## BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP - MONTHLY MEETING

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025

"Pledge of Allegiance"

Chairman – Curt Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present: Curt Meyer - Chairman, Andy Bray - Supervisor & Road Supervisor, Tony Peterson — Supervisor & Twp Weed Control, Sue Falk-Clerk & Corinna Wynn-Treasurer

Public present: T&A Becker Services-Tricia & Andy Becker, Brenda Bray, Randy Bush, Todd Brooke

Motion to approve Clerk's minutes for the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 monthly meeting. Bray/Meyer

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Meyer/Bray

Supervisor Meyer stated attended a land commission meeting last week and he would like to see at least one of our supervisors start attending them from now on. When Clerk Sue receives notice of the meetings she will let the supervisors know, but each Supervisor should be getting them in the mail or as an email from the Cass Count Environment Services Dept. (ESD).

Display boards Ordinance in Hackensack-Supervisor Meyer wants us to pay attention to our township in our area if any of these type of signs go up. We can watch and pay attention to what the Cass county Ordinance states on them.

Township Website-Cost would be basically \$500 for the domain and \$500 to load it \$500 for the first 3 years with 24/7 customer service. It will bring our township back up to speed on the minutes, plowing, ect. If it's over \$1200, then Supervisor Andy Bray will pay the remaining amount owed. He will monitor it and load it. Motion Peterson/Second Meyer

Chairman Meyer wants to discuss the Addendum to the Fire & Rescue Contract—Meyer motions to retract the Addendum because he feels it is not our place to ask for those records from the Fire Dept. The fire chief and command staff has a good grip on it. We feel we have a lot of faith in the fire dept. and it wasn't a deal breaker and it is fine if they don't send it to us. It was state that the fire chief is ultimately responsible. Supervisor Bray said he was just looking at accountability to the taxpayers. Seconded by Supervisor Peterson. Supervisor Bray votes against this motion.

Flags for township hall. Supervisor Bray checked into it and he is resurrecting a flag with a pole and eagle for inside our town hall on his own accord. We will wait until spring to replace the outside flag, pole and light.

Cass county Emergency Plan Review-with Chad Emery- Chairman Meyer has brought in the plan for the board signing off on-April 22<sup>nd</sup> Cass County Emergency Management Meeting. Chairman Meyer will attend and learn more and bring back to our April meeting.

Motion by Peterson to approve/second by Bray for new computer for Clerk Sue – all in favor – In a year or 2 order a new laptop for Treasurer Corinna.

Clerk Sue, Chairman Meyer & Supervisor Bray will go to Breezy Point short course.

Motion to move May meeting to Monday, May 19th at it's regular place and time

Supervisor Bray and Andy Becker will be getting together and did a road break down and bring it to the Annual meeting 2025 that was required for the annual meeting.

Motion to combine the Board of Audit Meeting and Regular February meetings from now on beginning in 2026. Bray/Meyer/all in favor

Motion to appoint a Board Vice Chair – tabled for a different time.

Review current Snow & Ice Policy — Looking at creating a new Policy. Table until the March regular meeting.

Review policy speed limits on certain township roads—Bray researched and we can post 35 mph and pass a resolution on it and record it with the county. Clerk Sue will look if we created a Resolution for the lady where we posted speed limit and stop sign down by Stony Lake.

Motion to pay all bills: Meyer/Bray

Motion to adjourn: Meyer/Peterson

Chairman Curt Meyer\_

Clerk Sue Falk