMWA has settled for a one year extended contract for 2015 for approximately a 6% increase.

Ed Magnus – Next step for a new township office would be to have an architect draw up a floor plan and frontal view for a new building.

Fred Sheridan – Trying to cut the costs of using LandPlan for simple additions. So Fred would like to direct Mr. Nelson to work with Mike Setzer to come up with tiered steps to see at what point it should be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator; the next step to move it up to the Planning Commission; then the next step being to use a professional planner.

Brady Totten – Hopefully will have a DDA meeting after Labor Day.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Dave Matzke – Last month there were 51 calls. Working with USA Mobility to install an antennae on the water tower. A grant was received to purchase a new jaws of life.

Jeanette Morrish – Summer reading went very well. Jeanette has been proctoring for a young lady that is trying to get her bachelors degree and she is now going for her masters degree. She would like to do a reading garden for the library for her masters project.

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve rescinding Ordinance #2014-02 (Accessory Buildings).

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Ordinance #2014-04 (Accessory Buildings).

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the three loads of hot patch and screenings to repair township roads at a cost of \$32,592.52.

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve a property use agreement with USA Mobility Wireless to install an antennae on the water tower with the reimbursement for the electric bill coming from the Fire Fund.

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve hiring Matt Tanner as a DPW Worker with a starting wage of \$13.00 per hour and will be available to start no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**Nays:** Letterman

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 8:16 p.m. to 8:16 p.m.

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

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

**Nays:**

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: September 9, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_