

Carl Malott

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2018**

Call to Order: Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Carl Malott motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Larry Nelson motioned to approve minutes for the Board Meetings September 10, Special Meeting September 20, Special Meeting October 1, 2018, and Election Inspection Testing October 1, 2nd by Carl Malott, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Question was asked why the dumpster bill was so high. The answer was extra tonnage was used. Linda brought up why the Park and Rec was not included in the contract with Republic for the dumpsters. The park was never considered. Larry Nelson motioned to approve the payment of bills for the month of September 2018, 2nd by Carl Malott. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Larry Grell -Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent – Township Fire Department had 21 calls from September 10, 2018 to October 3, 2018. Al presented a new applicant for membership to the township fire department Joseph Servetter. Larry Grell motioned to approve the hiring of applicant submitted, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala was not here to give Monthly Operating report which covers September, 2018. Larry Grell read his report into the minutes. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.241 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and it was given full treatment during September of 2018. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 71,100 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 117,676 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There was 1 – alarm callouts during the month, due to power outage.

Roads: Larry Grell reported surveying of gravel roads will be done on Huron Cove and Northern Trail. Spraying ditches south of M-61 for weed control and they are especially going to work on the ditches to remove cattails where they have taken over. The County will be working on the last one mile of Wieman Rd. Hay Township and Billings Township will share the expense.

Park and Recreation Report: Rose Malott, Park & Rec Chair gave update, reported on Chemical Banks Cares Day for Billings Twp. There were two crews, one at township hall working with the seniors and the other at the park. Park crew worked on replacing the fence boards around septic field. Grounds were cleaned around the buildings, weeds cut down, grass mowed and Lean-to cleaned out for winter storage of tables and benches.

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Park and Recreation Report (cont.): Rose turned in recommendations to the Board to add Brian Harvey to the Park and Rec Committee. He has volunteered for several years. This addition will give the Committee seven members. Volunteers are still needed. Larry Grell said thank you and he would take this under advisement. Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations are Kelly Miller and Len Pytlak as members to this Board. Larry Grell asked if he could have addresses and phone numbers for all. Larry Grell motioned to accept the two ZBA recommendations, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Linda McSweyn received a contract from AT&T and needed explanation. Brian Johnson explained AT&T has been doing this for many years and they are asking to have permission to have their underground cabling run through the township. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the contract, 2nd by Carl Malott, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Commissioners Report: County Commissioner Sandy Aultman gave an update on county business. She had documentations for Larry Grell that was handed to him after her report.

Old Business: Larry Grell mentioned there are still ongoing blight cases. Paper work on the storm damage at the cemetery will be turned in to the insurance company as soon as we have all the invoices to process claim. He mentioned the lake level was lowered and has not heard anything else. At a conference Larry Grell attended, he spoke with Senator Jim Stamas and Stamas said he was well aware of the issue. Larry Grell asked Larry Woodard if there were any updates on the lake levels. Larry Woodard said that there were lots of rumors going around and we have heard nothing to substantiate them and we will not report anything unless it can be substantiated. Larry Grell mentioned the cleanup dumpsters for tire and yard waste are still at the sewer plant. Please call ahead to make sure the plant manager is there. Reminder, that the Hook Party Store & Bait Shop and Wixom Lake Hardware are both open for business.

New Business: Larry Grell brought up the shingling of the township hall. Carl Malott asked when did we ever approve the shingling of the hall and garage? A large discussion took place on the approval of the work by Board members. Linda McSweyn stated that one of the board members brought to her attention that there was a motion approving the shingling in a prior monthly meeting. She stated she would listen to the recordings and if she missed the motion when typing the minutes she would bring it to the board to have the minutes revised (if there was an error). The question was asked where the contractor is from. Larry Grell said Houghton Lake. It was mentioned by Carl Malott, I thought we were going to use local. Then Larry Grell stated we have used this contractor here before and they do good work. Brian Johnson mentioned he would have liked to have seen a steel roof. Larry Grell motioned to approve payment for the shingling to the township and garage, 2nd by Larry Nelson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott – N, Linda McSweyn – Abstained, and Larry Grell – Y. Motioned carried. Ben gave an update on renewal of the contract on mosquito control. Questions were asked about extending the contract longer due to the mosquito problem this year. The board discussed to extend or treat as needed. Larry Grell explained we cannot keep monies designated for mosquito control and use it elsewhere that has been collected. There is enough money in the fund for the next two years. Larry Nelson motioned to approve the contract with APM Mosquito Control for 2019- 2023 seasons option #2, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y,

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New Business (cont.): Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y and Larry Grell – Yes. Motioned carried. Brian Johnson motioned to approve payment renewal of membership to the Gladwin County Historical Society, 2nd by Larry Nelson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y, and Larry Grell – Y. Motion carried. Larry Grell mentioned the assessor office has brought to our attention of an error in the 2018 garbage assessment roll affecting the winter 2017 tax billing. Larry Nelson motioned to approve the removal of parcel #030-034-200-028-00 from the roll, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y and Larry Grell – Y. Motion carried. Larry Nelson motioned to approve Resolution #G10082018 – Garbage Assessment Amount, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y and Larry Grell – Y. Motion carried. Larry Nelson motioned to approve Blue Flame Propane Price Agreement, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Y, Larry Nelson – Y, Carl Malott – Y, Linda McSweyn – Y and Larry Grell – Y. Motion carried. Larry Nelson motioned to approve American Red Cross Shelter Agreement, 2nd by Carol Malott, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Larry Grell stated election workers have been approved and voting machines have been tested and certified for the November 6, 2018 General Election. FYI the Billings Township has an NSF Policy in place.

Public Comments: Bill Revert spoke about the conservation district renewal, explained their purpose and asked for everyone to vote on the renewal. Larry Aldrich asked for the microphones to be turned up at the meetings. Earl and Tricia Howard inquired again about the status of rezoning from residential to agricultural. Brian Johnson said it was in the works. A lengthy discussion took place. Randall McDonald, Hammer Builders brought to the Board many complaints on how Board conducts business and does not follow proper procedures; by not using local businesses for township work, spending tax payer's money without board approval. He stated he and his employees live and pay taxes here and are not considered in biddings.

Board Comments: Carl Malott stated that whoever put the packets together and put them out early he wanted to thank them. He had time to read them before the meeting. Thank you. Carl Malott acknowledged Butch Wenzel and Larry Woodard for the good work they do at the park. Those two guys put hours and hours of work out there. Keep up the good work.

Adjournment: Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:20 p.m.

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

DATE

LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK