



BIRCH RUN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 AT 7:00PM
ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE
ZOOM MEETING ID: 871 3856 8999
DIAL IN: 1-301-715-8592

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Marianne Nelson at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 22, 2021 stating that this meeting is being held as an electronic meeting as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020 and all members will be participating remotely, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: President Marianne Nelson, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan; Council Members: James Totten, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan; Tom White, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan; Blaike Stafford, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan; Matthew Welch, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan

Others Present: Paul T. Moore, DDA Director/Village Manager; Lisa Duffett, DDA Secretary/Village Treasurer; Jason Leidel, Police Chief; Marty Hauck, DPW Foreman; Courtney Damsen, Deputy Clerk; Pam Moore, Birch Run-Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce Director

Approval of Agenda

Motion by White, supported by Totten to approve the agenda

Ayes: Totten, White, Nelson, Stafford, Welch

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. February 22, 2021- Regular Village Council Meeting

Motion by Welch, supported by White to approve the February 22, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes

Ayes: White, Nelson, Stafford, Welch, Totten

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Citizens seeking information or giving input on matter of interest to the Village Council (Time Limit of 5 Minutes Each)

1. Pam Moore, Director of the Birch Run-Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, requested approval to display a large banner on the fire hall as well as signs along Church Street from May 13, 2021 until the end of the month to honor the graduating class of 2021. Motion by Welch, supported by Totten to allow the Birch Run-Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce to display a large banner as well as signs along Church Street from May 13, 2021 until the end of the month to honor the graduating class of 2021.

Ayes: Nelson, Stafford, Welch, Totten, White

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Financial Matters

1. Motion to approve Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expenditure Report for all Village funds as of February 28, 2021

Motion by Welch, supported by White to approve Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expenditure Report for all Village funds as of February 28, 2021

Ayes: Stafford, Welch, Totten, White, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion Carried

2. Motion to approve Invoice GL Distribution Report in the amount of \$79,834.70 for payment as presented and Gross Payroll & Payroll Related Transmittals of \$96,162.05 for February, 2021 (payroll reflects 2 pay periods)

Motion by White, supported by Totten approve Invoice GL Distribution Report in the amount of \$79,834.70 for payment as presented and Gross Payroll & Payroll Related Transmittals of \$96,162.05 for February, 2021 (payroll reflects 2 pay periods)

Ayes: Welch, Totten, White, Nelson, Stafford

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

1. Resolution #21-009, Appointment of Amy Dasky as a full-time Police Officer

Motion by Totten, supported by Stafford to approve Resolution #21-009, Appointment of Amy Dasky as a full-time Police Officer

Ayes: Totten, White, Nelson, Stafford, Welch

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Departmental Reports

1. Chief of Police report was presented by Leidel. Leidel shared that Officer Amy Dasky continues to progress and will hopefully be in her own patrol vehicle come May. Leidel also shared the news of Officer Manuel Trevino retiring April 21st. He also shared that Officer Nelson George has been awarded Officer of the Year by the area Chiefs of Police and that he is proud of his good work.
2. Building and Zoning Administrator report was reviewed.
3. DPW Foreman report was presented by Hauck. Hauck shared that the department has been doing preparation work to hang the American Flags as well as the Hometown Hero banners for the season. Hauck also shared that Helm Electric has been doing repairs to underground wiring and will be installing plugs on the arch to be able to plug Christmas lights into. He also shared that he has been reviewing the civil engineering plans for Camping World and passing on any corrections and suggestions to them that are relevant to the Village.
4. Village Treasurer report was presented by Duffett.
5. Village Clerk's report was reviewed.
6. Village Manager's report was presented by Moore. Moore shared that the 2021 Annual Dinner will not be happening again this year due to the current COVID-19 guidelines. Moore also shared that the Village staff is working on 2021-2022 Budget preparation and the preliminary draft will be put together for the April 26, 2021 Village Council Meeting. Moore shared that Chief Leidel and himself attended a presentation by the Birch Run Wellness Center on March 18th. They would like to present this material to the Village Council in hopes to change the Village's stance on the retail sale of Marijuana within the Village. Moore then stated that the Public Act 254 of 2020 is set to expire at the end of the month, so therefore, public meetings are to go back to in-person starting April 1, 2021. Lastly, Moore shared that the Chamber of Commerce was very happy with the outcome of the virtual 2020 Best of Awards.

Ayes: White, Nelson, Stafford, Welch, Totten

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Other

1. Motion to schedule a Special Village Council Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 or Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 pm

Motion by Welch, supported by Totten to schedule a Special Village Council Meeting on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Ayes: Nelson, Stafford, Welch, Totten, White

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Announcements *(All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers unless noted)*

1. DDA Board of Directors Meeting- Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:30 am
2. Village Council Meeting- Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

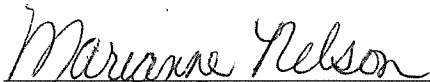
Adjournment

Motion by Welch, supported by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm

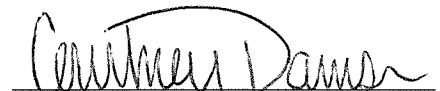
Ayes: Stafford, Welch, Totten, White, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion Carried



Marianne Nelson
Council President



Courtney Damsen
Deputy Clerk