

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019

Call to Order: Supervisor Tim Mester called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present Per Roll Call: Brian Johnson, Len Pytlak, Carl Malott, Rose Malott and Tim Mester

Members Absent: Linda McSweyn, Excused

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Mester

Public Comments: Wayne LaRoche, stated concerns when the business go out, residents sell and move away and our taxes gone down, what are we going to do? Concerned we cannot sustain our Township without the Lake and taxes. Carl stated that he should go to the Four Lakes Task Force web page as they are doing a lot of work to get the Owner out of it and we control the dam. You can also get the information and ask questions.

Approval of the Agenda: Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda with the one correction, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Len Pytlak motioned to approve minutes for the Board Meeting on December 10, 2018, 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motioned carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Carl Malott motioned to approve the bills for December, 2018, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes and I absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Len gave the report to the Board; Len pointed out the large amount of monies under all accounts. Len stated that the amount includes the taxes that are currently being received. However that money goes on to the County and Schools. That total will change. Carl Malott motioned to accept Treasurers Report, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes and I absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Tim Mester discussed adding links to our website from other Organizations, Local Governments. Len concerns about unknown groups. Brian stated that he had thought of a button on the site as helpful links. Discussion continue, Board agreed to table for further discussion for later time.

Tim talked about a subscription Linda wanted to talk about re-joining American Planning Association for the Michigan Planner Magazine. Tim asked if anyone be interested in a subscription. Brian asked Rodney Nanney for his opinion. Rodney explained that this originally for Planning Commissions not professional such as himself and later did merge and became one entity. Rodney has found that the organization has in the last 5 years, gone from supporting planning commissioners and the townships, to almost entirely being focused on big cities. Rodney suggested another publication that is very detailed, lots of information in it, broader approach. Rodney suggests that we check into APA Planning and Zoning News. They are out of Lansing, website PZCenter.org

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Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent – Township Fire Department had 36 calls from December 10, 2018 to January 14, 2019. For 2018 there were a total of 366 runs. Al reported that the old truck had been sold to Butman Twp. for \$20,000.00 and will be picked up on Wednesday. Also stated, that we received more for our truck than Beaverton got for theirs. Al introduced a new member to the Fire Dept., Olivia Sasse. Brian motioned to approve Olivia Sasse, 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried. Al stated that they have had 19 runs already since the first of the year.

WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala reported on the Monthly Operating report which covers December, 2018. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.1 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant during December, 2018. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 68,223 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 124,651 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There was 1 – alarm callouts during the month.

Park and Recreation Report: Rose Malott, Park & Rec Chair reported that Billings Township Ice Fishing Tournament for February's Michigan Free Fishing Weekend has been cancelled for this year, due to the water being so low and the uncertainty of the ice, we do not want to give the impression that it is safe for anyone to be on the ice.

Commissioners Report: No Commissioner present.

Old Business: Fire Dept. has sold the old Heavy Rescue Truck.

New Business: Assessor has new Tax Exempt and Land Division forms from the state of Michigan the Board to approve. Brian Johnson motioned to approve, 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Removal of paid off sewer assessment tax from property #030-023-200-002-54. Brian Johnson motioned to approve, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes and I absent. Motion carried.

Removal of Usage Fee of \$528.00 from property #030-145-000-028-00. Brian Johnson motioned to approve removal of usage fees, 2nd Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes and I absent. Motion carried .

WWTP Andy Gwizdala has submitted an estimate from Beaverton Security to build a 25' x 30' graveled area for septage haulers at the sewage plant, due to the truckers turning around causing ruts in the lawn. After some discussion Brian asked by about paving the area. This was discussed and Andy will get another estimate. This will be paid out of the Septage Fund.

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Board Comments: Carl Malott stated that as soon as we get information from the Four Lakes Task Force it will be available here at the hall.

Adjournment: Tim Mester motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 4ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried. Time: 7:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rose Malott, Township Deputy Clerk

Minutes typed by Rose Malott, Township Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

February 11, 2019

DATE

Timothy J. Mester
TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

Linda J. McSweyn
LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK