

Billings Township Special Board Meeting

January 09, 2012

Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Larry Grell, Dan Zurich, Carl Malott, Larry Nelson, Brian Johnson

**Meeting called to order,** 7:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance by Larry Grell

**Agenda :** Larry N Made motion to accept the agenda as stands, Brian J changed agenda to mention Board of Review training to be added Motion remade by Larry N to accept the agenda with the addition of Board of Review training. Seconded by Brian J.. All in Favor, MC

**Approval of meeting minutes:** from Dec 12, 2011 and special meeting held Dec 28, 2011

- Larry N. made motion to accept the minutes. Barb Johnston made not of a typo on meeting minutes for Dec 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk will correct typo seconded by Dan Z. All in favor, MC.

**Approval of bills:**

- Brian J questioned bill from Roger Nannie due to not receiving maps that are charged for. Clerk will hold check till maps are received. Larry N. moved to accept the bills with holding Roger Nannie's check. Seconded by Carl M. Roll Call Vote: All voted Yes. MC

**Fire Chief's Report:**

- 286 runs in 2011, down from 40 some runs from 2010.
- Contract for Bently Township for 5 year fire service contract at \$9000.00 per year, Bently Twp has bought their own 4x4 truck, They will insure and maintain it with our name on it. Larry N. made motion to renew contract as stated for next 5 yrs. Seconded by Brian J. Roll Call Vote: All Voted Yes. MC Clerk will type up contract for next meeting.
- Addition to fire hall is being designed with bids from 3 contractors. This is for classroom and equipment space that is needed. Dan Z. asked about Zoning requirements to be met. Engineering cost will be donated. Board will wait for exploratory committee for recommendation

**WWTP:** Dave DeGrand is not here so no report this month.

**Commissioner's Report:** Terry W. not present yet, but was told that he will be here every other month due to new redistricting.

**Correspondence :**

- Dan Z. Stated MTA conference info was the main correspondence

**Old Business:**

- Larry G. mentioned that the sewer plant permits and drawings are coming for the receipt of waist trucks. Will Fill in as information is available.
- Audit: Dan Z. stated the tomorrow the State Auditor and our Auditors will meet to turn over data to continue our part of the audit. Also it appears that the State is releasing some of the profit sharing checks they have been holding due to audits not being completed. Larry N stated that there were several checks received. Dan Z. stated that we are on the right track with it.
- Larry G stated that Dan has been working with our new insurance company to measure out and count all properties owned by the township to bring us up to date. We are looking at upping the coverage of the fire department. Dan Z stated that our coverage has some holes in it. We need to be true to the people that put their lives on the line for all of us and was echoed by Larry N.
- Stager Planning committee members, Larry N stated we have the info. Al Hanna = June of 2011 to June of 2014, Duane Wood = June of 2011 to June of 2014, Phil Fusco = June of 2011 to June of 2013, Larry Nelson = June of 2011 to June 2013, Willey Thurston = June of 2011 to June of 2012, That breaks it up to stager the positions.

**New Business:**

- Trailer Park count. Larry N stated that no count of lots have been done correctly at \$3.00 per unit occupied lots.
- New owners are notified of the count. The assessor should be the one that continues counting. The Treasure should not be the one making the count due to possible conflict of interest. Larry G. will talk with assessor to perform this. Dan Z stated that they should be checked at least every 5 years just like all other properties.
- Street lights have been fixed by Consumers Energy. Some questions remain if all have been repaired from other residences seen problems with a few.
- Larry G and Dan Z starting to put together the new budget and gathering data for the same. Next meeting will set dates for workshops. Dan Z stated that he will need Larry N assistance on transposing data from the Treasurer's software to the Pontum accounting software. And is willing to work with his schedule to make this happen. We need to be fully implemented into the new software for this next year.
- Setting the 2012 poverty guidelines: Dan Z. explained that we are setting the income level at which a person can be granted tax exemption or reduction. A resolution was drawn up and read into record. The current federal rate plus 10%. Dan Z. made motion to accept the resolution as written, seconded by Larry N. Roll Call Vote: All voted yes.
- Looking for pictures of townships of the past to show off the history of our township. Discussion of who might have some. Picture being donated by the Avery's of the old school house that their daughter painted.

- Board of review training: Larry G stated that an outside training was available MTA for \$79.00. Larry N Stated that it might be a good idea to use the outside training instead of the assessors training to give a different perspective to the board of review staff. Larry N. made motion to use the MTA training instead of the assessors training. Seconded by Brian J. Roll Call vote: all voted Yes. MC

**Public Comments:**

- Street lights that are still not working. Weather may be a factor.
- Barb Johnston stated people are down South and AV ballots need to be out and back due to mailing time. Bob Persons had a heart attack and not in good shape so say prayers for both Dannie and Bob.
- Tom Philips, mentioned the road committee 5 year plan is drafted out for the board to look at.

**Board Comments:**

- Larry N. noted that Mac Thurston Passed away, Visitation is from 2-8 in Midland tomorrow with funeral at 1:00 on Wednesday. Good Job so far on Larry G and his helper on painting the hall, It's looking real nice.
- Dan Z. seconded Larry N on the hall painting looking good.
- Carl M noted thanks to Dan Z and Brian J for getting the Website up and running. Looking for a logo for the township and maybe a township flag
- Brian J stated we are still adding info to the website and it will take some time to populate the information. Looking for info that needs to be on the site. Shoot Brian J email on info.
- Larry G mentioned the Township Flag and using the school with a contest or something that will help us. MTA has a Flag presentation at the conference that would be a nice thing.

Larry N made motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carl M. All in favor. MC meeting adjourned.

**Minutes Created by: Daniel Zunich, Billings Township Clerk**