

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 1992

The regular meeting of the Birch Run Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 11, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Don White.

Present for the board in addition to White were Clerk Marcia Strong, Treasurer Maria Foerster, and Trustees Larry Russell, Joanne Strahm, Tom Totten and Don Voorheis. James Totten, manager, was also present.

Approximately 35 persons were in the audience.

Minutes of Jan. 14 regular meeting were approved as read by motion of Foerster, supported by Totten. Motion carried. (7-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Current invoices totaling \$35,902.45 were approved for payment by motion of Voorheis, supported by Foerster. Motion carried. (6-0-1).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Voorheis
Nays: None
Abstain: Totten

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Totten, supported by Strong to accept purchase policy as presented with the suggested revisions (paragraph 4 change \$2,000 to \$1,000, #6 change approval for payment to invoice, #7 add The manager and supervisor shall jointly authorize emergency expenditures, after #19 add paragraph to say Specific capital outlay projects addressed in the budget do not have to return for board approval unless bids received are higher than budget estimates.) Motion carried. (7-0)

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Supervisor Don White requested a motion from the board to become a charter township by board resolution. No motion was made.

Motion by Russell, supported by Foerster that the clerk get this video about the advantages and disadvantages of the charter township from the MTA at which time the public will be notified and the showing of this video will be presented at a regular township meeting. Motion carried. (7-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to increase the library 91-92 revenues and expenditures budgets by \$6,200 each due to an increase in penal fines (\$14,000 to \$17,673) and donations (\$1,000 to \$3673), making revenue total \$48,350 and expenditures total \$48,196. Motion carried. (7-0)

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Totten, Strahm, Voorheis
Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to urge the State legislature to enact legislation to tax homes in mobile home parks on the same basis as homes outside of mobile home parks. Motion carried. (7-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Russell supported by Strahm to have a special meeting to work on the budget on 2-18-92. Motion defeated. (3-4).

Ayes: Russell, Strahm, Voorheis
Nays: White, Strong, Foerster, Totten

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to hold the budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, 1992 immediately preceding the regular March meeting. Motion carried. (7-0)

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Motion by Totten, supported by Foerster to set the salary of the clerk at \$21,800 effective 4-1-92. Motion carried. (4-3)

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Totten
Nays: Russell, Strahm, Voorheis

Motion by Totten, supported by Strong to set the treasurer's salary at \$9600 effective 4-1-92. Motion carried. (4-3).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Totten
Nays: Russell, Strahm, Voorheis

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to set the following as 1992 road projects: Reese Road bridge over the Dead Creek, ditching on Elms road between Birch Run and Burt Road, culvert on Rathbunway and gravel on Beyer Road between Canada and Downing when it is necessary. Motion carried. (7-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to adopt resolution 92-2 (setting date for public hearing on sewer). Motion carried. (4-3).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Totten
Nays: Russell, Strahm, Voorheis

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to adopt resolution 92-3 (using county as bonding agent). Motion carried. (4-3).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Totten
Nays: Russell, Strahm, Voorheis

Letter on fire assessment district legal opinion was read by the clerk. Issue tabled for time being.

Treasurer presented her report.

Motion by Totten, supported by Foerster to accept Quast, Janke audit quote for two years. Motion carried. (7-0)

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None

Supervisor's budget was discussed.

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Russell to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Motion carried. (7-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis

Nays: None.

