

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Brian Johnson – (excused absent)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

**Approval of the Agenda:** Larry Nelson motioned to approve the agenda with the 3 additions, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the January 8, 2018 Board Minutes, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve bills to be paid, motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Malott. Roll Call Vote: Larry Nelson –Yes, Carl Malott –Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Larry Grell –Yes, Absent- Brian Johnson. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief's Report:** New Fire Truck is right on scheduled. The State is coming out with a new training in March. EMS changing protocols - not going to see us on non-emergency calls, Al and 6 other fire chiefs are fighting this. 13 calls for Jan 8, to Feb 12. 2018.

**WWTP REPORT:** Andy reported no monthly NPDES Permit Violations and the wastewater treatment plant was performing well for the month of January. 1.904 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the plant. Our average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 61,419 gallons. Maximum daily flow was 164,081 gallons. Three alarm callouts this month for to one power outage and 2 grinder pump problems.

**Roads:** Larry Grell reported roads are pretty much the same as they were last month just waiting on good weather and the engineers are running the numbers on the roads we want to do this summer. We will see how they come out and what we can do that I mentioned last month. We want to do everything that I talked about but we need to stay within budget. They are basically dealing with the snow right now. Icy Roads State is looking at a proposal doing away with salt and the alternative would be sand.

**Park and Recreation Report:** Rose Malott mentioned that the Billings Township Ice Fishing Contest is February 17th and 18th. It is a free fishing weekend. Larry Grell plowed the parking lot and Rose said it is perfect.

**Commissioners Report:** Gave detailed report on what was going on in Gladwin County. January 9, 2018 meeting the general fund cash balance was \$281,125.48 before we paid the bills. Dave Patterash Gladwin County Road Commission presented to the board his list for the 2018 road projects and explained about the problems with his building. Richard Christie, Gladwin County Planning Commission expressed his concerns

**Commissioners Report:** on the Gladwin County Zoning ordinances do to the new Medical Marijuana Laws. They were updated to comply with the new Medical Marijuana Laws. Council of Aging is asking to increase their mileage on the November ballot. City County Transit will be asking for a renewal in November. They voted to explore the issue of a county administrator. There was a lengthy discussion between Billings Supervisor on county wages and Equalization office. Wages will be looked at again at the end of March.

**Correspondence;** Rodney C. Nanney Township Planning Consultant submitted an update rate schedule. Severe Weather Spotter (Free Training) March 20, 2018 for information flyers are in the hall.

**New Business:** Larry Grell mentioned senior lunches are back \$2.30 and doing fairly well. Need to get the word out. Board of Review dates are March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & the 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m., here at the hall. Need budget inputs from committees by the end of this month. Two board members have completed the NIMS training. Counsel of aging is still looking for drivers. Annual Meeting is attentively scheduled for Saturday, March 24. Larry mentioned that he is looking for an increase in salary. Checked with MTA on getting an extra check for additional work (leaving his salary alone) can be paid directly from the township in the amount of \$250.00 to be even with the treasurer and clerk. It will be written as payroll and would stop when Larry leaves unless the board wants to reinstate it. Paid in a second check and taxes will be taken out like a regular payroll check. The reason for this is if a new supervisor comes into office the second check would stop. Reminder taxes are due on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Use charges need to be taken off two properties, one is a vacant lot at 3883 Birchwood RD Account #030-045-000-071-10 and the other lot belongs to the cemetery 3958 Birchwood Rd Account #030-046-000-011-00. Two people going to Board of Review training in West Branch February 23 cost is \$35.00 each. Phil Fusco and Allen Dodge will be attending. Mindy Ulch talked on Gladwin County Leadership program would like to bring a "Little Free Library" to our Township. This will be set up at the Billings Township Park. Mindy will be talking with Rose Malott, Chairman of the park to finalize the details. Kathie Hart was hired to train Linda in Pontom and bring things that were wrong up to date. A discussion ensued and the clerk suggested a special meeting to be held to resolve these issues.

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Comments:** Larry Nelson asked everyone sitting in the audience spread the word on the Billings Park & Rec fishing contest.

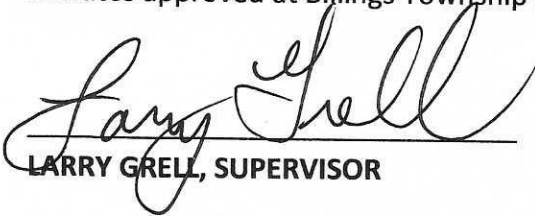
**Adjournment:** Larry Grell motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:07 p.m.

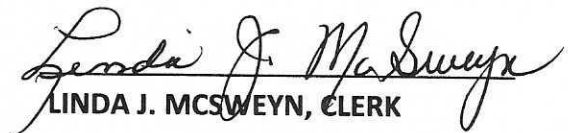
Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

March 12, 2018

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LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR

  
LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK