

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019**

Call to Order: Supervisor Tim Mester called meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Members Present Per Roll Call: Brian Johnson, Len Pytlak, Carl Malott, Linda McSweyn and Tim Mester

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Mester

Public Comments: Greg Bates had concerns on the sewer system and if the township was going to be moving forward with phase II and III. He would be more than glad to be on the committee and be involved. Don Zakett gave an update on the Four Lakes Task Force stating that the Lake Level Court Order was signed by the judge and handed out flyers. Four Lakes Task Force can be contacted at four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com, facebook.com/FourLakesTaskForce/ and four.lakes.mi@gmail.com. Tristan C. Hewitt introduced himself as the new Gladwin County Conservation District Administrator and gave a brief update.

Approval of the Agenda: Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions - Zoning Administration Report, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Newsletter, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Len Pytlak motioned to approve minutes for the Billings Township Board Meeting May 13, 2019 and Special Board Meeting June 6, 2nd by Linda McSweyn, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motioned carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Brian motioned to approve the bills with the addition of 3 invoices for May, 2019, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Len Pytlak gave an updated treasurers report. Brian Johnson motioned to accept May, 2019 Treasurers Report, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A flyer "I'm Riding This to Fight Kid's Cancer " was dropped off by Sharon St. Croix for sponsorship for this June. Sponsor contact information is [tps:greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/SharonStCroix](https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/SharonStCroix). Newsletter was presented at meeting and a discussion took place. KCI needs to be contacted about possible 2 pages and the newsletter needs to be condensed. It was already approved and set up that KCI would process a one page two sided newsletter anything in addition will cost more. It was agreed that the newsletter needs to be condensed before going to KCI. This will need to be done soon. Received and update report from APM.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent reported – that he has a heavy maintenance schedule this summer and would like to submit a schedule with approximate cost. He also mentioned he has an invoice for \$1,036.50 for radio maintenance and a coat that was approved previously and invoice was just received for \$1,180.79.

Fire Chief's Report (cont.): Al is having someone to inspect the fire hall, township hall and the park and the recreation buildings. Dive Team did three day training and they are ready to go. Brian Johnson motioned to pay Anderson Radio and the coat, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Township Fire Department had 21 calls reported from May 12, 2019 to June 7, 2019

WWTP REPORT: Andy reported the Monthly Operating which covers May, 2019. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 3.4 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during May, 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 109,800 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 164,960 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. All equipment was de-winterized and the summer clarifier is in service. There were 3 – alarm callouts during the month. 1 – Station #25 Bad Transducer, 1 - Station #25 Pump #1 not pumping, 1 – Grinder pump at 1148 Beach St quit working.

DWP: Nothing to report.

Ordinance Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Zoning Administration Reports: A May 2019 report was submitted by Brian Johnson. He reported 8 new zoning applications, several phone calls dealing with violations, 26 phone/email conversations pertaining to zoning permits applications and property, and 2 applications waiting on info. May 2019 Violations and Appeals were reported: Hommel Variance application received and hearing scheduled for Jul 11.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Rose Malott, Chairperson reported a ZBA variance was held on May 9, 2019 Variance was approved. Five members of ZBA attended training in Grayling on May 16, 2019.

Park and Recreation Report: Larry Woodward, Park & Recs Vice-Chair gave report on the Park & Recreation. He Mentioned the Doggie Do Stations were ordered and received. We have already started setting in the posts for Doggie Do Stations. We have already set the posts, and waiting for the concrete to set for the signs saying "All Dogs Must be on a Leash". Larry said there are 7 dead trees and/or they are dying that need removal. They are a safety issue. He has already received bids and will bring this up at the June 18, 2019 meeting at 6:00 p.m. Carl Malott asked if he could be showed which trees are going to be removed. Larry said they are marked. He said the committee was approached about the pit toilets and their removal. After a special meeting it was decided to keep the pit toilets and update them. Only one bid has been received at this time. We are working on the playground equipment and this is a priority to them. Butch and I are having an expert inspector to look at our playground and he is a state certified. We will be doing this in the next few weeks.

Commissioners Report: Joel M Vernier reported that the Gladwin County is making energy upgrades to the boilers and windows to help reduce the energy spending. He attended the Four Lakes Task Force non-public

Commissioners Report (cont.): meeting on May 16th. Joel gave a brief update that things are going in the right direction and that a purchase agreement will hopefully be in June. There are three cases of Tuberculosis in Central Michigan. Mid-Michigan Community Action (MMCA) group is for low income residence that needs help/assistance with homes (such as windows, doors, etc.), student loan program, and basic needs (food assistance, heating etc.), Address is 1302 Chatterton, Suite 2, Gladwin, MI 48624, PH: 989-426-2801 Website: mmcaa.org.

Old Business: Tim Mester gave an update on the heating and cooling system to be installed by O'Hare that we are on the list. Clerk and Supervisor still have problems with their computers and it was stated that we need a larger server. Brian is working with Midland Computer Solutions.

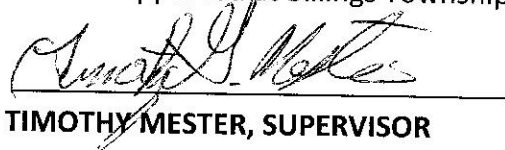
New Business: Tim mentioned that Secord has an agreement with the Sherriff department on Noise Control. The Sherriff is looking for a common Noise Control Ordinance across the townships that they can support. We have a Noise Control Ordinance but it is out dated and the sheriff will not enforce. The board is to review Tim will be speaking to our attorney on this matter. MiDeal program is a purchasing program through the state. You can purchase anything and there are booklets to show what can be purchased. Examples: Cars, Trucks, Tractor. Brian Johnson motioned to purchase the MiDeal program for the fee of \$180.00, 2nd by Lyn Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Brian Johnson motioned to accept 2019 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, 2nd by Len Pytlak, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motioned carried.


Board Comments: None

Adjournment: Tim Mester motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Len Pytlak, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:03 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting


TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

July 8th, 2019
DATE

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK