

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2018**

Call to Order: Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:00 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: Larry Nelson motioned to approve the agenda with additions of APM-Mosquito Control and Janice Lane, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the May 14, 2018 Board Minutes, 2nd by Larry Nelson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.
Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2018 Larry Grell made a motion to approve, 2nd by Carl Malott, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstained and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Larry Nelson motioned to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2018 with the addition of four invoices, 2nd by Larry Grell. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Larry Grell -Yes. Motioned carried.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent – Had to 2 house fires and we are still short manpower. Township Fire Department had 31 calls from May 14, to June 11, 2018. New Fire truck is on schedule to arrive the 21st of June. Midland County and Gladwin County working on an evacuation plan for the dams.

WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala -- Monthly Operating report which covers May, 2018. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 4.220 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and it was given full treatment during May of 2018. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 136,129 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 228.280 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There were 4 – alarm callouts during the month, 3-power outages and 1-grinder pump high level.

Roads: Larry Grell reported on the repaving of two miles of Knox Road and at the same time the County repaved 2 miles of Estey. That gives 4 miles of new repaved roads in our Township and working on other projects.

Park and Recreation Report: Rose Malott, Park & Rec Chair gave update report on the fishing contest. Our fishing tournament had 24 entries of which were 17 adults and 7 youths. A great time was had by all. Larry Woodward had the job to track down where we get occupancy certificate. A letter was received from the Gladwin County Construction Codes Dept. (Justin Schneider) that the total occupancy for the Billings Park & Recreation Township establishment is 255 occupants.

Commissioners Report: County Commissioner Sandy Aultman gave an update on county business.

Correspondence: No correspondence.



Old Business: 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 supervisor is there. Brining was done before Memorial Day. Gladwin County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program is August 25. Any questions please call (989)426-9231, Ext. 14.

New Business: Brian Johnson and Larry Grell are still working on getting service through Charter (Spectrum) here at the township hall. The fire Chief Al Vincent already mentioned the new fire truck to arrive June 21. It is not called a loan it is called Installment Purchase Contract (Financial Liability to the Township). Fourth of July Parade will be on the 4th and the lineup will start at Jones Rd at 11:00 a.m. and start time is 1:00 p.m. and ends at the park on Wieman Rd. Hot dogs, beverages etc. will be served at the park. Always need volunteers. APM-Mosquito Control, a detailed update was given by Ben Seago on Larvae treatments and on spraying schedules and 51 nuisance mosquito calls were received. The report covered from March to June. Questions about off road spraying was asked and answered. Call 989-426-2420, if you have any questions. Larry Nelson stated he talked with county treasurer and he needs this put into the minutes as a matter of record on Personal Property Taxes that the Treasurer is solely responsible, the county does not get involved. Generally if they are over 5 years old the Courts can be petitioned to remove the parcels. There are number of reasons why they do not pay the taxes. Primarily the trailer park people come and go and the responsible persons are lost track of. There are a couple or three normal business personal property taxes that have gone out of business. County handles this to go before the courts collectively for all the townships. That is what is going to be happening with our township for any parcels unpaid personal property tax prior to as the law states 5 years so it would be 2013. Taxes will be mailed on June 30, 2018. Larry Grell brought up to the board that the refrigerator needs to be replaced in the hall kitchen. Carl Malott motioned to purchase a new refrigerator, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Larry Nelson – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Larry Grell - Yes. Motioned carried. Point of Sale (septic) - we got bit on property over by the park. The Health Dept. basically said that the system had to be replaced when buying and selling. The new guy (owner) said he would take care of it and got a permit and it is the last he has done. He is using either a 5 gallon pail/container lined with a plastic bag and then dumping it in the park dumpster or container. Larry Grell said he will stop that and it will be fixed at the time of sale or they will not sell the property. Larry Grell stated the problem is with the Health Dept. because they will not stand up to what they said. Many of the Point of Sales have been done incorrectly. Larry Grell is following up on these Point of Sales. A long discussion among the board took place on agricultural land. Letters were sent out on blight/grass/weed control. Larry Grell went over all the complaints, citations, zoning violation and how they were being handled and letters were mailed. Hook Party Store and the Hardware store are open. All Alcohol Inspections are up to date except with the exception of the Hook Party Store. These inspections were performed by Constable Rick Schroeder. Alcohol inspection on the Hook Party Store will be done in the near future.

Public Comments: Sid Hansen gave update on the road paving project for Janice Lane. Karen Avery mention that road sign for Northern Trail has not been replaced.

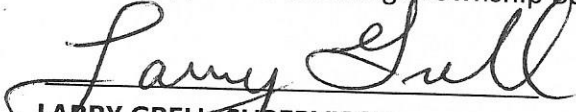
Board Comments: Carl Malott mention it does not cost the township anything for the fishing contest due to the support and donations received from the businesses. We want to thank all businesses that donated to the fishing contest. It was greatly appreciated. Larry Grell wanted the board to look at the Newsletter before it went out with the taxes.

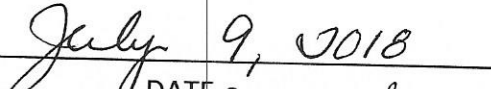
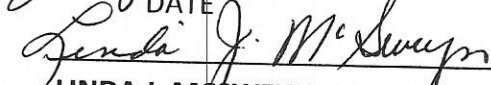
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Adjournment: Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:15p.m.

Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting


LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR


DATE

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK