

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MARCH 31, 1990

The special meeting of the electors of Birch Run Township was called to order at 9 a.m. by Birch Run Township Clerk Marcia Strong.

The clerk called the roll of township officials.

Present: Marcia Strong, clerk; Maria Foerster, treasurer;
Clifford White, trustee

Absent: Edgar Scharrer, supervisor; Thomas Totten, trustee

There were approximately 80 residents in attendance.

Strong read Section 41.97 of the recodification of township law which explained the selection of a moderator at a special meeting of the electors when the supervisor is absent.

Motion by Valeria Olszewski supported by George Schmunk to name Josephine Essenmacher moderator of the meeting. Motion carried.

Before turning the meeting over to Mrs. Essenmacher the clerk stated that the board would be seeking a legal opinion on any actions taken at this meeting and would not be bound by any actions deemed illegal.

Essenmacher called the meeting to order again referring to it as an annual meeting.

Minutes of the special meetings of the electors held on March 29, 1989 and on January 29, 1990 were read by the clerk.

Motion by George Schmunk, supported by George Essenmacher to change the minutes of March 29, 1989 to read not a special meeting of the electors but an annual meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Valeria Olszewski supported by George Essenmacher to accept the minutes of March 29, 1989 and Jan. 29, 1990 with the amendment. Motion carried.

Under the heading of old business Essenmacher opened discussion on salaries.

Motion by George Schmunk, supported by Dolores Kalmbach to leave the treasurer's salary the same as it was in 1989.

Clerk read Section 41.95 (3) and (1) of the recodification of township law indicating that the meeting had no legal authority to set salaries.

Motion by Jack Forester, supported by Clifford White to table Schmunk's motion for 30 days for further study.

Moderator denied Forester's motion.

White questioned moderator's denial of the motion and requested to be put on the record doing so.

Moderator said denial was due to only allowing one motion on the floor at a time.

Motion by Forester, supported by White to amend Schmunk's motion by adding to table for 30 days study.

Moderator refused to accept the amendment due to not allowing more than one motion on the floor at a time and not allowing any motions on amendments until the first motion was taken care of.

Moderator called Schmunk's motion. Motion carried.

Forester's motion to table and his motion to amend were not called. Forester pointed out that the first motion could be declared null and void due to the moderator's denial of his motions until after calling the first motion.

Motion by Dolores Kalmbach supported by Valeria Olszewski that the clerk's salary remain at \$19,000. Moderator called vote. Moderator unable to determine vote so ordered a division of the house by show of hands for yes or no. Clerk requested that an abstain also be called. Moderator appointed Valeria Olszewski and Beverly Totten to count the votes. Count was 57 yes, 13 no, 10 abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Kalmbach, supported by George King to set the salary of the supervisor at \$6,000 (increase of \$1400) effective April 1, 1990. Motion carried.

Motion by Beverly Totten, supported by George King to allow the board to buy and sell property. Motion defeated.

Under new business the moderator chaired the following items.

Motion by Carmielo Cicalo, supported by Valeria Olszewski to recommend that the township's manager give monthly sewer status reports. Motion carried.

Motion by George Schmunk, supported by George King to add two trustees to board starting with August 1990 primaries. Motion carried.

Motion by Valeria Olszewski, supported by Joe Lier to recommend that the park board be changed from a four member appointed advisory board to a six member elected park board. (Full text of resolution is on file in the township office.) Motion carried.

Motion by George Essenmacher, supported by Dolores Kalmbach to recommend that an elected six member library board replace the township board in directing the library. (Full text of the resolution is on file in the township office.) Motion defeated.

Motion by Beverly Totten, supported by Jack Forester to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Mařciã Strong, clerk