

BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 1997

The Budget Hearing of the Birch Run Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Johnson at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Sheila DiBerardino, Clerk; Nancy Henige, Treasurer; Cheryl Hadsall, John Jankowski, and David Stewart, Trustees. Trustee Edward Magnus was absent. Approximately forty (40) people were in the audience.

The board conducted a hearing on the proposed budget. Motion by Hadsall, supported by Jankowski to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by Jankowski to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Henige, supported by Hadsall to approve the minutes of the February 11, 1997 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by Henige to pay current invoices totaling \$39,962.05. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: MaryJane Robbins and Dan VanMullekom representing the Birch Run Chamber of Commerce presented information and requested permission to hold a festival in the township's park. Motion by Stewart, supported by Hadsall to approve a beer tent at the festival conditionally upon proof of insurance, security, and details of all activities planned. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: Josephine Essenmacher signed up for public comment but was not present at the meeting when her name was called to address the board.

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Henige to approve the following budget adjustments: Decrease Township Board \$7176; Increase Assessor, Township Center, Cemetery, Police Contracts, Protective Inspection, Street Lights, \$7176. Increase Library Expenditures \$2000. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by Stewart to authorize the clerk to pay the bills received by March 31, 1997. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Stewart to approve Resolution #97-2, Adopting Budget and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997-1998. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by Stewart to set the township board meeting dates as: April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9 in 1997; and January 13, February 10, and March 10 in 1998. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Hadsall to set the township center closing dates as: March 28, May 26, July 4, September 1, November 27-28, December 24-25, December 31, in 1997 and January 1, 1998; and to set the library closing dates as March 28, May 26, July 4, September 1, November 26-27, December 24-25 and December 31 in 1997, and January 1, 1998. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by Henige to set April 23, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Center for the joint meeting for the Plan for Planning. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Hadsall to appoint Harold Johnson and John Jankowski as Code Enforcement Officers for Birch Run Township. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Hadsall to approve Purchasing Policy, striking "otherwise" in paragraph 4. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hadsall, supported by DiBerardino to approve revised library floor plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Stewart to approve J&K Custom to do lawn maintenance for the township for \$12,000 annually. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Hadsall to address the township's financial institution issue at the April meeting, continuing with the current financial institution until that time. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Stewart, supported by Hadsall to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheila DiBerardino
Birch Run Township Clerk