

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Lydia Goschke, Carl Malott

Members Absent: Larry Nelson, John Jakovac

Brian Johnson made a motion to make Carl Malott the moderator of the meeting, Lydia Goschke 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Carl Malott

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was not submitted.

Comments from Public: Mrs. Karen Avery wanted to know about the validity of Lydia Goschke being present as Township Clerk. Carl Malott said she was appointed by the Board after Dan Zurich resigned. Brian Johnson said the board has checked with the MTA and lawyers; Lydia Goschke present position on the board as Township Clerk is valid.

Approval of the Minutes: Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the township board meeting of November 14, 2016, Lydia Goschke 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Brian Johnson made a motion to approve bills to be paid, as well as bills with questions; Lydia Goschke 2nd. Roll Call: all yeas, motion carried.

Meeting Paused: Supervisor entered the Hall at 7:20 p.m. He will conduct the rest of the meeting.

Supervisor proceeded to read from a list of things that will need to be done, which was left for him by the previous township supervisor. Started with street lights, requested if anyone noticed a light out, please report it to him. Election signage needed to be removed. Furnace in hall needs to be serviced; salt for sidewalks; Ordinance Officer needs to check for RV removals; John needs Bill Whitten to be at meetings. John gave overview of what Constable's job used to be; Brian Johnson told John Rick Schroeder is the Constable, John feels he needs more to do than just checking liquor licenses. Brian Johnson brought John up to the present as to what a Constable's job entails now. John also had questions regarding the Board of Review. Talked about Seniors no longer using hall as lunch venue, Senior Program Manager told John they could not afford the rental of \$800 a month for the hall. John offered to have them use the hall for free to bring them back. The Manager said she would call John back soon to let him know. Lydia Goschke felt it would be better to wait for Larry Nelson to come back before we start negotiating pricing with them. John also discussed: Board of Review Board Members; FEMA paperwork; holiday decorations around hall; road maintenance/grading on private roads; testing hall's water; where hall roof leaks. Work on budgets for 2017-2018. Carl Malott passed over paperwork needing Supervisor's attention (Beaverton School Taxes resolution, foreclosed properties by county need to be signed over to, and take assessments off properties that should not have been assessed. Also showed Quit Claim Deed for the new property we purchased that is attached to the cemetery.

WWTP Report: Andy Gwizdala's written report. Gave report on gallons processed. No calls for emergency pump alarms, things running smoothly. John asked about does the WWTP take care of street drains....Andy said no. John said his local street drains keep backing up and flooding his property.

Commissioner's Report: County working on 2017 budget, may be personnel cuts. All 5 new police vehicles are on the road. Asked if new equalization director is doing okay. Will check with Larry Nelson when he returns. New medical building coming in the spring. Business flights now available out of Gladwin. Possible group to build theatre interested in Gladwin.

Fire Chief's Report: 20 runs. Got a check for \$450.19 from Appreciation Dinner for first responders. Still working on a new truck.

Public Comments: Gentleman questioned Janice Lane road assessment on his property taxes. He is in the subdivision but does not use Janice Lane. The assessor told him he needs to talk to the township board. We tried to explain to him we need more information and to see if we can resolve this or not. Brian Johnson said he would contact Sid Hansen.

Board Comments: Keep Larry Nelson in our thoughts; or we have defib in the hall; keep our soldiers in your prayers, have Happy Christmas and New Year's.

Adjournment: Motion made by Lydia Goschke to adjourn the meeting, Brian Johnson 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Lydia Goschke, Township Clerk