

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the March Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 6 people were in the audience. Others present were Dave Matzke for the Fire Department, Brad Thomas for the Water Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library. Debbie Trevino, Treasurer was absent.

**RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: 7:01 p.m.**

Supervisor called the Budget Public Hearing to Order at 7:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:01 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.**

Ray Letterman – Gave an update on the process of the budget changes

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: 7:19 p.m.**

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the March 11, 2014 Agenda as amended.

**Yeas:** Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Letterman, Sheridan

**Nays:** Magnus

February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Sheridan to approve the February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED:** Motion by Totten seconded by Magnus to approve Invoices through 3/02/14 totaling \$91,305.11.

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

**Nays:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:22 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.**

Sherrie Gubbons - Are more ball fields going to be made at the park.

**PASSED:** Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance plan CB PPO Platinum with the employee paying 20% of the premium.

**Yeas:** Moore, Magnus, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein

**Nays:** Letterman

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Corey Trinklein – Volunteer Energy rates have increased. We need to look at using an off-site data storage. The Park Plan was approved by the DNR.

Ray Letterman – Talked to County Road and put in for the next mile of Burt Rd. and bringing road like last year. There was damage to the new section of Burt Rd. through the winter. Bicycles near Meijer has gone through court and the Township was found in favor.

Fred Sheridan – Next Planning Commission meeting is next Monday.

Pam Moore – Wanted to thank Corey for following through and correcting errors on the Conditional Transfer Agreement that could have cost the Township more money.

Ed Magnus – Wanted to know what the status was of the Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance. Has

questions regarding the Planning Commission Board Recommendation ready for approval at the next board meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Brad Thomas – Lawn mowing bids will be in for the next board meeting and wants to know if there will be a committee to review the bids.**

**Dave Matzke – Last month there were 52 calls. So far we have cut six calls using the Medical Control Authority's focused response agreement. There was a great turnout to the fireman's fundraiser for one of the firefighters wives.**

**Jeanette Morrish – There is a Barnes & Noble Bookfair on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Friends of the Library is doing a fundraiser on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Needed a transfer of \$2,000 to cover budget overages.**

**PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Magnus to approve a committee to review lawn mowing bids consisting of Ray Letterman, Fred Sheridan and Brady Totten.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve transferring \$2,000.00 from Township savings to the Library Fund to cover budget overages.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the March Budget Amendments as presented.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Resolution #2014-03 (2014-15 Budget) as amended.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Fire Protection Special Assessment Millage amount of 1 mill. pursuant to Act 33 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1951.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Magnus to approve Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas & Luplow for the next three years as the Townships auditing firm per the attached quote.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the Village of Birch Run Police Protection Services.**

**Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus**

**Nays: Letterman**

**PASSED: Motion by Totten seconded by Moore to approve the Village of Birch Run Police Protection Services for DDA Services pending approval from the Birch Run Township DDA Board.**

**Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus**

**Nays: Letterman**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve Tom Gruno to use all four baseball diamonds and the pavilion at the Birch Run Township Park for a fundraiser for the TC Legends traveling baseball team on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Nays:**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve purchasing four new computers from Zimco not to exceed \$4,302.00.**

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

**Nays:**

**February 11, 2014 Closed Session Meeting Minutes were discussed.**

**PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the February 11, 2014 Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.**

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

**Nays:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**PASSED: Motion by Letterman seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.**

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

**Nays:**

**Corey Trinklein**

**Birch Run Township Clerk**

**Approved: April 8, 2014\_\_\_\_\_**