

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017**

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

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Lydia Goschke, Carl Malott, Larry Grell, Larry Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Larry Grell adding Bentley Township Fire Protection contract and update on shed for storage to the agenda. Larry Nelson made a motion to adopt the agenda with those changes, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Board Meeting of February 13, 2017; Carl Malott 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the bills with the stipulation if we receive the First Bank Card bills we pay them in a timely fashion to avoid late charges/penalties/, Brian Johnson 2nd. Roll Call taken, all yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief not present; 20 medical runs, wires down and various mutual calls with other townships.

WWTP Report: Andy Gwizdala gave report on gallons processed for February. Power spikes were resolved. No pump alarms called out. Power was out at the plant four days.

Roads Reports: Ron Brabon not in attendance

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Republic Waste Management – no report (Gary not in attendance). Cell Tower Contract, table at this time, Brian Johnson said our lawyer Peter Poznak was not in favor of the 50 years contract and recommended we put a hold on it for now. Perhaps have Brian Johnson, Larry Grell and the cell tower representative get together and talk about it. Larry Nelson made a motion to table this discussion for now, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Tire and Yard Waste Dumpsters. We have both at the WWTP; it was noted that there are at least 20 tires in the ditch on the road approaching the WWTP from people too lazy to put them in the dumpsters. Now we have to retrieve them and put in dumpster. Note to public, call either the township hall or the WWTP to make sure someone will be out there so you know the gate is open and you can use the dumpsters, don't dump in ditches!

New Business: Larry Grell said we have two incorrect charges on garbage assessments. Larry Nelson said we don't need resolutions per Christy VanTiem, just make sure what's on the memos gets into the minutes and have the township clerk cut checks for \$90.00 each to reimbursement the parcel owners and give checks to Larry Nelson to take care of it.

Larry Grell announced the Board Of Review met this morning and the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We didn't have too many. He explained what is meant by "taxable" value and "assessed" value. Fiscal year 2017-18 budget finalization will be made Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. and annual meeting will follow. Went over our annual Fire Protection Contract with Bentley Township. They pay us \$9,000 a year to cover them for fire services. Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the contract, Lydia Goschke 2nd, roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Shed for storage. Carl Malott got an estimate from Levi Yoder for \$3,360.00 (12 x 14, metal roof, double door, wood floor) waterproof wood siding. Larry Nelson feels, though it is a good price, we should get at least 1 or 2 more bids to compare. Larry Grell will do that. Also, we'll put drywall inside once it's done. Larry Nelson feels we can make a final decision at next month's meeting. Table until next month.

Public Comments: New residents, Larry Grell explained about park events, and they would like to volunteer. Will talk to Carl Malott.

Board Comments: Talked about fishing tournament in February, and the next one will be in June on the Michigan Free Fishing weekend. Larry Grell concerned that people are dumping tires in ditches except of dumpsters.

Adjournment: Motion made by Larry Nelson to adjourn the meeting, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Lydia Goschke, Township Clerk