

## REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 1991

The regular April meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Supervisor Donald White.

Present for the board in addition to White were Marcia Strong, clerk Maria Foerster, treasurer; Larry Russell, Thomas Totten and Donald Voorheis, trustees. James Totten Manager was also present. Joanne Strahm, trustee was absent.

Approximately 75 citizens were in attendance.

Motion by Foerster, supported by Totten to approve minutes as read by the clerk of regular meeting held on March 12, March 12 budget hearing and March 26 special meeting. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Josephine Essenmacher addressed the board on various township related issues.

Motion by Totten, supported by Strong to close public comment. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Motion by Foerster, supported by Totten to approve for payment current invoices totaling \$69,642.12 and Jack Kerr's \$9,506.52 billing presented in March. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Motion by Foerster, supported by Totten to authorize the purchase of the Schian park property site for the agreed upon \$85,000 with an \$8,500 good faith deposit to be applied to the purchase price at the time of closing. The deposit to be non-refundable except in the event that the site is not approved by the proper authorities. The Schian name to be on a ball diamond as previously proposed. The township to pay the costs of the purchase as previously proposed. Motion carried. (5-1).

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

Motion by Russell, supported by Voorheis to have clerk contact attorney to have purchase agreement drawn up to be presented to Schians with their answer back to board one week prior to the May board meeting. Motion carried. (5-1)

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

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to hire Charles Abdella as the township's code enforcement officer effective immediately. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

An amendment to the motion to change the job title died for lack of support. Motion by Russell.

Motion by Strong, supported by Foerster to adopt Ordinance 91-3 (non-resident charges for fire runs). Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Totten, supported by Russell to table indefinitely a decision on auditing for issues raised in a letter from supervisor to State Treasurer's office. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to support replacement of Block Road bridge over the Dead Creek due to its importance to agricultural community and traffic into and out of Frankenmuth. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to support replacement of Beyer Road Bridge over Half Moon Drain due to developing residential growth and the need to provide essential services to the area. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Manager will gather letters of support and prepare packet for Saginaw County Road Commission.

Motion by Foerster, supported by Totten to name First of America as the depository of all township funds for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to set board's regular monthly meetings for 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Birch Run Township Center, 8411 Main St., Birch Run. Dates for the 91-92 meetings will be May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Motion by Russell, supported by Totten to hold a special joint dinner meeting with the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township and the Village of Birch Run at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 29 at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth to discuss areas of mutual concern. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Motion by Russell supported by Voorheis to accept Jerry

Trinklein's resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Motion by Russell, supported by Voorheis to approve the supervisor's appointment of Betty Kern to the Planning Commission for the remainder of Trinklein's term expiring in March, 1992.

Motion defeated. (3-3)

Ayes: White, Russell, Voorheis

Nays: Strong, Foerster, Totten

Motion by Russell, supported Foerster to authorize the clerk to contact Robert Hotaling through the Michigan Municipal League to conduct a basic zoning workshop for the township board, planning commission and board of appeals. Workshop to be held in May if possible. Motion carried. (6-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to reappoint Ken Hauck and Roger Foster to the township's building board of appeals.

Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Supervisor discussed cemetery. Clerk will contact area cemeteries for lot sale prices and sample cemetery ordinances and report in June.

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Totten to establish a fire needs study committee and to appoint the following to this committee; James Totten, manager; James Letterman, fire chief; Marcia Strong, clerk; and Jack Forester and Tom Brown. citizen representatives. Committee report due back in 180 days. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Motion by Voorheis supported by Russell to table indefinitely establishing of a press release policy. Motion carried.

(6-0).

Ayes: White, Strong, Roerster, Russell, Totten, Voorheis

Nays: None

Motion by Strong, supported by Voorheis to establish a fee of \$1 per book obtained through interlibrary loan at Fleschner Library. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Supervisor discussed nuisance ordinance. Manager will report by June on all aspects of such an ordinance.

Clerk read letters regarding previously requested legal opinions on fencing of dilapidated building, increasing planning commission size, protective inspection permit fees, clerk and treasurer salaries, and manager contract.

Report from planning commission on agricultural zone setbacks and front yard definition was presented.

Board went into executive session at 10:30 p.m. at the request of James Totten, manager to complete his performance evaluation.

Board returned from executive session at 10:55 p.m.

Manager presented a sewer status report.

Motion by Strong, supported by Totten to have manager submit sewer plans to all appropriate agencies. Motion carried.

Ayes: white, Strong, Foerster, Russell, Totten, Voorheis

Nays: None

Motion by Voorheis, supported by Totten to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Motion carried. (6-0).

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

Nays: None

Marcia Strong, clerk