

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2017 - CORRECTED

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carl Malott, Larry Grell, Brian Johnson

Members Absent: Larry Nelson, Lydia Goschke

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Carl Malott 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Carl Malott made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Board Meeting of July 10, 2017, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be paid: Brian Johnson made a motion to approve bills to be paid, Carl Malott 2nd. Roll Call: all yeas, motion carried.

Audit: is done; Robert Klaczkiewicz, CPA, handed copies to the board. Reviewed several pages, went over fund balances for General and Sewer funds. Township is in a good financial position. They will submit the audit to the state of Michigan by September 30, 2017. Larry Grell will bring audit up for approval at next board meeting when all board members are present. Carl Malott made a motion to table until next month's meeting, Brian Johnson 2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report: Had more runs than listed on hand out. Ordered new air packs. Has application for new fire fighter, Katie Vaughan. Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the new fire fighter, Carl Malott 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

WWTP Report: Larry Grell read Andy Gwizdala's report. Everything performed well, bought new autoclave, \$3200, old one failed. Repair on leaking grinder pump. Andy doing good job. Rural Development requires WWTP report for gallons treated, etc.

Roads – Dave Pettesch: gave annual report on how they spent money in our township. Larry Grell noted the good work replacing a tube on Burling Dr. Chip and seal on Wieman and Wixom roads at no charge to township. Jones Road being done now. We need to pass millage in upcoming election. This is very important, monies collected from all the townships to improve roads. Mowing grass on corners to improve visibility, will have boom arm equipment to do further mowing soon. Bad news no further funding, good news we didn't lose any funding so we will get some projects done.

Parks & Recreation Report: Rose Malott presented information and pricing for new kitchen stove for park building. Brand new, natural gas unit, \$1400.00, best buy and pricing. Larry Grell made a motion to wait until the two absent board members look at it. If they okay it, we'll go ahead and purchase it. When we get it, would like to have it hooked up right away so we can use

it. Brian Johnson felt they were moving too fast because building restoration not complete yet. Rose Malott said pricing was exceptional, should not miss opportunity. Brian Johnson said should put money in building now and wait for stove purchase. Larry Grell said wait to see what absent board members say. If we need a special meeting, we'll do that. Rose Malott talked about Pancake Breakfast Event coming up on August 26th. Cleaning out park garage to clear space to store Trunk & Treat decorations/bins. No date set yet for Trunk & Treat Event. Talked to electrician about re-wiring building, perhaps donating some time and materials. Will contact electrical companies in the area for donations (wiring/switches, etc.) Still waiting for spray-in insulation companies' bids, another company, Parsons Company in Beaverton, will give us a quote too. Inspection tomorrow on park septic system, see what needs to be fixed/replaced, etc. Will need a permit to do the work. Craft/vendor show, only 3 vendors, but sales were good, brisk sales on hot dogs and hamburgers, (enough to pay for food permit) and \$85 in Park n Rec t-shirt sales.

Correspondence: Larry Grell received a notice, on October 4th around 8:00 a.m. there will be a tour of road projects done by the road commission. Carl Malott would like to come. No FEMA funds coming in to Gladwin County for roads, but a little for residential. Larry Grell talked to Emergency Manager, trying to get us another siren for our township through a grant. We'll put it down at the southern end of the township. Flyers for APM Mosquito Control and information available. We will allow an extra spraying if mosquitos are really bad.

Old Business: **Garbage pick-up** one day a week (Tuesdays), for the whole township. **Recycling** pick-ups on Tuesdays, alternate weeks for east and west sides of the lake. Calendars available at the hall. Oslund Drive Recycle pick-up on Wednesdays, they need a smaller truck. Yard waste and tires, use dumpsters at sewer plant. Call ahead. **Senior citizens lunch.** Al Vincent got note to do inspection of hall, so we are right on track to open up again. **Hazardous waste** collection in Gladwin on the 26th. **New internet service.** Brian Johnson has some information, research bringing it out to sewer plant. He will find out why west side of Jones Road can get it, East side (includes sewer plant), can't.

New Business: Larry Grell has packet outlining costs of putting our residents' **tax information on line**, and available to the public through BS&A. Brian Johnson suggested we wait until full board attendance because of the cost of doing this. It will be a great asset to township saving man-hours and money. **New assessments** for Janice Ln. and Oslund Dr. for road improvements/paving. The Township is looking at accepting the invitation to loan the money, based on a 3 year contract. Sid Hansen discussed process and costs. Larry Grell also working with Phil Fusco of Oslund Dr. Gladwin County will not pave these roads. Brian Johnson made a motion to accept proposals, Carl Malott 2nd, all ayes, motion carried. There will also be two more public hearings. **Billings Township** has a road millage on November's ballot. If passed we will have money to match the county's repair and maintain roads. Secord Township has had their road millage 18 years and has only 3 miles left of unpaved roads.

New Business (Cont'd):

No fishing signs up at cemetery. DeLisle Landscaping work complete at cemetery. Filled in gaps at seawall, and big ruts at road end adjacent to cemetery. Whatever dirt we have left from cemetery will be taken out to the park. Our new lot for cemetery will be surveyed by Statewide and DeLisle will remove mound of dirt from septic tank field there. Will also move fence over, and clean brush.

Township well didn't pass last water test. Well person coming to inspect/troubleshoot. Discussed getting bottled water for pancake breakfast. Wells at park passed test. **Work on hall;** need new roof and also air conditioner needs replacing. May replace furnace at same time, both units are old. **Five more lots will be cleared of blight** when money comes through from the county. Gladwin county treasurer is trying to get some money for us to pay off half of the sewer assessment on each of the lots that have been cleared already. Make them more attractive for resale.

Public Comments:

Resident of Mallard – name not given. Property owners at end of Mallard Court are changing the “grade” at end of road and at water's edge. Water drainage now pooling in front of his house. Also suspect's construction of new well and septic locations is in violation of ordinances. Larry Grell said he would take a look at it.

Board Comments:

Absent board members: Larry Nelson out of town, Lydia Goschke, medical problem. Mapping of the cemetery continues, it's a big project. Hoping to put it on software in near future. Bret Witte our Sexton, will be helping with layout of new section.

Adjournment:

Larry Grell made a motion to adjourn, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Larry Grell Township Supervisor
Transcribed by Lydia Goschke, Township Clerk