

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the February 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, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 7 people were in the audience. Others present were Brad Thomas for the Department of Public Works, David Matzke for the Fire Department and Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Totten to approve the February 10, 2015 Agenda as presented.

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

Nay:

Reviewed 2015-16 Budget Report starting at 7:01pm until 8:52pm.

January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Nay:

PASSED: Motion by Sheridan seconded by Totten to approve Invoices through 2/4/15 totaling \$60,897.48.

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

Nay:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 8:54 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

Cheryl Hadsall County Commissioner – Enjoyed the input on the budget discussions. County Commissioners have discussed having a public safety mileage added to the May 5, 2015 Special Election, but decided not to add it to this election. Improvements must be made to the county jail, so a company was recently hired to propose possible improvements. The County recently hired a new animal control director.

Walt Rogner – There was recently a building built in the Village of Birch Run that is in violation of the Township zoning laws.

Kurt Kiessling – The DPW has done a great job snow plowing for their first year taking it over.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Presented Clerk's February Financial Reports. Gave update on delinquent business licenses. Gave report concerning the MTA Annual Conference.

Debbie Trevino – Presented February Treasurers' Report. Doing good on tax collection, getting close to the end of collection.

Ray Letterman – No Comments

Pam Moore –no Comments

Ed Magnus – No Comments

Brady Totten – Looking next week to have a DDA Meeting, Mike Szukhent is coming to the meeting to give a report and will be approving the DDA Police Contract.

Fred Sheridan – No Comments

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

DPW – Brad Thomas stated that two weeks ago, the water system on this side of the county was shut down for repairs. Birch Run was fine, we had to support Taymouth's supply for a little while. In the spring or summer they are going to run some scenarios on how to route

water in case of an emergency between the Township, Village, Taymouth and Frankenmuth. They will be working with the Village on what to do if there is a mass power outage. Matt is doing very well, Brad asked if Frankenmuth has a main break could Matt go and watch for some on the job training. Dave is going to a class in the beginning of March for preparation on becoming an S3 water operator. The test is in the first week in May to become an S3 water operator. Brand new barrels were made and painted for trash cans at the park. There will be a lot of improvements at the park that didn't cost a lot of money completed in the coming year. The tennis courts are also in very bad shape and could use being resurfaced.

Fire Dept. – Dave Matzke stated last month there were 73 calls. They were able to use the new jaws on one of the calls. The jaws were damaged so they were already repaired under warranty.

Library – Jeanette Morrish stated they are in the middle of their adult reading program. There were a lot of adults in the program. It will end on the 17th of March. The summer reading program will revolve around super heroes. By the middle of next month the new computer system should be up and running.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the February Budget Amendments as presented.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Totten and seconded by Moore to approve retaining the audio recordings of Township Board Meeting Minutes for one year.

Yeas: Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten

Nays: Trinklein

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Resolution #2015-02 (Insurance Opting Out) as presented.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Administrative Resolution #02-15 (Guidelines for Inspection of Assessing Records) as amended.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve setting the 2015-16 Budget Hearing for March 10, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Birch Run Township Government Room.

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

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Trinklein to approve setting the Annual Meeting date to March 3, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Birch Run Township Government Room.

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

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 10:18 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.

Brad Thomas – The lawn mowing contract was set for one year with continuation for three years if happy with services. The board agrees to continue with current company if rates do not increase more than 3%.

PASSED: Motion to by Sheridan seconded by Moore to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

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

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: March 10, 2015_____