

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

MONDAY, MAY 21ST, 2018

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

THE BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 21ST, 2018 BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FREEMAN.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN FREEMAN, RON BENESH, SUSAN J. FALK, BRENDA THARP-BRAY

ERICK JACOBSON-ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT: JAY CLINE-CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

BRIAN GROGAN ESQ-TDS TELECOM, BRAD PERSON ESQ-BREEN & PERSON, LEVI HOLSAPPLE-CONSTRUCTION CO.

CLERK'S MINUTES READ AND APPROVED. BENESH/JACOBSON

TREASURER'S MINUTES READ AND APPROVED. BENESH/JACOBSON

JAY CLINE-CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. They are a membership based organization made up of businesses and governmental partners who believe that our communities need more jobs and a broader tax based. The EDC was organized in 1997. They have helped more than 90 businesses start or expand in Cass County and have created 1100 new jobs. The EDC is financially supported from the continued memberships of the businesses and cities that originally formed the organization. Contributions from Cass County, cities and townships provide regular operating funds so they can provide needed services.

MOTION FOR LEVI HOLSAPPLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CONTINUE MOWING FOR Birch Lake Twp AT \$70.00 AN HOUR AT APPROXIMATELY 100 HOURS. BENESH/FREEMAN

MOTION FOR BRENDA THARP-BRAY--TREASURER TO ATTEND THE SUMMER SHORT COURSE IN JUNE. BENESH/FREEMAN

MOTION FOR SUE FALK--CLERK TO EMAIL SHARON K. ANDERSON-ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR THE BALLOT QUESTION FORM OF PLACING THE POSITIONS OF CLERK AND TREASURER AS APPOINTED OFFICIALS ON THE NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018 ELECTION BALLOT. THE STATUTE WAS REVIEWED AND WILL BE ATTACHED FOR HER CONVENIENCE. BENESH/FREEMAN

THE BALLOT QUESTION WILL APPEAR AS:

1. Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town?
2. Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the treasurer by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town?

BRENDA-TOWNSHIP WEBSITE MOTION TO GET WEBSITE MOVING BENESH/FREEMAN

BRIAN GROGAN ESQ-TDS TELECOM AND BRAD PERSON ESQ FOR BIRCH LAKE TWP –WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO AND AGREEMENT TO APPROVE THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE BETWEEN BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP AND ARVIG TELEPHONE COMPANY (D/B/A TDS TELECOM) NUMBERED #2018-02.

MOTION TO APPROVE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED WITH STATEMENT ON EASEMENT.

ORDINANCE #2018-02

WITNESSED AND ATTESTED BY BRAD PERSON ESQ

BENESH/FREEMAN

MOTION TO PUT ADD IN PAPERS ABOUT MAIL BALLOT VOTING AND INFORMATION ON OUR NEW WEBSITE AS THE 2018 ELECTION CAMPAIGN APPROACHES FOR 2018. BENESH/FREEMAN

CD’S-BANK FORWARD IS MEETING THE RATES CURRENTLY THAT FNB WALKER WOULD PAY.

.20 & .25 OLD RATES NEW RATES ARE .5 & .75 MOTION BENESH/FREEMAN

MOTION FOR SUE TO DO A SURVEY AND DISCUSS NEXT MONTH ON RAISES FOR ALL BOARD POSITIONS AND E-MAIL SURVEY TO ALL CLERKS.

MOTION FOR ERIK JACOBSON TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN JUNE 2018. FREEMAN/BENESH

MOTION TO DENY DONATION TO HACK CHAMBER FOR FIREWORKS. FREEMAN/BENESH

MOTION TO PAY ALL BILLS #5136-5145 FREEMAN/BENESH

MOTION TO ADJOURN: BENESH/FREEMAN

CLERK-SUSAN J. FALK