

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2017**

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

Members Present: Lydia Goschke, Carl Malott, Larry Grell

Members Absent: Brian Johnson, Larry Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Carl Malott Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda, Larry Grell 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 May 8, 2017, Larry Grell 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Fire Chief's Report: Sixty-nine runs; false fire report called in and volunteer fireman's new truck parked in our lot stolen. Thief was caught. Dive team had several calls. Larry Grell talked about grant we received from Rural Development, \$20,000 for new air packs. That will buy one-half of what we need; will try for \$40,000 grant next year to get rest. New camera system installed to secure front parking lot.

Roads: Getting Pinconning and Anderson roads prepped.

WWTP Report: Andy Gwizdala reported 2.76 million gallons treated, average daily flow approximately 89,000 daily. Larry Grell explained problems we had with Consumers Energy has now been fixed. No permit violations.

Correspondence: APM Mosquito Control, wet weather caused set-back, but on schedule now. Republic Services rate adjustment to new rate \$9.30/unit effective July 20, 2017

Old Business: Garbage pick-up for bothsides of lake will be on Tuesdays. Large carts for recycling coming soon. Dumpsters for yard waste and tires still at Sewer Plant, call ahead to make sure gate will be open. Larry Grell had a meeting at the township hall with director of Council on Aging regarding reinstating senior lunches; about 25 seniors attended. Larry Grell thinks manager of our area resigned and a retired former manager came back to fill the position for now.

New Business: Rose Malott announced the theme for our 4th of July Parade is "Hot Summer Days". Larry Grell will check on getting application for parade permit. Carl Malott reported on fishing tournament Parks and Rec held that past weekend. Seventeen adults, 9 youths; discussed prizes given, had a lot of sponsors this year, it was a lot of fun with good food and cash prizes and trophies given out. Volunteers did great job. Carl's daughter got prize for largest fish. Barb Johnston's memorial bench is at the community park. Flowers at the park and the township hall signs planted by Gladwin Master Gardener's Club.

Public Comments: Commissioner's report by Sandra Aultman: Animal Control asking for ½ mil; grant money from Homeland Security for jail/cameras/Tasers. Replace 911 dispatcher who left. Equalization costs brought down to \$2.25/parcel after talking to Billings Township assessors. Larry Aldrich noticed trash barrel by Estey Road bridge in the area people fish and park, is over-flowing. Who can take care of it.....Larry Grell will.

Board Comments: Carl Malott reported someone hit the new dock at the public launch and broke off a pole and just threw it on the ground. Some complaints think dock isn't positioned correctly. Carl Malott would like to also help manage the sign in front of the township hall. Get with Brian Johnson to learn software. Larry Grell said he will be sending more letters in a shorter period of time to push those residents with high grass/weeds in their yard that need to be mowed, but it's not being done. Larry Grell reported 3 "blight" areas cleared out this year.

Adjournment: Motion made by Larry Grell to adjourn the meeting, Carl Nelson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Lydia Goschke, Township Clerk