

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2017
(revised)

Call to Order: Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Larry Grell requested an addition of two items to the agenda; Payment of invoice for two tires for the Fire Department's 44-20, and payment of our Michigan Municipal Insurance Coverage for 2018-2019. Carl Malott motioned to approve the agenda with changes, motion 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the November 13, 2017 Board Minutes, motioned 2nd 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 2nd by Carl Malott. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson -Yes, Carl Malott -Yes, Linda McSweyn -Yes, Larry Nelson - Yes, Larry Grell -Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent reported that the Lucas machine which the board gave permission to apply for a grant cannot be done until after the first of year. Al mentioned that the fire truck was in the Parade of Lights up at Gladwin and it had music on it. Larry Grell had pictures to pass around of the decorated Billings Twp. Fire Truck. Next year they are planning on taking the new fire truck. On December 19th picking up four students in our area to "Shop with a Hero" pulling up to the school with two trucks. Two gals have completed their ~~MMR~~-MFR medical training and passed.

WWTP Report: Larry Grell mentioned that Andy Gwizdala was out of town and was unable to make it back. No report at this month's meeting. Larry Grell mentioned everything running great and had to buy a starter for the generator. Brian Johnson mentioned to check on the warranty.

Roads: Larry Grell will be meeting with Dave from Gladwin County Road Commission on what roads to be paved and work on ditching. Larry Grell mentioned, Al's \$20,000.00 grant money came through for the air pacs. Larry Grell applied for a grant through FEMA for the township and receiving \$45,000.00 grant which paid for repair for Burling Drive tube that needed to be repaired. This money will go back into roads.

Park and Recreation Report: Rose Malott mentioned the new insulation is working well and no air movement at all. The furnace has not been running and the temperature is staying at 47 degrees. The septic tanks have been installed by Beaverton Security. The inspector and health department have already inspected the work. The two major things that we been work on are done and the next event will be the Ice Fishing Contest in February.

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Correspondence: None

OLD Business: Larry Grell gave update on Dan B. blight case. Larry is working on setting up a sale through an auctioneer to remove and sell his items. The new Cemetery lot has been cleaned up and Larry has asked two different places to give a pricing for the fencing. Larry Grell and the Clerk will be meeting with the Sexton in the spring to lay out more efficient grave sites. When we received our township tax bill this year, we have two assessments on it. One is the Wixom Lake Improvement Board (weed control) and the other is the Sewer assessment. Kristy VanTiem will take care of the Wixom assessment. Larry Nelson made a motion to pay off the sewer assessment, motioned 2nd by Brian Johnson. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motioned carried.

New Business: Larry Grell mentioned we already discussed the Grant we received from FEMA on Burling Dr. We have four parcels that came back from the last tax sale and we need to decide if we want keep them or have the county try and sell them. Larry has to send a letter by the 15th. Brian asked what four parcels? Larry Grell named the following four parcels: 1425 Estey, 3883 Birchwood, 1132 Pine Trail and 1140 E. Walnut. Larry Nelson motioned to have the county sell the parcels, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes and Larry Grell – Yes. Motioned carried. Larry Grell said a decision needs to be made on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Larry Nelson recommendation from the Planning Commission is to opt out. Brian Johnson motioned to opt out of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, motioned 2nd by Carl Malott. 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. Motion carried. Larry Nelson said the final cemetery ordinance is a work in progress and he feels everyone on the board will be happy with it. He mentioned that our former clerk put a lot of work into it. Larry Grell mentioned that a lot split needs to be approved from one parcel into two parcels upon the recommendation from Jamie Houserman, Billings Township Assessor. The following is the breakdown on the split for 2018: 030-130-000-054-00 will be retired, 030-130-000-054-01 will be assigned to Neirnberg, and 030-130-000-055-01 will be assigned to Warren. Billings Township Board authorized Larry Nelson, Township Treasurer to add an additional \$90.00 garbage assessment to Parcel # 030-130-000-054-00 to the 2017 Tax Roll. Larry Nelson motioned to expedite the lot split on Jamie's recommendation, motioned 2nd by Brian Johnson. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motioned carried. Board of Review meeting on December 12, 2017, open to public. Christmas Light Parade at Gladwin went well and we have this young guy that really does a great job and glad to have him. Senior Lunches are back five days a week, call a day ahead and Laurie Willets, Site Manager is doing a great. Larry Nelson motioned to renew our Michigan Municipal Insurance Coverage for Billings Township with Ted Hartleb Agency, motion 2nd by Larry Nelson. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Larry Grell – Yes. Motioned carried.

Guest Speaker: Terry Brokoff, Chair of Gladwin County Community Foundation gave an update on the foundation. Terry mentioned grants that have been given out to Gladwin County, what is available and who to contact.

Public Comments: None

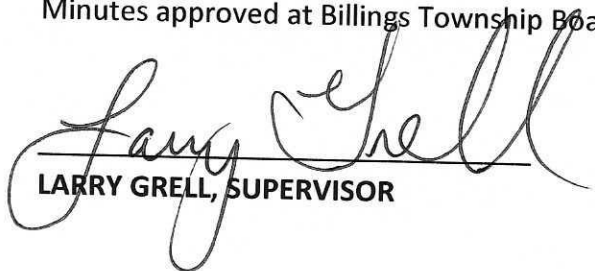
Board Comments: Carl Malott thanked the board for the great year we had. I think we done a tremendous job in moving this town forward. Thanked Larry Grell for all the work he did in getting the millage passed and everything he has done for the township and the board. Carl also thanked the park committee for all the hard work they done and especially Rosemary the chair on what a great job she is doing and keep up the good work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's and remember all men and women in the service. Larry Nelson wanted to recognize Larry Grell and Brian Johnson for putting up all the Christmas decorations in town and township hall. Kudos to Linda for the interior decorations of the hall it's the best it's ever been on a job well done. Historically tax money was taken to the bank on a daily basis and now the bank has closed. Larry Nelson will be doing the banking twice or three times a week most likely in Sanford. Linda thanked everyone for the help and support everyone has have given her over the past few months. Larry Grell appreciated a card that a nice lady sent to the township and the nice comments made. Larry wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

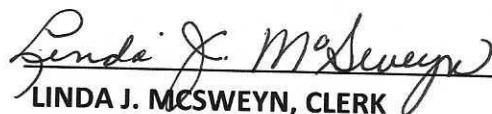
Adjournment: Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2nd by Larry Grell, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

January 8th, 2018
DATE


LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR


LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK