

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 09, 2018**

Call to Order: Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present Per Roll Call: Larry Nelson, Carl Malott, Linda McSweyn and Larry Grell

Members Absent: Brian Johnson, Excused

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Larry Nelson motioned to approve the agenda with the two additional items, fire and medical service for Grim Township and penalties for Bad Checks, motion 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 Special Budget Workshop Minutes, March 12, 2018 Board Minutes, March 24, 2018 Budget Public Budget Hearing Minutes and the March 24, 2018 Annual Minutes, motion 2nd by Carl Malott. Roll Call Vote: Carl Malott – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Larry Grell – Yes, and Brian Johnson - Excused Absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Larry Grell informed the board of a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to approve the payment of bills for March 2018. This meeting has been already posted.

Fire Chief's Report: Two new applications for firefighters were submitted to Larry Grell and Linda McSweyn. Larry Grell asked for a motion to approve the two new firefighters. Larry Nelson motioned to approve the two firefighters, 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried. Al gave update on the new fire truck. Larry Grell questioned if we needed additional insurance on the new Fire Truck. Al will check into this. Grim Township has approached us for fire and medical protection. Al said we are running there anyway so we may as well get paid for it. Larry Grell and I discussed charging them \$3,000 a year. We are talking about approximate 40 to 45 houses. Need to find out if they want a 1 yr. contract. Al thinks the Grimm board meeting maybe tomorrow and he will attend to find out the details. Billings Twp. Fire Dept. will use the same contract that we have with Bentley Twp. just insert the name Grim Twp where needed. Larry Grell made a motion to accept Grim Twp at \$3,000.00, 2nd by Larry Nelson. Roll Call Vote: Carl Malott – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Larry Grell – Yes and Brian Johnson – Excused Absent. Motion carried.

Fire department had 34 calls from March 12, to April 9, 2018.

WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala -- Monthly Operating report which covers March 2018. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.105 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and it was given full treatment during March 1, of 2018. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 67,903 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 93,117 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There were 3 - alarm callouts during the month—High and Low Level Alarms at Various Stations. Dave DeGrand will be back as a Supervisor for part of Michigan for Infrastructure.

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Roads: Larry Grell reported on roads. I will be doing a ride around with the county to look at a couple of places that need ditching.

Park and Recreation Report: Rose Malott, Park & Rec Chair mentioned that the Billings Township Easter Egg Hunt had a small turnout this year. (County of Gladwin had many Easter Egg Hunts that day). The children went home with tons of eggs filled with candy. We will continue with the events we have had in the past years. June Fishing Tournament is 9th and 10th flyers are on the table. This tournament is open to everyone. Please join us.

Commissioners Report: Sandy Aultman gave update on public hearing held on March 13th before their regular meeting. This was held for public comment on the bike trail and applications to the MI National Trust Fund to fund the bike trail. The only public comment we got was Gladwin City Manager Bob Moffit. He confirmed that \$89,700.00 will be coming from Recreational Authority. The regular meeting followed Commissioner Smith asked about the appointments to the Animal Control Board that we had talked about earlier after the millage passed and Chairman Walters said he is not ready to make those appointments yet at this time and is still determining on how many people to have and kind of board he wants to have. Cash balance that morning \$26,927.10. Gypsy Moss spraying in both Grout and Sherman Township will be going on it will approximate 80 acres. We approved a Resolution to apply for the grant to the Michigan National Trust for the bike trail. FEMA maps with the flood plains have been established. On March 27 the cash balance was \$235,281.18. There was a Resolution and support of project funds for City Transit and Grant monies to come from the State and Federal organizations that will support the transit.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Larry Grell talked about the letter he received on Charter Communication from our lawyer. Carl Malott asked if we were going to get internet service here at the hall from Charter. Larry Grell asked Al Vincent, Fire Chief to get him the number of the guy from Charter he called for fire department for the installation. Larry Grell made a motion to approve the contract with Charter, 2nd by Larry Nelson, 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent. Motioned carried. Board of Review had very few people show up. The assessors are doing a fine job. Last week we repaired the Billings Township hall furnace.

New Business: Spring cleanup for tire and yard waste dumpsters are at the sewer plant. The last week in April is the regular MTA Conference attending will be Larry Grell, Supervisor, Linda McSweyn, Clerk and Larry Nelson, Treasurer. Larry Nelson talked about check returns. The bank usually charged the township \$10 to \$25 dollars and not to mention the administrative work. I was always able to get the fee waived. Well now the bank quite waiving the fee. I have no choice but to charge the tax and/or sewer payer a fee. I received two returned bad checks, one from the tax payer account and sewer account this week. Not sure of the amount at this time that will be charged until I speak with the bank manager. Just want everyone to know this is coming. Larry Grell asked if he wanted anything approved at this time. Larry Nelson said no that he was just going to do it.

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Public Comments: Rose Malott said we have a volunteer Len Pytlak for the Park and Recreation Committee. Larry Grell made a motion for Len Pytlak to be a member on the park committee, 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motioned carried. Al Vincent spoke about an evacuation plan and that EMS makes the decision on whom they send on calls.

Board Comments: Carl Malott asked if anything can be done with the bad spot on the ceiling in the township hall. Larry Grell answered as soon as the weather permits the township roof will be shingled and the ceiling inside will be done this year. Larry Nelson mentioned that Mary Offenbecker passed. She was a lifetime resident of the Township and at one time she was the Clerk for Billings Township and John Jakovac passed and he held the office of Supervisor. Larry Nelson wanted them to be recognized for their service.

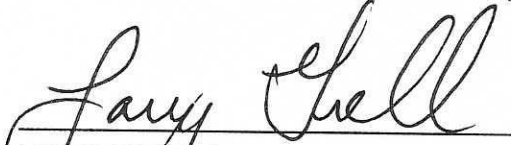
Adjournment: Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2nd by Carl Malott, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

May 14, 2018

DATE


LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR


LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK

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