

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 1991

The regular February meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Donald White. Present for the board in addition to White were Clerk Marcia Strong; Treasurer Maria Foerster; Trustees Larry Russell, Joanne Strahm, Tom Totten and Don Voorheis. Manager James Totten was also present.

Approximately 40 residents were in attendance.

Minutes of the January 8 regular and January 9, 1991 special meetings 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 \$32,064.67 were approved for payment by motion of Voorheis, supported by Foerster. Motion carried. (5-2)

Ayes: Strong, Foerster, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis

Nays: White, Russell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to accept agreement as presented for purchase of Schian property for park conversion except for naming park Schian park (put Schian name on baseball fields instead), changing option signing date to 30 days from this date and closing date to 30 days from DNR approval.

Ayes: White, Strong, Totten

Nays: Foerster, Russell, Strahm, Voorheis Motion defeated. (3-4)

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to adopt purchasing policy as presented. Motion carried. (6-1).

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

Nays: Voorheis

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Russell to change the purchasing policy figure in relation to department head approval from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Motion carried. (6-1).

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

Nays: Strong

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Totten to table personnel policy decision until later in the meeting. Motion carried. (7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion by Russell supported by Foerster to authorize clerk to create sample administrative rules to cover taping of meetings and bring them back next month for board discussion.

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

Nays: None Motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Voorheis supported by Russell to authorize clerk

to prepare amended administrative rules as suggested by the supervisor and bring them to the next meeting. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Voorheis supported by Strong to authorize manager to bring fire runs non-residents charges resolution to next meeting for adoption. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to select three attorneys for the township to choose from through interviews. Motion carried. (6-0-1).

Ayes: White, Strong, Foerster, Strahm, Totten, Voorheis
Nays: None
Abstain: Russell "Can't have popularity contest. Know nothing about these people."

The board voted to interview Smith Bovill, Richard Austin and Jack Kerr. Clerk will arrange the special meeting as soon as is possible.

Manager gave report on Horizon sewer proposal status.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Strong supported by Totten to adopt Ordinance 91-1 (hazardous materials) as read. Motion carried. (7-0)

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

Motion by Russell supported by Voorheis to adopt Ordinance 91-2 (mechanical code). Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to set budget hearing on 91-92 budget for 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 1991 at the Birch Run Township Center, 8411 Main St., Birch Run, MI 48415
Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Strong supported by Totten to approve amended liquor license transfer from Raquepaw to Dirrim. Motion carried. (7-0)

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

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to approve dance permit for the Kenver Corporation. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Totten to add engineering of Reese Road Bridge over Dead Creek to the 1991 road projects. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Manager and supervisor presented proposed 91-92 budget which was discussed by the board.

Reports on several topics were presented by the treasurer and manager.

Motion by Voorheis supported by Strong to table the personnel policies issue to the special meeting to hire a township attorney. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Motion by Foerster, supported by Totten to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried. (7-0).

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

Marcia Strong, clerk
Birch Run Township

