

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 12 2018**

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

**Approval of the Agenda:** Larry Nelson motioned to approve the agenda, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 Board Minutes with the notations (going in right direction of minutes being condensed Linda), motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Malott, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve bills to be paid, motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson – Yes, Larry Nelson –Yes, Carl Malott –Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Larry Grell –Yes. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Three applications were submitted for the Dive Team. Al gave and update on fire runs and an ice rescue. Stated they are still short on man power. The new fire truck is painted and should be in Freeland next month. Hopefully by May we should have it. Needed to buy a couple of new rescue suites because the others are old and one filled up with water. Air Pacs have been used several times for only having them for 3 months and so much better than the old ones. Fire department had 29 calls from February 12, to March 12, 2018. Al asked about the Resolution on the Fire Truck. Larry Nelson mentioned has documents to sign. A motion was made by Larry Grell to accept the three applications submitted for the Dive Team, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Nelson. Motioned carried.

Larry Grell talked about the appreciation dinner sponsored by Lutheran Insurance Group at the Welcome Inn restaurant for the Volunteer Firefighters last month. A very nice ceremony and plaques were given out for Best Fireman for the year, etc. Our Fire Chief Al Vincent received a plaque for 45 years of services. ( A round of applause was given by everyone.) The township did pick up the tip. It was nice enough that the Lutheran Insurance Group donated tee shirts for the guys and paid for dinners. Plaques were given out for different years of service.

**WWTP REPORT:** Andy Gwizdala was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Larry Grell gave the report which covers February 2018. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.464 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the plant. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 88,000 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 256,935 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There were 3 - alarm callouts during the month--power outage and blips. Infrastructure is trying to get Dave DeGrand to come back as a Supervisor for part of Michigan. He spoke with Larry Grell and Dave DeGrand stated he is donating \$1,000 to the sewer plant.

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**Roads:** Larry Grell reported on roads. Looking at doing overlay on Knox and Estey roads to M-30. Billings Township is looking at entering into an agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners on performing boom arm work with 30 tractor hours per week. They will spend one month in Billings. Billings will contribute 50% towards the actual cost of the project. This is ditch cleaning, cuts brush, etc., and then they spray ditches. Motion was made by Larry Grell to go ahead with agreement with the county on the boom arm work for the township, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson –Y, Carl Malott-Y, Linda McSweyn-Y and Larry Grell- Y. Motion carried.

**Park and Recreation Report:** Rose Malott mentioned that the Billings Township Ice Fishing Contest on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> so far had the best participants. The Easter Egg Hunt is the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The committee is working on getting a \$10,000 grant from the Gladwin County Foundation. A short discussion on how warm the building is now with the installation.

**Commissioners Report:** Sandy Aultman gave update on public hearing held on February 13<sup>th</sup> before their regular meeting. This was to discuss applications to the USDA funding of two vehicles. The regular meeting followed and the general fund cash balance that morning \$110,687.10 before payment of bills. Had a presentation on Gypsy Moss suggesting the possibility sections of both Grout and Sherman Township will need spraying will find out more tomorrow. Two speakers on Mid-Michigan Community College and anyone is 60 and older can take one class free a month. Sandy asked if we have an Ordinance on Septic and Well when selling property. Larry Grell said yes. Approved writing of two grants by the Clerk for a new patrol car and the 2018 Marine grant and she will receive 1.5% of each grant for doing that. On February 27, 2018 the cash balance of \$358,174.52 before payments of bills. Sandy talked on the damage to the city parks and buildings due to flooding on February 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion between Sandy and the board on concerns about the Drain Commissioner and the Sherriff.

**Correspondence:** None

**New Business:** Larry Grell mentioned senior lunches are back. Need to get the word out. Board of Review dates are March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & the 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., here at the hall. Need budget inputs from committees by the end of this month. Counsel of Aging is still looking for help. Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 a.m. Budget first and Annual meeting to follow. Larry mentioned that he is looking for an increase in salary. Checked with MTA on getting an extra check for additional work (leaving his salary alone) can be paid directly from the township in the amount of \$250.00. Larry would like this to start April 1, 2018. Larry Nelson stated it was \$250 less because of a previous supervisor because of some type of disability or social security payments and never put back where it was supposed to be. Larry Nelson moves to accept Larry Grells request for a \$250.00 pay increase, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson. Carl Malott asked to speak on this subject. Carl said he needs a raise but he needs a deputy first before the raise for the amount of work he does. Brian Johnson said it is a failsafe if something happens at least someone will have grip on what is going on. Larry Grell asked for a Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes with an additional comment, Larry Nelson stated I supposed that we should recognize Carl Malott's comments and I agree with him and Brian Johnson does too and Larry Grell know this. I would stipulate that the raise with Larry Grell's assurance he will seek help in finding a deputy. Carl Malott said with that being said than I am rest reassured that he will find a deputy. Carl Malott –Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and

Larry Grell –Abstains. Motion carried. BSNA update and training for Joyce Swartzmiller, Assessors and Larry Nelson.

**New Business (cont):** Papers for Installment Purchase Contract as well as Resolution associated to the purchase of the **Fire Truck** prepared by the banks bonds layer needed signatures paperwork and filed. Larry Grell made a motion to approve the adoption of the New Cemetery Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Nelson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson –Y, Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y, and Larry Grell - Yes. Motion carried. Charter Communication contract franchise fee was discussed. Brian Johnson made a motion to table Charter Communication to September, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda McSweyn after discussion and a second motion was made by Brian Johnson to table to next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Nelson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson-Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott come back to him, Linda McSweyn – Y, and Larry Grell – Y, Carl Malott (would like to see contract tomorrow) -Y. Motioned carried. We had a representative from Mid Michigan Community College to speak. Audit appointment is set for July 23, 2018 by Larry Grell. Evans Aviation was granted permission for fly over Billings Township from Supervisor Larry Grell for the purpose of conducting spring larviciding operations.

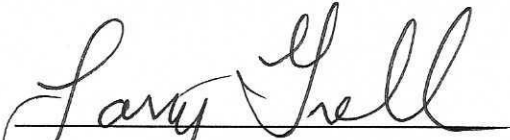
**Public Comments:** Larry Woodward representing the Wixom Lake Association gave an update on the damn. He encourages everyone to join the Wixom Lake Association.

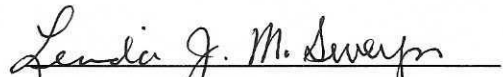
**Board Comments:** Carl Malott mentioned the June fishing tournament does not cost the township at all. Would like to see everyone come and enjoy themselves whether you are fishing or not. The date is Juner 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson, 5ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk  
Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

April 9, 2018  
DATE

  
LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR

  
LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK